Across answers have a common theme and are undefined in the clues

ACROSS
1 Boris heard right inside (4,4)
5 Turning out as ever (6)
9 Academic examination entered by leading Greek independent (8)
10 Beginner has to get into team (6)
12 Old car firm – Mini designer starts there! (5)
13 Rear forge worker changes direction for starters (9)
14 Girl seen with American? (6)
16 Put in words, but black, not white initially (7)
19 Cross-country invader gutted antelope (7)
21 Close involvement with the Czech Republic (6)
23 Distraught at articles neglecting European (9)
25 Half of Shropshire is affected (5)
26 Sit back and absorb everything (6)
27 Encore rejected – missing start of another theme word (8)
28 Queen touring Barra? (6)
29 Brief note to ring-leader (8)

DOWN
1 Call sacked FBI chief about initial broadcast (4,2)
2 Ban from college game, one about to take place in New York, say (9)
3 Gems from Salop (5)
4 Birds on top of fence in small county (7)
6 What! Evil one turned out, accompanied by many parasites (5,4)
7 Priest keeps space for fragrant resin (5)
8 Husband with tube upset on some festival date (8)
11 Turned up to check (4)
15 Unimportant being second? (5-4)
17 Art form of circles enclosed by lacework (9)
18 The start, of course! (5,3)
20 Info included a tabulated section (4)
21 Finish without help (7)
22 Stationery item from Times Editor outside (6)
24 Jumble sale including spot marker for vehicle parts (5)
25 Flight interrupted by landing? (5)

Solution 15,658