

## **B2 Scrap the EBacc**

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### **Synopsis**

The EBacc has placed too strict and narrow a focus on the education earning of GCSE students and has been driven by the STEM agenda which only benefits a certain type of pupil. The insistence to promote the STEM agenda in school has restricted routes for the self-expression and confidence building that creative subjects offer.

Research by UK Music found that over the past 5 years entries for A level music have declined by 30%. This decline has been facilitated by the EBACC and has mainly impacted state schools, this risks making creative subject the preserve of the elite.

With the creative industries worth over £268 billion to the UK economy, and the increasing mechanisations and robotisation of the work force young people need to be able to access a creative education to learn skills for future employment. Creative skills also offer a wide variety of transferrable skills and have a remarkably positive impact on mental health and wellbeing.

The education system should not be an experiment for the conservative government to enforce a heavy industry led agenda.

- 1 The Young Greens of England and Wales call on the government to scrap the
- 2 English Baccaluate and focus on an inclusive well rounded education that goes
- 3 beyond STEM to include creative subjects.