



ACADEMY
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Welcome to Post 16 Study at Q3 Academy Great Barr 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.

M. Benning, Head of Sixth Form

Curriculum Offer A-Levels

Art and Design
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama
English
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
Health & Social Care
History
Mathematics
Music
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
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 teaching staff who have helped many previous Sixth Form students to obtain good results;
- Full advice and guidance provided by our ASPIRE programme, Academic Ambassador, and Careers Officer. Together they give expert assistance in preparing and submitting UCAS applications, including preparation for Oxbridge;
- Enrichment activities through involvement in the larger life of the Academy, including various music ensembles, sports teams, Associate Tutor, Senior Prefect and Prefect roles;
- 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 few years Sixth Formers have visited Ireland, Germany, France, Thailand, and Barcelona.
- The chance to develop your capacity for leadership through our unique ASPIRE programme, or serving as a Senior Prefect or Prefect, mentoring younger students or taking part in a Young Enterprise project;
- The opportunity to complete a week of work experience in preparation for your chosen Post 18 pathway;
- Above all, intellectual stimulation and personal growth in a challenging and congenial environment.

"Q3 Academy Great Barr 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 Great Barr 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."

Q3 Academy Senior Prefect



Post 16 Pathways 2024-25

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 grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics, along with specific subject requirements.

Subject	Grade Requirements
Art and Design	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Art, Textiles or Photography, or a design subject
Biology	Requires minimum grade 6,6 in GCSE Science Combined or grade 6 in GCSE Biology and grade 6 in another Science if separate, plus grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
Business	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Business if studied previously (<i>if GCSE Business has not been studied then a minimum grade 6 is required in GCSE Mathematics</i>)
Chemistry	Requires minimum grade 6,6 in GCSE Science Combined or grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry and grade 6 in another Science if separate, plus grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
Computer Science	Requires minimum Distinction* BCS Level 2 ICT if studied previously or grade 5 in GCSE Computer Science (if GCSE Computer Science has not been studied previously then a minimum grade 6 is required in GCSE Mathematics)
Drama	Requires minimum grade 5 or equivalent in a Drama/Performing Arts Level 2 qualification
English	Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE English Language and a grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
French	Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE French
Further Mathematics	Requires minimum grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics
Geography	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Geography
Health & Social Care	Requires minimum grade 5,5 in GCSE Science
History	Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE History and a minimum grade 5 in English Literature
Mathematics	Requires minimum grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
Music	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Music and a minimum grade 5 standard on vocals or an instrument (nationally recognised qualification in music)
Photography	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Art, Textiles or Photography, or a design subject
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
Physics	Requires minimum grade 6,6 in GCSE Science Combined or grade 6 in GCSE Physics and grade 6 in another Science if separate, plus grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
Politics	Requires minimum grade 6 in GCSE History (<i>if GCSE History has not been studied then a minimum grade 6 is required in a humanities subject</i>)
Psychology	Requires minimum grade 5,5 in GCSE Science Combined or grade 5 in GCSE Biology and grade 5 in another Science and a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE Psychology (<i>if GCSE Psychology has not been studied then a minimum grade 6,6 in GCSE Science Combined or grade 6 in GCSE Biology and 6 in another Science is required</i>)
Religious Studies	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Religious Studies (<i>if GCSE Religious Education has not been studied then a minimum grade 5 is required in a humanities subject</i>)
Sociology	Requires minimum grade 5 in GCSE Sociology (<i>if GCSE Sociology has not been studied then a minimum grade 5 is required in a humanities subject</i>)

Tutoring

Students will be placed into a dedicated Sixth Form Tutor Group. Students work with their Personal Tutor on a range of PSHEE 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.

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
Humanities	Geography, History, Sociology, Psychology, Religious Studies, English
Politics/Law	Religious Studies, 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	Sociology, Psychology, Mathematics, English, Sciences
Nursing and Health Care	Psychology, Sociology, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry



Please visit 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 Inspire

Wellbeing Inspire is a weekly session 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.

Students are also given the opportunity to become Senior Prefects and Prefects. They 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."

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.

Applying to Sixth Form

The online application form is available on the 'Apply' section of the Sixth Form page on the Q3 Academy Great Barr website: www.q3academy.org.uk. External students will be required to provide a reference from their current place of study, together with an attendance record, and predicted grades.



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

We are delighted for all our past students who have all worked so hard with the support of their families and teachers and have been rewarded with great results.

We wish all our students who have progressed to university and apprenticeships the very best.





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