



BTEC Introduction

What is a BTEC?

BTECs are work related qualifications suitable for a wide range of students, built to accommodate the needs of employers and allow progression to University. They provide a more practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a key theoretical background. They can be taken as well as, or in place of, GCSEs and A-levels in Schools and Colleges.

BTEC levels we deliver

BTEC Firsts:	These are Level 2 qualifications which are the equivalent of traditional GCSEs grades A*-C. The BTEC Firsts are suitable for students aged pre-16 and is designed for those who are capable of achieving A*-C grade GCSEs, but wish to focus on a work related Vocational qualification or work area.
BTEC Nationals:	These are designed as specialist qualifications for students who have a clear view of their future career or are seeking progression to higher education. BTEC Nationals are equivalent to A-levels and are highly valued by Universities, further education Colleges and employers alike.

A Level 3 BTEC can boost a child's lifetime earnings by up to £92,000

A Level 3 BTEC increases the likelihood of getting a job, by 8% for women and 5% for men

Which BTECs do we teach?

- *Creative Media Production**
- *Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*
- *IT**
- *...And more to come from September 2015!*

* Both at Level 2 and 3

Which? University

“95% of Universities and Colleges in the UK accept BTEC students, including competitive Universities from the Russell Group.”



BTEC Firsts language and qualification grades

At Level 2, a BTEC First is given six final grades, depending on its size. The table below illustrates this and the language of a BTEC First:

Award (120 GLH)		Certificate (240 GLH)		Extended Certificate (360 GLH)		Diploma (480 GLH)	
Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold	Grade	Points threshold
U	0	U	0	U	0	U	0
Level 1	24	Level 1	48	Level 1	72	Level 1	96
Level 2 Pass	48	Level 2 PP Level 2 MP	96 114	Level 2 PP Level 2 MP	144 174	Level 2 PP Level 2 MP	192 234
Level 2 Merit	66	Level 2 MM Level 2 DM	132 150	Level 2 MM Level 2 DM	204 234	Level 2 MM Level 2 DM	276 318
Level 2 Distinction	84	Level 2 DD Level 2 D** D	168 174	Level 2 DD Level 2 D** D*D	264 270	Level 2 DD Level 2 D** D*D	360 366
Level 2 Distinction*	90	Level 2 D** D*	180	Level 2 D** D*	276	Level 2 D** D*	372

The GCSE equivalents of each grade are as follows:

- Pass = C
- Merit = B
- Distinction = A
- Distinction* = A*

BTEC Nationals language and qualification grades

At Level 3, a BTEC National is given one, two, or three final grades, depending on its size. The table below illustrates this:

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Possible combinations of overall grades		
Extended Diploma	90-credit Diploma and Diploma	Certificate and Subsidiary Diploma
D*D*D*	D*D*	D*
D*D*D	D*D	D
D*DD	DD	M
DDD	DM	P
DDM	MM	
DMM	MP	
MMM	PP	
MMP		
MPP		
PPP		

The table below illustrates the A-level equivalent and language of a BTEC National:

Title	Credit	GLH	Equivalent
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma	180	1080	3 A levels
BTEC Level 3 Diploma	120	720	2 A levels
BTEC Level 3 90-credit Diploma	90	540	1.5 A levels
BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	60	360	1 A level
BTEC Level 3 Certificate	30	180	0.5 A level

Any questions?

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