


BRAMPTON COLLEGE

INDEPENDENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

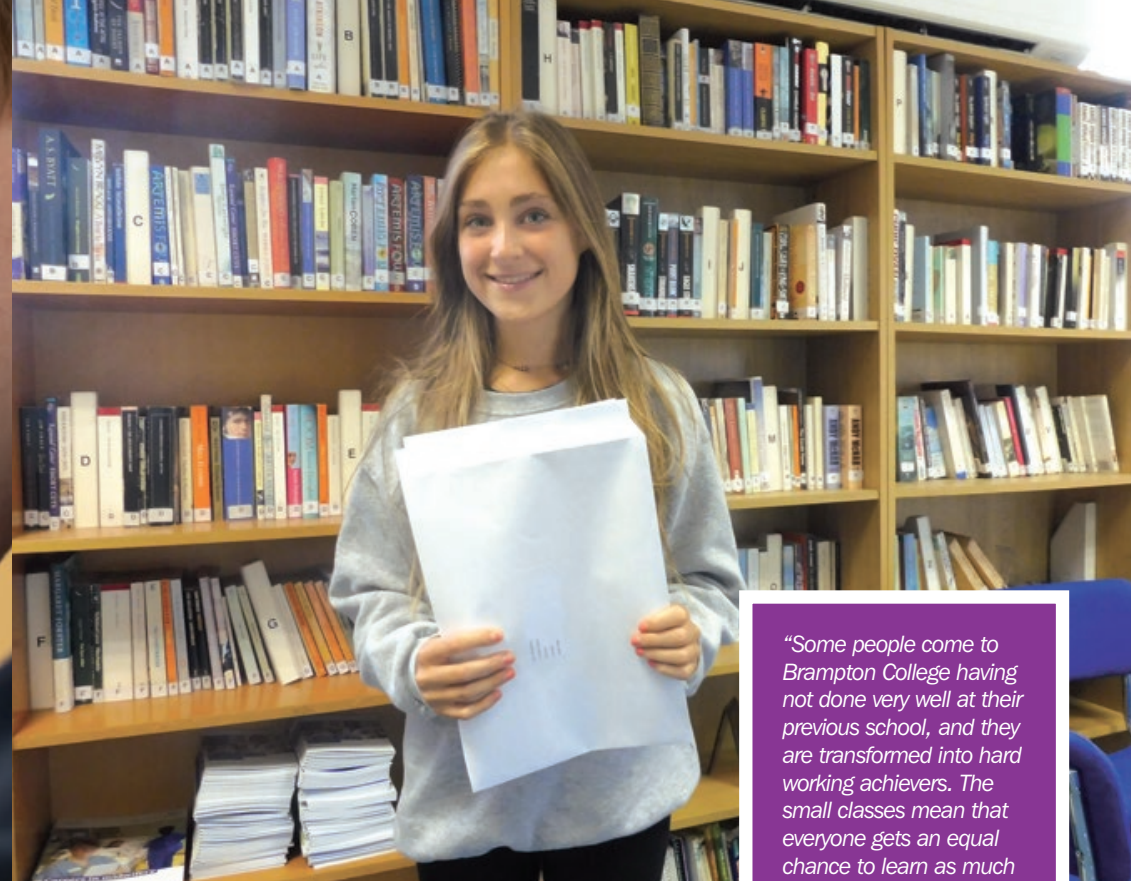


GCSE PROGRAMME



'The majority of the intake is students transferring from Year 10, however, there are also students who have transferred from international schools and are reintegrating into the English education system, as well as those who need an extra year of GCSE study.'

Our latest ISI Report



AN INTRODUCTION

Studying GCSE at Brampton College is a unique experience. Students enjoy an atmosphere that offers a real sense of purpose with very high levels of individual guidance but without the formality of a large school. Small classes (average of seven) allow a partnership between students and teachers, where students feel supported to develop their knowledge and skills, to aim high and to achieve the best possible academic results.

Students follow a one year course and generally a programme of seven subjects. The course is intensive, offering the opportunity to revise all the work covered in Year 10 together with Year 11 material. The intake includes those transferring to Brampton College having completed year 10 in other schools, overseas students wishing to complete their GCSEs in one year and integrate into the English education system, as well as some students retaking GCSEs.

"Some people come to Brampton College having not done very well at their previous school, and they are transformed into hard working achievers. The small classes mean that everyone gets an equal chance to learn as much as they want. The focus can be on each student equally, rather than a select few. The teachers are so attentive and they want you to achieve. It's a great feeling when someone is willing to give you so much of their time, to help you get through something that you don't find so easy."

After joining Brampton to retake his GCSEs, Daniel Mindel left Brampton with a fantastic set of A level results – AAAB – and went on to read Computer Science at the University of Nottingham.

