

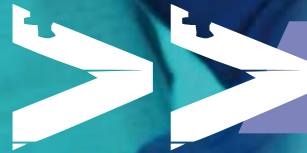


STUDENT GUIDE

What will give you the

EDGE

When you leave 6th Form?



AQA Baccalaureate

... An AQA Baccalaureate

The AQA Baccalaureate is an additional qualification that you can take alongside your A Levels.

It makes you **well rounded** because, as well as 3 A Levels, the AQA Baccalaureate includes qualifications such as an AS subject for **breadth**, an Extended Project for **independent learning** and any enrichment activity that you do in 6th Form.

And it gives you an edge with employers and universities ... because it demonstrates that you've got real life skills as well.

- ✓ Three A Level subjects
- ✓ Breadth subject to AS Level:
 - General Studies
 - Critical Thinking
 - Citizenship
- ✓ Extended Project
- ✓ Enrichment Activity



I am a member of the debating club, play rugby for the college and volunteer at my local youth club – now all of these activities have been recognised.

Scott Berry, 18 Richard Huish College

What does Enrichment involve?

Enrichment activity falls into three core areas:

- 1 – Work-related learning, including work experience
- 2 – Community participation, such as voluntary service
- 3 – Personal development, like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

How do I show what enrichment I have done?

By recording your activities – you'll need at least 100 hours in a minimum of two of these three areas. You can record your evidence on line, using a specially created e-diary, which allows you to log (and blog).



How is the Bacc Graded?

There are three grades, which reflect the consistent achievement in your A Level subjects and your Extended Project.

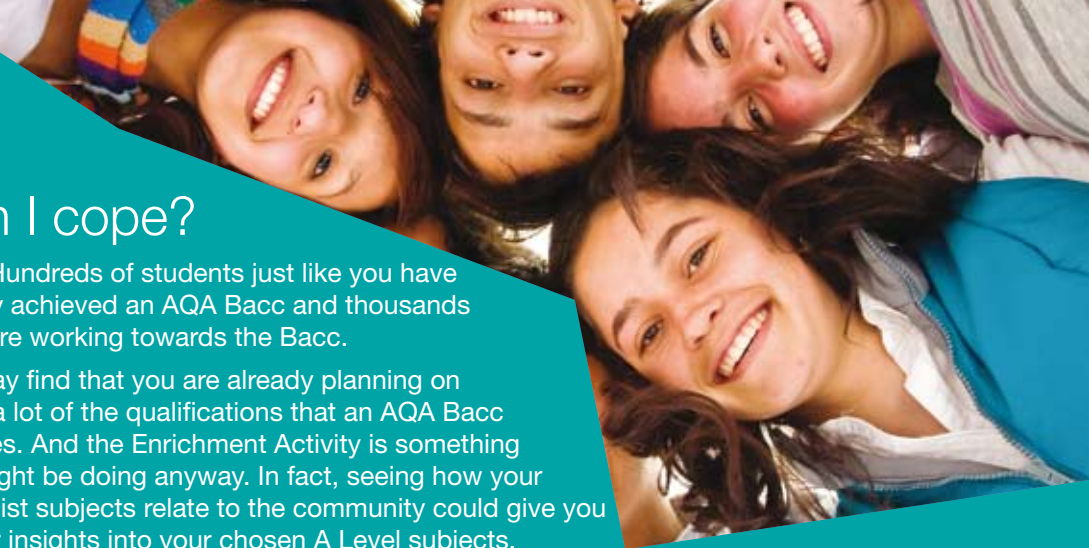
- A Level and Extended Project Grade at E or above result in an AQA Baccalaureate
- A Level and Extended Project Grade at C or above result in an AQA Baccalaureate with Merit
- A Level and Extended Project Grade at A or above result in an AQA Baccalaureate with Distinction.

I volunteered in a hospital and in an old peoples' home – it was really rewarding. While I play clarinet in the school swing band and had a full academic programme it was nice to do something challenging and different.

Charlotte Turnock, 18 Richard Huish College



Baccalaureate



Can I cope?

Sure. Hundreds of students just like you have already achieved an AQA Bacc and thousands more are working towards the Bacc.

You may find that you are already planning on doing a lot of the qualifications that an AQA Bacc includes. And the Enrichment Activity is something you might be doing anyway. In fact, seeing how your specialist subjects relate to the community could give you greater insights into your chosen A Level subjects.

So, go on ... get rounded and give yourself an edge with the AQA Baccalaureate.

The Bacc and the Extended Project have allowed me to go beyond the specification and delve deeper into aspects of the subject that interest me.

Janelle, King Edward VI College, Stourbridge

How to get started

Your tutor or career advisor will be happy to tell you more about the exciting new AQA Baccalaureate qualification.

For more information, you can also visit the AQA website at:

aqa.org.uk/bacc

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