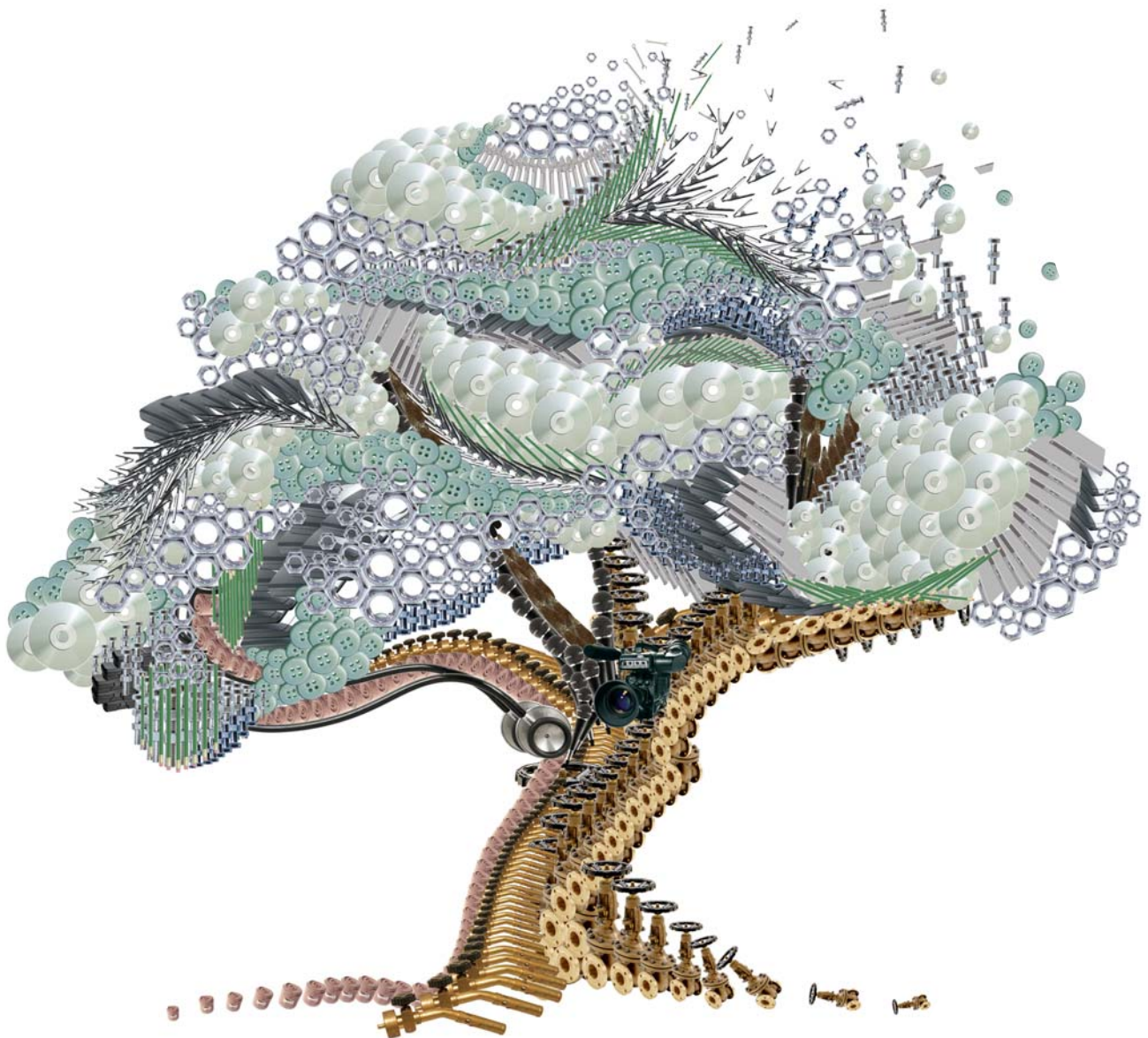


PROJECTS - FOUNDATION, HIGHER AND EXTENDED
CENTRE INFORMATION



Project Qualifications

The Project qualifications form part of the Generic Learning component of the Diploma and so are compulsory for the Foundation, Higher and Advanced Diplomas. They are also offered as free-standing qualifications.

These exciting and engaging qualifications will motivate learners of all ability levels by allowing them to choose their own Project topic. Learners can choose a topic that is either an extension of their Diploma studies (without repetition of content) or one in which they have a personal interest (outside their main programme of study).



As well as helping learners to become independent, reflective and self-evaluating, the Projects can also motivate, challenge and develop the skills that learners need for continued education and in the work place.

What does a Project Qualification involve?

All levels of the Project qualifications are lead by the learner which gives them the chance to engage in independent and autonomous learning. They will be required to:

- choose their own topic
- plan, research and carry out their Project
- complete a production log to document and demonstrate their progress, including details of the decisions and changes made throughout the process
- deliver a presentation on their finished product and the Project process
- review the outcome.

Teachers will act as the learner's supervisor and will only provide the appropriate level of guidance for that level eg a greater level of guidance and supervision may be provided for Foundation Project learners than for Higher and Extended Project learners.



The finished Project can be:

- research-based written report
- a production* (such as a performance or charity event)
- an artefact* (such as a piece of art, a computer game, a realised design)

* A written report is required to support these options.

Equivalencies

Project Qualification	Equivalent to
Foundation	GCSE short course (grades D-G)
Higher	GCSE short course (grades A*-C)
Extended	AS Level

Progression from the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ has strong support from universities and other higher education institutions. UCAS points for the EPQ are included in the points awarded to the Progression and Advanced Diplomas.

Funding

Projects are funded and receive performance points as part of the Diploma. If a centre wishes to offer Projects to other learners not on the Diploma, they will be state funded and performance points are available for each of the Project qualifications.



Support and resources

There are plenty of resources and support on offer including:

- specifications (available electronically)
- a named Project Advisor to offer free advice once you have registered
- teacher support and standardisation meetings
- an online Teacher Resource Bank, including exemplar material
- moderator reports (reports on the examinations)
- introductory and Continuing Professional Development courses.



Find all the information you need at www.aqa.org.uk/projects

Course administration forms are available at http://web.aqa.org.uk/admin/crf_ep_2010.php

Registration

Centres planning to enter any of the Project Qualifications should complete an online registration form at www.aqa.org.uk/projects.

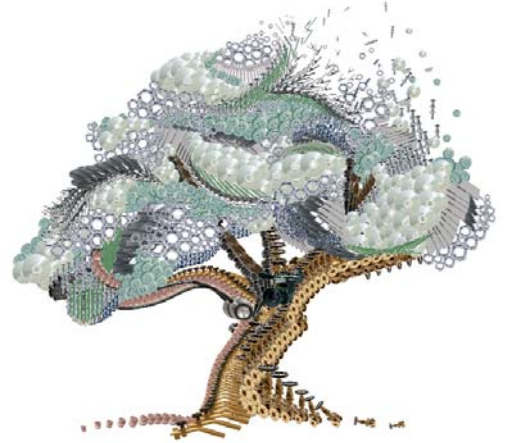
This gives you access to a named Project Advisor who is able to offer you free advice and ensures you have access to all the support and resources available.



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