WHY CHOOSE OUR GCSE PROGRAMME?

The ethos at Brampton College ensures that each student is treated as an individual. Academic programmes are tailored to meet students' individual goals. The vast majority of our students achieve the required GCSE grades to progress to our A level programme and go on to achieve the grades required to seek entry into top universities. Former Brampton College GCSE students are currently studying a wide range of courses at top Russell Group universities. Students who may have found it difficult to achieve in other environments find they can flourish in a supportive atmosphere where they are encouraged to work hard and do their very best.

THE GCSE PROGRAMME

Students generally take seven subjects, chosen after careful discussion with our highly experienced GCSE team. This

programme fulfils the GCSE entrance requirements for all UK universities.

GCSE SUBJECTS OFFERED

Mathematics
English Language
English Literature
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Computer Science
History
Geography
French
German
Spanish
Art
Photography

STUDENT WELLBEING AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

Parents really appreciate being able to keep in close touch with our Head of GCSE. This means they are kept informed and are consulted on any significant academic or pastoral matters concerning their children.

In addition to the academic programme, GCSE students follow a Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PHSE) course which helps prepare them for their adult lives by looking at topics such as citizenship and identity, and practical matters such as writing a CV and managing a budget.

There is also a strong emphasis on careers advice and study skills. GCSE students have group sessions with our expert careers staff, followed by individual interviews to give them the advice they need to make informed decisions about their A level choices, further education and careers. Parents are always welcome to join these meetings.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Sport is an important feature of the GCSE schedule, with weekly sessions at Middlesex University. Students currently have a choice between using the gym, fully supervised by personal fitness instructors, or playing outdoor sports such as football and basketball. Students also participate in enrichment activities, including outings to art galleries and the theatre, and a number of clubs. Our Inspire Programme also offers students the opportunity to attend a diverse range of thought provoking talks from external speakers.



HOW DO WE HELP STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS?

GCSE classes are small. Students can expect plenty of individual attention from their teachers - all highly trained and experienced subject specialists, who take pride in the warm and supportive atmosphere of their classes and their ability to get the best out of each student. It's very easy to get help from teachers outside class time. Moreover, students at Brampton support each other in their learning; every year it's very pleasing to watch them develop a strong team

spirit which helps carry them through the challenges of the exams.

The academic year starts with a comprehensive induction programme, with a focus on study skills. These skills are constantly reinforced by the subject staff. There is regular homework, carefully monitored by the Head of GCSE, and ample opportunity to test students' learning under mock exam conditions. Prior to public examinations, students can attend workshops run by the College

Counsellor to help develop a composed and stress-free approach to the exams.

Overall, our GCSE students enjoy an exceptional level of individual care and attention.

OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS 2019 & 2020

- 26.9% top grade 9 (5.5% national average)
- 44.3% grades 9-8 (18.9% national average)
- 62.5% grades 9-7 (44.0% national average)



TESTIMONIALS

"Brampton has been so supportive in helping Zak organise himself. The personalised tuition and personal support has helped tremendously. He's improved academically, but is also definitely more confident in his own abilities."

Father of Zak Singer. Zak achieved 8,8,7,7,AAB in his GCSEs, AAA in his A levels and a place at the University of Birmingham.

"I was at North London Collegiate and dreaded moving, but had heard really good things. I have no regrets, in fact it's been amazing – especially the amount of care, the standard of teaching and the genuine passion to see you succeed. Teachers always ensure you understand the topics and reiterate that they're at hand if you need any extra support. The small classes also mean that everyone gets involved. Brampton's like a family – I felt cared for and nurtured. I'd like to thank them for making the year so fun and successful!"

Lucy Abrahams achieved 9,9,8,8,A in her GCSEs and stayed on for A level at Brampton, achieving AAA and a place at the University of Leeds.

"Being an overseas student meant that Brampton's approach was a bit different. I was given so much help and guidance to help my limited vocabulary so that it didn't affect my achievement. On a broader level, I love the way they teach here. They covered the whole syllabus and then went back over it to ensure we understood it fully. I'm coming back to do my A levels – I love the College and I've made great friends, so it makes sense!"

Ayano Maeda joined Brampton from her school in Tokyo, for her first year in English education. She achieved 9,8,A*A*A*A* in her GCSEs, A*A*A*A* in her A levels and a place at the University of Cambridge.

"I came to Brampton to do my GCSEs, reintegrating into the British education system after living abroad for six years. As a result of the excellent teaching and small class sizes, which enabled each student to receive individual help and attention, I achieved the grades I was aiming for. I was so impressed by the teachers and overall college environment that I decided to stay on for my A levels, and would recommend Brampton College to anyone"

Eliana Wolfson achieved nine 9 grades in her GCSEs and is currently studying A level at Brampton.

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