


BTEC

**MEETING FOR
PARENTS, CARERS & STUDENTS**

FEBRUARY 2018



Purpose of the meeting:

- **Answer key questions with regards to progression**
 - **Outline key procedures relating specifically to BTEC qualification**
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What does BTEC stand for?

BTEC stands for '**Business and Technology Education Council**', which used to run the award, first introduced in 1984.

BTECs are now awarded by Pearson (Edexcel) exam board and are taken in more than 100 countries at all levels, from pre-GCSE to Degree equivalent.

UCAS tariff points

A level	UCAS	BTEC 2 A level equivalent	UCAS
A*	56	D*D*	112 (56)
		D*D	104 (52)
A	48	DD	96 (48)
B	40	DM	80 (40)
C	32	MM	64 (32)
D	24	MP	48 (24)
E	16	PP	32 (16)

Destinations ...

Level 4 Apprenticeships *(including accountancy firms)*
Employment *(including Santander)*

Lancaster University	-	Marketing
Leeds University	-	Digital Media
Liverpool University	-	International Business (with a year industry)
Manchester University	-	Business Management
Manchester University	-	International Management with American Business Studies
Salford University	-	Television and Radio
York University	-	Interactive Media

Increased popularity of BTEC

- The number of students gaining a place in higher education with a vocational qualification is at its highest level on record, with more than a quarter of last year's successful applicants holding a BTEC, according to UCAS figures.
- A report by the admissions service, published January 2016 found that 26% of English students who gained a place at a UK higher education institution in 2015 had a BTEC qualification. The figure has been rising every year since 2008, when it was 14%

(26 January 2016 – TES)

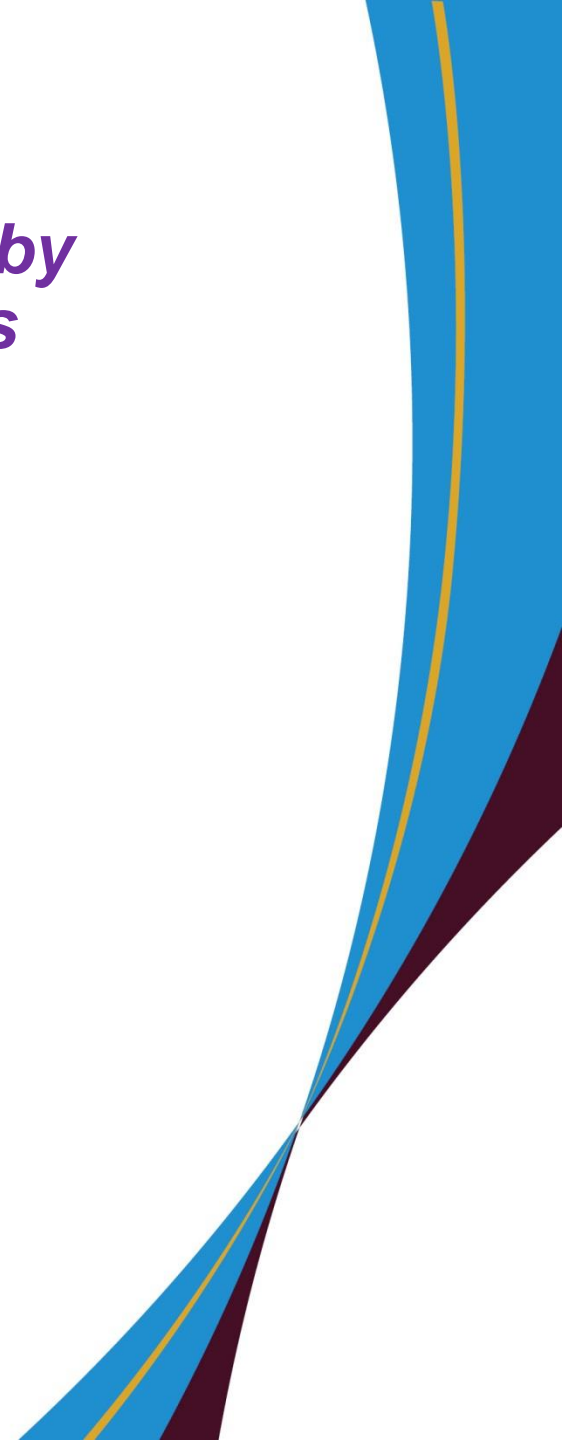
Skills developed

The following skills were highlighted by students who took part in BTEC focus group:

- **organisational skills**
- **independence**
- **reflective learning**
- **time management**

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- **analytical skills**
- **research skills**



Integrity of the qualification

Quality assurance visit once a year:

- *Documentation*
- *Assignment timelines*
- *Assignment briefs (internally verified)*
- *Programmes of study*

Standards verification:

- *All ability levels verified*
- *Marked work verified*

External Component (approx 50%)

Year 12

At least a pass grade is required in the externally assessed component / exam to achieve the qualification

Official documentation states ONE resit opportunity available.

Late changes to arrangements for current Y13 only – TWO resits available.

Key Policies

Plagiarism / Malpractice

Strict guidelines are in place which include the need for teachers to report plagiarism and malpractice. In BTEC terms the definition of plagiarism / malpractice includes: copying from others, passing on computer password, USB to others.

- **Stage 1**
re-do under controlled conditions
- **Stage 2**
meeting with Quality Nominee and subject teacher redo for third and final time – capped at PASS OR FAIL

Stage 3
further concerns – contact EDEXCEL – FAIL for the piece of work or removed from the course

Parents/ carers informed along the way and report filed – to be checked at Quality Assurance annual visit.

FAILURE TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE BY THE CENTRE PUTS ALL BTEC QUALIFICATIONS AT THE CENTRE AT RISK.

Key Policies

Assessment

- Timeline for completion of assignments – has to be prepared at the start of the course
- Forwarded to the Standards Verifier
- Students work independently – general but not specific feedback allowed at this stage – e.g. topic coverage needs extending but exactly what and how to do it – not allowed
- One resubmission of work is allowed per assignment but only if, amongst other criteria – strict times lines have been adhered to, i.e.

WORK HAS BEEN HANDED IN ON TIME

Assessment deadlines must be published to students and sufficient time allowed for them to complete work.