

# Extended Project Qualification

AQA Level 3

# What does it involve?

- ▶ a single piece of work of a student's own choosing that requires evidence of planning, preparation, research and autonomous working
- ▶ it is equivalent to about half the size of an A level and is graded on a 6 point scale of A\* to E
- ▶ it is worth UCAS points – 70 for A\* to 20 for E

# For example

- ▶ a design
- ▶ a report with findings from an investigation or study
- ▶ a dissertation presenting an argument
- ▶ an artefact
- ▶ a performance

End product: 5000 words for a report

1000 words for an artefact and report

# Some Project Titles

- ▶ Concrete or asphalt for motorway surfaces?
- ▶ Design and make a dress inspired by the development of women's freedom from society's restraints.
- ▶ Is Period Drama: A Modern Fascination?
- ▶ Why has MRSA proved so difficult to combat?

# How will I benefit?

You will:

- ▶ demonstrate your commitment to an HE course
- ▶ develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills, initiative and enterprise
- ▶ extend your planning, research, critical thinking, analytical, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills

# The process:

Produce a proposal document containing:

- ▶ a title of what you want to investigate
- ▶ a short description of what you plan to investigate
- ▶ a short explanation of how you will carry out your investigation

Deadline: 09.00 Tuesday 05/11/2013

Hand in point: Mrs Moss' Office

# Extra information

- ▶ the deadline for completion and handing in of completed EPQs will be 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014
- ▶ each student will be allocated a staff mentor to 'touch base' with once each fortnight to check progress
- ▶ each student will be issued with a student guide – AQA Extended Project Companion
- ▶ there will be some taught sessions which will take place at lunchtime e.g. research skills, referencing