



**ACADEMY  
SIXTH FORM**



**SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS**

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## 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 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*

### Curriculum Offer A-Levels

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

### 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 Form students 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 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 for later life.”

*JET*



## Post 16 Pathways 2021-22

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 circumstances 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.

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

## Tutoring

At Q3 Academy Great Barr 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 Personal 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, Personal Tutors follow students' progress throughout their applications to university and also contribute towards their UCAS references.

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

Personal 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, Drama   |
| Humanities                             | Geography, History, Sociology, Psychology, Religious Studies, English                                     |
| Politics/Law                           | Religious Studies, Government & 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  |



Please visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) for more information.

| 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 Academy Great Barr Sixth Form Curriculum

At Q3 Academy Great Barr 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 Great Barr 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 in the coming years.

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 Great Barr 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

### What happens next?

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

External candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview.

### 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 Great Barr Sixth Form, but should you be unsure, or want something clarified, please just ask.

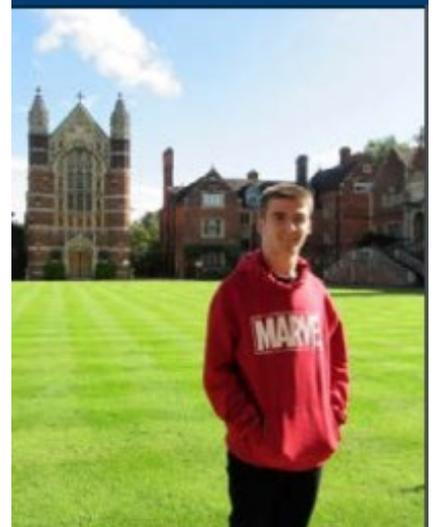
### Application forms

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



At Q3 Academy we enjoy hearing from our student alumni and many return to share their experiences with students in Years 12 and 13.

We wish all our students progressing to university and apprenticeships in 2020 the very best. 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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