



ACADEMY
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Curriculum Offer
A LEVELS

Accounting
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama
English
Further Mathematics
Geography
Government & Politics
History
Mathematics
Media Studies
Photography
Physics
Physical Education
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology



Welcome to Post 16 Study at Q3 Academy Sixth Form

The Sixth Form at Q3 Academy Great Barr seeks to develop the independent learning, self-reliance, and teamwork for young people to realise their aspirations.

The majority of our students will continue onto higher education at university. However, increasing numbers of students are embarking on their career journeys through apprenticeship programmes.

We therefore seek to prepare them for that next step in their education through encouragement to take responsibility for their own learning and building confidence in managing their own lives.

V. Noakes, Director of Sixth Form

What we have to offer:

- A range of A Level subjects arranged in combinations to suit the needs of almost all students;
 - Highly qualified specialist Learning Consultants who have helped many previous Sixth Formers to obtain good results;
 - Full advice and guidance provided by our Aspire, Academic Ambassador, and ACE Director who will provide careers and guidance. Together they give expert assistance in preparing and submitting UCAS applications, including preparation for Oxbridge;
 - As well as many computers around the Academy site, you will be loaned a laptop for academic use;
 - Enrichment activities through involvement in the larger life of the Academy, including
- Qube Players, various music ensembles, sports teams, Associate Tutors, Prefects and JETs;
 - Our Extended Curriculum includes the opportunity to study for accredited qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Community Sports Award;
 - The opportunity to broaden your horizons: in the last four years Sixth Formers have visited Ireland, Germany, France and Thailand;
 - The chance to develop your capacity for leadership through our unique Aspire programme, or serving as a JET or Prefect, mentoring younger students or taking part in a Young Enterprise project;
 - Above all, intellectual stimulation and personal growth in a challenging and congenial environment.

“Q3 Academy Sixth Form provides me with an exceptional quality of education and life skills and the ability to reach my full potential and realise my aspirations. Q3 Academy Sixth Form has equipped me with skills such as confidence and the ability to lead groups of students which are vital skills required for later life.”

-Q3 JET



Post 16 Pathways 2020-2021

When choosing subjects to study, it can be important to consider your plans for the future. If you already have a definite career or university course in mind, ensure that you are choosing the right Post 16 courses.

Please note that courses will only run subject to sufficient numbers taking the courses. In the unlikely circumstance that one of your preferred options does not run, we will support you with advice and guidance to choose the best alternative.

All students are required to achieve a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics, along with subject specific requirements.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Biology Requires minimum grade 6,5,(5) in GCSE Science and grade 6 in Mathematics	Mathematics Requires minimum grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics	Further Mathematics Requires minimum grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics	Accounting Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics, and grade 5 in GCSE Business if studied previously	Business Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics, and grade 5 in GCSE Business if studied previously
English Requires minimum grade 6 in English Language at GCSE, with ideal achievement of a 7+	Physical Education Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE Physical Education. You will also need to provide evidence of participation at club level in one sport	Geography Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE Geography	Computer Science Requires minimum Dist* BCS Level 2 ICT if studied previously or grade 5 in Computer Science	Chemistry Requires minimum grade 6,5,(5) in GCSE Science and grade 6 in Mathematics
Government and Politics Requires minimum grade 6 in English Language and/or grade 6 in GCSE History	Psychology Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Science and a minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language. If taken at GCSE a grade 5	Photography No specific entry requirements although a probation period is required to identify suitability	Media Studies Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language	Religious Studies Requires minimum grade 6 in English Language and if taken at GCSE a grade 6 in Religious Education
Physics Requires minimum grade 6,5,(5) in GCSE Science and grade 6 in Mathematics	Sociology Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language and at least one grade 5 in either a Language or Humanity at GCSE	Drama Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 5 or equivalent in a Drama/Performing Arts Level 2 qualification	History Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE History	

Tutoring

At Q3 Academy we operate a year based tutor system, with Year 12 and 13 students being placed into dedicated Sixth Form tutor groups. Students will remain with the same tutor for the two years they are with us, resulting in students receiving information and undertaking tasks specifically tailored to Sixth Form.

