Welcome

EBACC Information Evening

Please enjoy the delicacies from European Countries

Tuesday 25th February
We are shaping leaders of the future
Our moral purpose is.....

We Believe You Achieve
Overview

Languages Café served on arrival

**Introduction, EBACC and it’s importance:**
M Hunt – Assistant Head Teacher Curriculum

**The Importance of Science:**
A Frost – Director of Science

**The Importance of MFL:**
M Lines – Director of MFL

**EBACC Uptake 6th Form and Beyond:**
J Garvey – Assistant Head Teacher 6th Form

**Careers Information Advice and Guidance:**
L Hackett – Careers Advisor plus representative from Aston University
Highlights of Your learning Journey at GREAT BARR ACADEMY

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11
Great Barr Academy

Getting the best from our very best

High challenge and high aspirations

Providing the opportunities

Preparation for transition to University
What is the English Baccalaureate?

- English (2 GCSEs)
  - English language
  - English literature
- Maths (1 GCSE)
  - Maths
- Science (2 or 3 GCSEs)
  - Core and additional OR double science
  - 3 out of biology, chemistry, physics & computer science
- Languages (1 GCSE)
  - A modern language
  - An ancient language
- Humanities (1 GCSE)
  - History
  - Geography

So why are you here?
### Year 9 Parents

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GCSE results follow your child around....
What can you do to help them achieve their potential?
Be well informed about their targets and progress

Support them, discuss their grades and aspirations

Prioritise their work with them

Encourage them to look beyond college

What do they want to do?
Get the balance – enjoyment and achievement with their additional option choices
Why Study Science?

Mr A Frost – Director of Science
AQA Trilogy

- Biology 1 Exam 75 Mins
- Biology 2 Exam 75 Mins
- Chemistry 1 Exam 75 Mins
- Chemistry 2 Exam Mins
- Physics 1 Exam 75 Mins
- Physics 2 Exam 75 Mins

Combined

2 GCSE grades 99-11 (the grades can be the same or one grade apart i.e.)
AQA Separate Sciences

- Biology 1 Exam 105 Mins
- Biology 2 Exam 105 Mins
- Chemistry 1 Exam 105 Mins
- Chemistry 2 Exam 105 Mins
- Physics 1 Exam 105 Mins
- Physics 2 Exam 105 Mins

3 separate GCSE grades

The grades are independent

More rigour in the course

More rigour in the course
Why do it?

• Because you have a natural flair in Science and you will achieve more grades at a higher level
• Because you are really interested in learning more depth and breadth in your Science subjects
• Because you wish to study Science at University level
• You are hard working and relish the challenge
Why Study MFL?

Mrs M Lines – Director of MFL
It’s a scientific fact that learning a language makes your brain work faster.

A bilingual person’s blood flow in the brain stem is greater than a monolingual person’s.

The part of the brain responsible for memory and learning increases in size after just 3 months of learning a language.

Speaking a foreign language improves the efficacy of how your brain works.

Learning a language fends off the decline of brain function and staves off Alzheimers.

It’s easier to remember lists, sequences and patterns as a linguist.

WHY STUDY A LANGUAGE AT GCSE? ....WELL THE BENEFITS ARE STAGGERING
Learning a language helps us understand our own language better. There are benefits for other subjects too and pupils who study a language tend to score better in a range of tests.

Using language skills makes us good multi-taskers. We learn to switch quickly between different topics.

We are better communicators and writers. We develop a better ear for listening.

And that’s not all.....
Being bilingual leads to a more tolerant and outward-looking society.

The cultural aspect of language learning gives us a better understanding of the world.

It expands life opportunities, providing us with a reason to travel and helps us to embrace and accept other cultures.

It makes us more employable and makes us stand out from the crowd in a global society.

75% of UK adults cannot hold a conversation in a foreign language.

Why study a language at GCSE? ....Well the benefits are staggering.

Poor language skills in the UK is estimated to cost the country billions of pounds in lost trade.
Good universities look favourably on applicants who have a language at GCSE.

Learning a language complements all subjects and widens the scope of your employment potential.

In 2019, 80% of pupils who took a language at GBA gained a grade 4 or above and 67% gained a grade 5 or above.

Learning a language is difficult – we of all people know that….

However, the many benefits outweigh the hardships in the long term.

We need to realise that achieving in something that is difficult or challenging can ultimately be more rewarding.

WHY STUDY A LANGUAGE AT GCSE?....WELL THE BENEFITS ARE STAGGERING
“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela
Benefits of Higher Education?
Learn here. Earn more.
Ranked 2nd by the Economist for boosting graduate salaries (2017)

Big on employability
Embedded in everything we do

Gold rated teaching
Rated by the Teaching Excellence Framework

Campus community
Friendly, close knit campus with driven students

City centre location
Short walk to Birmingham City Centre
Contents

- The Benefits of H.E
- Student Finance
- Choosing a course
- Choosing a University
- Choosing a Career
The route to Higher Education

- GCSEs
- A Level/ BTEC
- Foundation year
- Degree
- Degree Apprenticeship
What are the benefits of going to University?

