

The Blenheim Graduation Certificate

Blenheim High School
Enrichment Programme

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fC6gQ0efezQ&feature=related>

The Purpose

- ◆ Gaining employment or a place at university is becoming increasingly difficult, BGC will give you an advantage.
- ◆ It shows that you possess a range of skills, many of which will be desirable to employers and universities alike; **can lead to a lower grade offer from university**
- ◆ It makes you stand out from those who have the same qualifications, gives you that edge
- ◆ It shows responsibility, a sense of community and a willingness to develop oneself and gives you a voice in the running and day to day life of the sixth form
- ◆ It will make UCAS and job applications far easier
- ◆ It helps to broaden your horizons, so that you are actively involved in tasks you would not normally attempt
- ◆ To gain recognition for those activities you may already do inside and outside of school

The Requirements



- ◆ **Community participation**

- ◆ **Personal development**

- ◆ **Work related learning**

3 core areas

- ◆ **Subject reference skills audit**

- ◆ **Academic success**

Community Participation



This core area focuses on your involvement in the school and wider community. What have you done to assist or support others. Again this will help you to develop new skills. Example activities that would count in this area include, Charity events and fundraising, Charity volunteering, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, St John's Ambulance, Student council, Youth work, school events!

Personal Development



This core area focuses on your own skills, those that you will have developed during your A level studies. Some examples of activities that may have helped you develop a greater skills repertoire are, cookery course, DIY, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, sport, trips and expeditions, first aid, carrying out presentations and debates in class.

Work Related Learning



This core area focuses on skills that you have developed which will be of benefit in your future careers. Some example of activities that can be used are as follows, enterprise events, paid employment, work experience, work shadowing, young enterprise, engineering education scheme, work related skills developed in school and out of school.

Qualifying Criteria

50 hours in total (at least 15 hours in each of the 3 core areas) =
Pass

75 hours in total (at least 20 hours in each of the 3
core areas) = **Merit**

At least 100 hours in total (at least 30 hours
in each of the 3 core areas) = **Distinction
and possible AQA accreditation**



Getting you involved

- ◆ Opportunities within the Sixth Form (committees)
- ◆ Heads of Faculty / Department have opportunities for you.
- ◆ Opportunities in the community

The opportunities in school so far...

- ◆ Various departmental help
- ◆ Peer Mentoring programme
- ◆ Toe by Toe scheme
- ◆ After school clubs
- ◆ LRC
- ◆ Football duty / league
- ◆ ICT – Moodle, Social Sciences
- ◆ Site staff
- ◆ Open evenings and whole school events



Outside of school



- ◆ Helping out at a primary school
- ◆ Appleby House
- ◆ Clearing and repainting of a playground
- ◆ Mole Valley activities
- ◆ External clubs
- ◆ Running events for younger children

Who does well in BGC?

Those that:

- ◆ Are committed
- ◆ Take the responsibility seriously
- ◆ Want to make a difference/help others and themselves



How to sign up...

- 1) Make sure you know the full commitment you are making...
- 2) Put your name in the relevant box on the signup sheets...



Nothing you fancy?

- ◆ Find an alternative!
- ◆ If you have any bright ideas, or suggestions see me!
- ◆ Speak to your Mum or Dad, to see if they have any ideas.
- ◆ You can help out anywhere you want, as long as you do not get paid.