



AQA Baccalaureate and EPQ

The AQA Baccalaureate is an opportunity for students to improve significantly their education and employment prospects.

The Baccalaureate is an academic qualification which enhances a student's core A Level subjects through wider learning and enrichment activities.

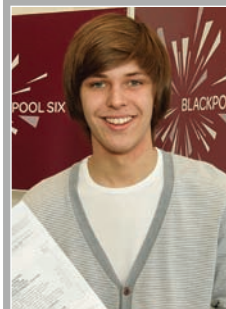
The achievement of an AQA Baccalaureate is a demonstration that a student has gained a fuller, more rounded education with greatly enhanced personal qualities and skills.

Employers and Higher Education centres are increasingly looking for students who can demonstrate that they are resourceful, imaginative and, using their own initiative, can work both independently and with others.

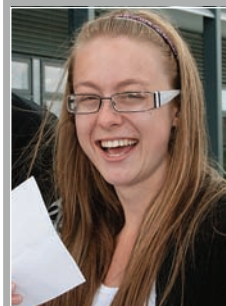


2010 Success in AQA Baccalaureate

In our 2010 results, the majority of students taking the AQA Baccalaureate achieved Merit or Distinction grades.

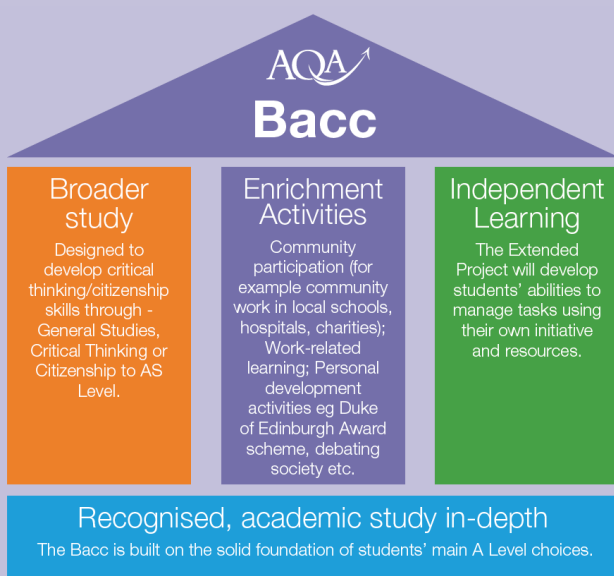


Alex Bond (formerly of St Aidan's C of E Technology College) achieved 3 A*s, an A, a B and a Distinction in his AQA Baccalaureate and now studies History at Durham University.



Cheriece Carter (formerly of St George's High School) achieved 3 A*s, a B and a Distinction in her AQA Baccalaureate and now studies Psychology at the University of Manchester

The AQA Baccalaureate is composed of four essential elements, each developing key facets of the students' all round education.



Recognised, academic study in-depth

Students must study at least three Advanced level subjects and achieve grade E or above in each of them. The subjects may be with any awarding body.

Broader study

Students must study General Studies, Critical Thinking or Citizenship and achieve grade E or above.

Independent Learning

Students must complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). See reverse for details.

Enrichment activities

Students cover a variety of activities involving at least 100 hours over the two-year programme. At least two of the following three core areas must be included, with a minimum of 30 hours spent on any one area.

- Work-related learning
- Community Participation
- Personal development activities.

Student log their activities on a form and teachers confirm that the enrichment element is complete and has met the published requirements.

Examples of work-related learning are work experience, work shadowing, paid employment, young enterprise
 Examples of Community Participation are voluntary service / community support
 Examples of Personal Development are sport, music, drama, film, theatre, first aid

Derek Siu (formerly of Lytham St Annes Technology and Performing Arts College) achieved an A*, 2 As and a C in August 2010 with a Distinction grade in the AQA Baccalaureate.

Derek has a place to study Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College London.

The Imperial College stated that Derek's A* in his EPQ was a major factor in achieving his place to study at the university.



Gifted and Talented Programme

The AQA Baccalaureate and Extended Project Qualifications are part of our Gifted and Talented programme.

This is for students who achieve mainly A* and A grades at GCSE. Students on the Gifted and Talented programme also take an exciting course called AS Critical Thinking which helps you extend your reasoning and analysis skills. It is well respected by top universities as evidence of your higher level abilities.

You will also receive an individualised package of support to help you with applications to the more selective university courses such as Oxbridge and Medical courses. There are specific tutor groups for Gifted and Talented students to ensure that you benefit from spending time with other very high ability students.



Izzy Greenfield (formerly of Baines School) achieved an A* in Religion, Ethics and Philosophy and 2 A grades in English Language and English Literature in August 2010.

Izzy achieved an A grade in her Extended Project Qualification and an overall Distinction in her AQA Baccalaureate.

Izzy now studies English Literature at Manchester University.

Did you know?

In our 2010 results 100% of students passed their Extended Project Qualification with over 79% of students achieving A* - B grades.

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The extended project is a level 3 qualification that can be taken as a freestanding qualification or as part of the AQA Baccalaureate qualification.

Students research and write up a topic of their choice, usually one which extends their A level studies.

The EPQ also:

- makes students responsible for their own learning
- enables teachers to mentor individual students
- enables students to study a subject they enjoy, even if it is not available at A-level
- inspires and motivates students – completing the project gives them greater confidence and a sense of achievement.

Students are assessed on their ability to manage, develop and realise their projects and research.

“For my Extended Project Qualification I am working on the topic of ‘Rhetoric through history’. This includes looking at English Language techniques in speeches from politicians such as Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt. I enjoy the freedom of being able to research a topic I find really interesting.”



Laura McCann

English Language, English Literature, Classical Civilisation and Critical Thinking

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