

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)



What will I study?

EPQ is an A-level standard standalone qualification designed to extend and develop students' abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career.

- it can be taken as an extension of other Level 3 qualifications or vocational
- it's worth half an A-level (28 UCAS points)
- it's recognised by universities and employers
- many universities make lower UCAS offers to students undertaking an EPQ.
- some universities will only accept students who have undertaken an EPq

The BOA Stage and Screen Production's **EPQ** qualification is designed to give students the knowledge and skills needed to be able to complete an extended project independently resulting in either an academic piece of research that contributes to the field of study in stage and screen disciplines, or an artefact that demonstrates creative work such as a playscript or feature length screenplay.

The curriculum has been carefully sequenced to allow students to gain an understanding of the requirements of the EPQ but also to provide them with the necessary skills in research, project management and organisation to be able to successfully complete this independently. This will prepare students for either continued study at university level or for immediate transition to the working world of the creative industries. Students will be encouraged to become more critical, reflective and independent learners as well developing their decision-making and problem-solving skills. Regardless of their chosen pathway, all students can gain from the EPQ curriculum as they will gather transferable skills that will be easily applicable to all disciplines.

As the project is largely independent, students will be able to set their own deadlines to work to meaning they may complete the project in just a few months, or they may take the full two years.

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What can this lead to?

We have chosen to deliver the AQA Extended Project Qualification because this is widely recognised by industry and universities alike. This qualification is worth 50% of an A-Level qualification and therefore provides students with UCAS points should they continue their education at university.

Students who graduate BOA Stage and Screen Production Academy with this qualification will be well equipped to pursue careers in film, television, radio, acting, writing and related disciplines due to the flexible nature of the qualification.

The course will serve as a steppingstone from GCSE to higher education for those who wish to pursue an educational course at university level as the EPQ requires students to conduct academic research that they are responsible for gathering and organising.

Students will also be challenged with writing academic research reports which will provide them with a foundational skillset in this field in preparation for university assignments and dissertations. For those not continuing on to higher education, they will also benefit from the opportunity to develop their skills in managing projects, working independently, working to deadlines, using academic resources, and critically reflecting on their own work.