**Gain a professional qualification**

- To do some jobs, you need a degree in a certain subject
- The more qualifications you have, the more jobs will be open to you
- Many graduate employers will consider candidates from any degree background
Develop transferable skills

Your course can help you develop skills that are valuable to employers like...

Organization
Time management
Research
Group work
Communication
Creative thinking
What are the benefits of going to University?

- Challenge yourself academically
  - Study something you love
  - Be taught by people who are experts in their field
  - Learn alongside other people who are as passionate as you
  - Access state of the art facilities
What are the benefits of going to University?

Get work experience

- Many students go on work experience placements as part of their course
- Attractive to employers and can help you figure out whether a career is for you
- Support from careers and placements teams up to three years after university
What are the benefits of going to University?

Earn more money

On average, graduates earn more over their lifetime than non-graduates…

Men = £170,000

Women = £250,000
What are the benefits of going to University?

Become Independent

• Opportunity to move out and live independently

• Gain life skills like cooking, cleaning and paying bills

• Travel the world - study and work abroad options available
Explore hobbies and interests

- Hundreds of clubs and societies for you to get involved with
- Continue to pursue an interest or try something completely new
- If a society doesn’t exist, you can create your own!
Degree Apprenticeships

Students get the best of both worlds

Debt-free degree

Professional experience

Full honours degree

Earn while you learn
Degree Apprenticeship

- Usually 5 - 6 years long
- Mainly work based learning
- 9 areas to choose from
- Employee chooses what you learn
- 5 x GCSEs and 3 x A Levels

Business and administration
Childcare and education
Construction
Creative and design
Digital
Engineering and manufacturing
Health and science
Legal, finance, and accounting
Protective services (e.g. police)
What are the benefits?

- Gain a professional qualification
- Challenge yourself academically
- Develop transferrable skills
- Get work experience
- Earn more money
- No tuition fees
- Get paid while you learn
How to choose a course?

With **50,000 courses** to choose from

- **How do you learn best?**
  Practically, Independently?

- **What do you enjoy?**
  Ideas, theories, topics, industries

- **What are you good at?**
  Skills, subjects

- **What qualifications do you need for certain courses?**
  Research specifications

- **Do you want to do a placement year or study abroad?**
  Some courses don’t allow it
So what GCSEs do I need?

Maths, English and Science

Maths, English & Science

Maths

8 GCSEs

5 GCSE’s including English and Science

Maths, English and Science
How to choose a university?

- Academic and social facilities
- Research Focus
- Quality and type of teaching - League tables
- Modules available on your course
- Reputation of the University and the course
- Location
- City or Campus
Any questions?
The importance of EBACC for Sixth Form and Beyond!

Mrs J Garvey – Assistant Head Sixth Form
Russell Group Universities

- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Cambridge
- Cardiff
- Durham
- Edinburgh
- Exeter
- Glasgow
- Imperial (London)
- King’s (London)
- Leeds
- Liverpool
- London School of Economics and Politics
- Manchester
- Newcastle
- Nottingham
- Oxford
- Queen Mary (London)
- Queen’s University (Belfast)
- Sheffield
- Southampton
- UCL
- Warwick
- York

[http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/about-russell-group/]
Degree = earnings advantage (28% men 53% women)

Graduates from ‘red brick’ universities approx. £7,600 higher starting salary

Courses that can offer an advantage: medicine, dentistry, engineering, computing.

MFL – viewed with high regard.

Beneficial for alternative routes to Uni
Choices

Why ....... Humanities?

History
See how peoples’ lives have changed over time and how today’s problems have roots in the past.
Learn to be critical of the news you see and hear, interpret events and learn about ‘spin’.

Geography
The study of the world in which we live. The hazards and threats to both people and the environment, natural and man made and the effectiveness of solutions to preserve the Earth for future generations.
Shift happens

- How do you know what you’ll need in 5 years or 10 years time?

- Make sure you have a good base for further study - EBACC provides this.
NEXT STEPS HUB
CAREERS GUIDANCE
What Next?

• Preparation has taken place before this evening.

• Option Booklets have been handed out this evening.

• Time in Edge to explore different choices with their form tutors.

• Parent consultation evening Thursday 5th March.

• Pupils to make their options selections by Friday 13th March.
Your Future

What Happens now
Highlights of Your learning Journey at GREAT BARR ACADEMY
What is the English Baccalaureate?

What does this mean for you?
It is essential that every student has the right pathway to meet their individual needs and to enable them to fulfil their potential.

**ACE** – Some students will be selected for the ‘Alternative Curriculum’ which is offered in ACE.

**Pink** – you have been pre-selected for Separate Science and a Language you will be following the Ebacc route.

**Blue** – you have been pre-selected for Separate Science you will be following the Ebacc route.

**Yellow** – you have been pre-selected for a Language. We strongly recommend that you do this as it will help you in your future career. This is the Ebacc route.

**Purple** – The majority of students will receive this form. You have lots of choice. You really need to consider your route to employment.

**Green** – some pupils will be offered this carefully chosen route to employment.
If you are choosing Ebacc you must follow the instructions carefully.

You can only choose **1** pathway.
Do not fill in any of the other boxes.

This form must be completed and returned to your FORM TUTOR by Friday 13th March.
Next Steps

Your Options

Booklet