Each student is offered specific advice and help with careers and further education. As part of their care for their tutees, tutors follow students’ progress throughout their applications to university and also contribute towards their UCAS refer-ences.

Parents of Year 12 students have the opportunity to meet with their child’s tutor after the initial settling in period to discuss progress and achievements.

Tutors are normally your first port of call should you have any worries about your child’s progress.

Examples of Progression Routes and Subject Opportunities

Career Path	Subject Recommendations
Sports	Psychology, Physical Education, Religious Studies, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology
Medicine	Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Veterinary Medicine - Biology
Arts	English, Photography, Media Studies, Drama
Humanities	Geography, History, Sociology, Psychology, Religious Studies, English
Politics/Law	Religious Studies, Government and Politics, English, Mathematics, Geography, History, Psychology, Sociology
Sciences	Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Computer Science
Engineering	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Business, Further Maths
Languages	English, Geography
Early/Primary Education and Child Care	Drama, Sociology, Psychology, Mathematics, English, Sciences
Nursing and Health Care	Psychology, Sociology, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry



GCE AS Level	GCE A Level	New Tariff Points
	A*	56
	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
	D	24
A		20
B	E	16
C		12
D		10



ASPIRE

Q3 Academy Sixth Form runs its own ASPIRE programme, developed jointly with the Sandwell Chamber of Commerce. Delivered by senior leaders, Aspire equips students with skills for the world of work.

Wellbeing and Inspire

Wellbeing and Inspire are weekly sessions where a wide range of guest speakers engage with our Sixth Form to broaden the awareness of the wider world and prepare students for their progression to university or the workplace. Speakers include university admission teams, charities, employers and apprenticeship providers.

Enriching our Q3 Sixth Form Curriculum

At Q3 Academy Sixth Form we know that learning is not restricted to the Learning Room. To widen students' experiences we provide a range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities for students to participate in.

Students participate in a range of activities such as University open days, Duke of Edinburgh, medical training days and the National UCAS Exhibition in June.

Over 176 providers from across the country are represented at the UCAS exhibition. Students are able to visit as many exhibitors as possible to discuss courses, campus information, finance, entry requirements and student life.

We encourage students to attend seminars covering a range of UCAS related topics including advice on alternative pathways and careers.

Biannually, students visit Thailand in support of the links Q3 Academy Sixth Form has with the Rainbow House Orphanage. The orphanage is run by Christian Care Foundation and was created

as children born with disabilities are often abandoned on the streets of Thailand, with the belief that their disabilities are a punishment from leading a sinful past life. The trip is a life changing experience for our students and another trip is planned for 2020 along with our World Challenge.

Students are also given the opportunity to become members of the Junior Executive Team (JETs). The JETs are responsible for improving student welfare inside the Academy and introducing new ideas to help Q3 Academy Sixth Form become an even more accessible and fun environment, through their charity fundraising days.

JETs and Prefects also help to run events outside of the Academy day as hosts and student representatives.

We also provide extensive support for life after the Sixth Form, including those considering Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities.



"I chose Sixth Form at Q3 Academy Sixth Form for the outstanding care and dedication of the teaching staff, the high pass rate at A Level and the endless possibilities awaiting us in the brand new state of the art building."

-Q3 Academy Sixth Form student



How to Apply

What we have to offer

Do your research

We are delighted that you are considering Q3 Academy Sixth Form as the institution to continue your studies. However, we know that it is essential that you choose the place that suits you best. Therefore, we welcome you looking at other schools and colleges.

If you have any questions—just ask

Choosing the right place to continue your education can be difficult. We have a great deal to offer at Q3 Academy Sixth Form, but should you be unsure, or want something clarified, please just ask.

Application forms

These are available on the Sixth Form pages on the Q3 Academy Great Barr website: www.q3academy.org.uk - please complete and return via e-mail, post or bring in by hand.

What happens next?

Internal candidates will either receive a conditional offer or be offered an interview dependent upon attendance, punctuality and behaviour.



We were delighted to share in our students' success on A Level results day. 2019 was a successful year with students achieving a higher than average grade and more students looking forward to beginning university and apprenticeships than previously. We are delighted for all our students who have worked so hard with the support of their families and Learning Consultants and have been rewarded with a great set of results.



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