



Sixth Form Subject Guide

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT QUALIFICATION (IPQ)

★★★ COURSE OVERVIEW

Studying the IPQ can help develop skills that will help you in any number of future careers. Regardless of what you choose to study, this skills-based qualification will develop higher-order thinking skills that universities and employers look for, including analysis, evaluation, and synthesis. It also builds your research, reflection, and communication skills. This qualification is equivalent to an AS Level and can be studied alongside any A Level programme.

For more information on the IPQ syllabus, please visit <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/608552-2023-2025-syllabus.pdf>.

★★★ COURSE CONTENT

You will complete a 5000 words research project on a topic of your own choice.

You can choose a subject to complement one of your A Level, or a topic that you are passionate about.

You devise and develop a research question, conduct research to answer this question, record your progress in a research log and write a research report.

★★★ METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

The IPQ is a single component that is externally assessed.

You will be eligible for Grades A* to E.

Although it is a standalone qualification, it will be graded by Cambridge at the same standard as an International A Level.

★★★ METHODS OF STUDY

In consultation with your teacher who will support you, you will work independently to:

- Identify a suitable research topic.
- Devise, justify and develop an appropriate research question.
- Plan and carry out the research.
- Identify, justify, and use appropriate research methods.
- Write a 5000 words report.
- Use appropriate academic conventions for the presentation of your report.
- Keep track of your progress using a research log.

★★★ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific entry requirements for this optional course.

