

# EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

SUMMER TRANSITION PROJECT 2026

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended A Levels:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Potential Career Interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Introduction

The EPQ is an opportunity to investigate something that genuinely matters to you. The most successful projects come from questions that are:

- personally meaningful;
- difficult to answer;
- open to different interpretations;
- supported by evidence rather than opinion;
- have a link to an interest or career intention.

This summer task is designed to help you discover possible project ideas and begin thinking like an independent researcher.

**Important:** There are no right answers. You will receive the most benefit if your work is genuinely personal and reflective.

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## PART 1 – WHO ARE YOU AS A LEARNER?

The purpose of this section is to identify what genuinely interests you.

Write answers to **at least three of** the following questions:

1. Which school subject do you enjoy the most and why?
2. What is something you could happily spend hours reading, watching or talking about?
3. What issue in society frustrates or concerns you the most?
4. If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be and why?
5. Is there a piece of technology, scientific development or invention that fascinates you? Why?
6. Is there a historical event or period that particularly interests you? Explain why.
7. What career or university subject might you be interested in and why?

8. What books, podcasts, television programmes, YouTube channels or websites do you regularly use?
9. What hobbies or interests do you have outside school?
10. What have you read or heard recently that made you think about something differently or surprised in some way?

## **PART 2 – COMING UP WITH POSSIBLE EPQ QUESTIONS**

Using your interests and ideas from Part 2, write **three possible EPQ questions**.

### **Possible Question 1**

Why does this interest you?

### **Possible Question 2**

Why does this interest you?

### **Possible Question 3**

Why does this interest you?

## **PART 3 – THINKING ABOUT DIFFERENT OPINIONS**

Choose your favourite question.

How might people have different opinions on this issue?

## **PART 4 – IS THERE AN ETHICAL ISSUE?**

Does your question involve something that people may think is right or wrong?

Why?

Does the topic have positive and negative effects on different people?

Why?

## **PART 5 – DO SOME RESEARCH**

Find **three sources** related to your question(s).

### **Source 1**

What was it?

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What did you learn?

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**Source 2**

What was it?

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What did you learn?

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**Source 3**

What was it?

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What did you learn?

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**PART 6 – FINAL REFLECTION**

Write about **300 words** answering these questions:

- Which question are you most interested in and why?
  - Why would this make a good EPQ?
  - What challenges might you face researching it?
  - What skills would you like to improve through the EPQ?
  - Has your thinking changed during this task? Explain how.
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**STUDENT DECLARATION**

I confirm that this work represents my own ideas, interests and reflections.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_