

Post-16 Options

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You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays. You must then choose whether to:

- stay in full-time education - for example at school, sixth form college, further education college or [University Technical College \(UTC\)](#)
- start an apprenticeship or traineeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering while also doing part-time education or training

Post-16 Qualifications

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	<u>International Baccalaureate</u> <input type="button" value="+"/>	<u>Vocational Level 3 - e.g. BTEC, OCR, City and Guilds, Diploma</u> <input type="button" value="+"/>	<u>NVQ Level 3</u> <input type="button" value="+"/>
	<u>Open University Access Modules</u> <input type="button" value="+"/>		

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices>

A-levels

- Advanced-Level qualifications are the most popular choices for many pupils after their GCSEs. The grades/qualifications are awarded mainly after taking exams.
- They are academic qualification and form the entry criteria to many academic degrees offered by Universities.
- They are often natural extensions to the syllabus content of exam boards' GCSE specifications.
- A-Levels may be chosen on the basis of whether you liked the subject at GCSE. However, many A-Level such as Computing and Economics do not require a pupils to study the subject at GCSE to be accepted. Good grades in English and Maths GCSE are important.
- A-level courses chosen because they complement each other e.g. Psychology, English and Politics have a relevance to each other. These may be considered 'heavy' essay-based subjects so may be avoided.
- Some universities accepts student with a-Levels based on their UCAS points irrespective of the A-Level subject while others like Medicine require specific Science A-Levels.

A-Level Subjects

Ten most popular A-Level subjects in 2021, by gender
(Change from 2017 shown in brackets)

Female students

Subject	Rank
Psychology	1 (=)
Biology	2 (=)
Mathematics	3 (=)
Sociology	4 (+2)
Chemistry	5 (+3)
Art & Design subjects	6 (-1)
English Literature	7 (-3)
History	8 (-1)
Geography	9 (=)
Business Studies	10 (+3)

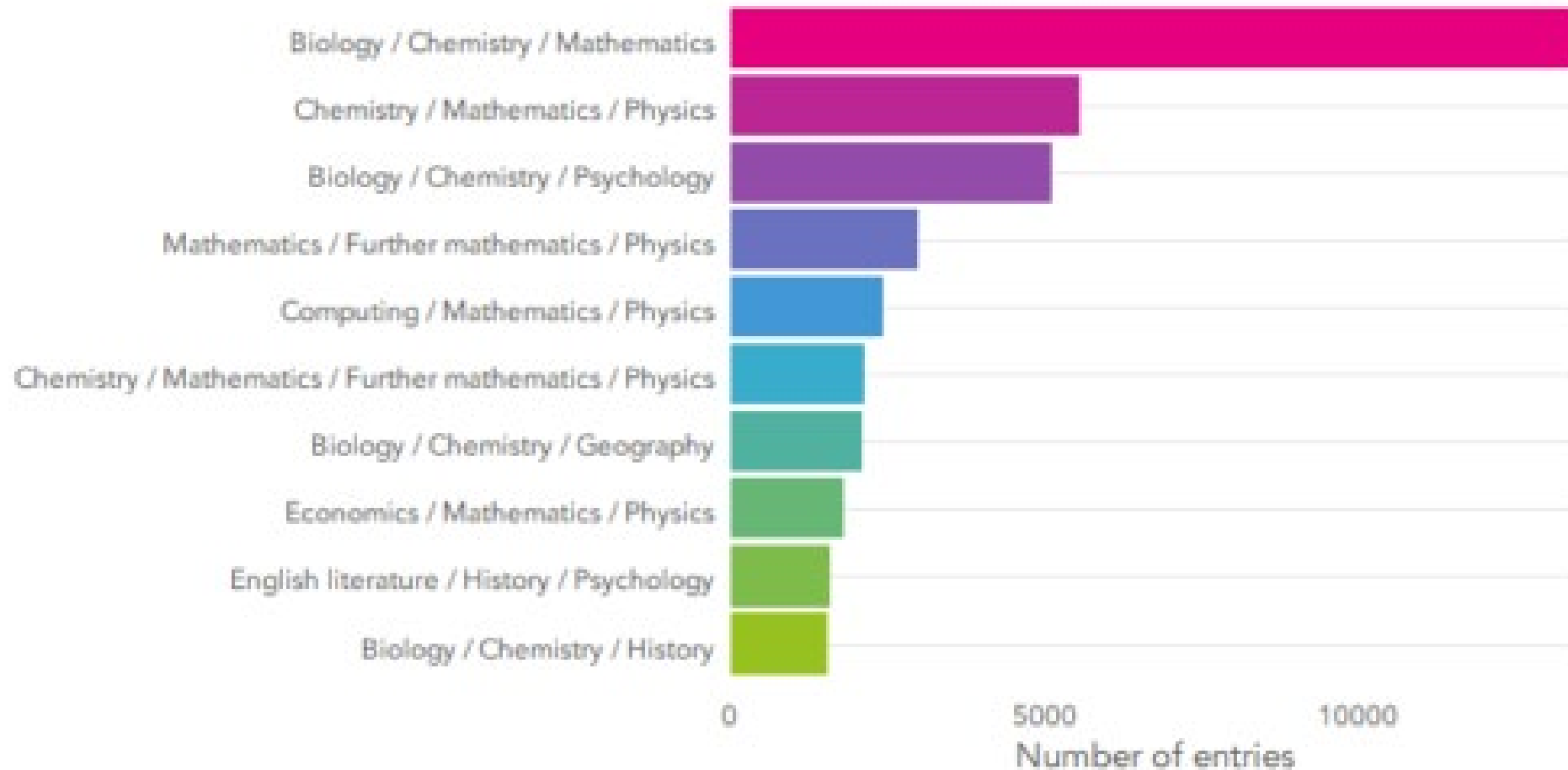
Male students

Subject	Rank
Mathematics	1 (=)
Physics	2 (=)
Chemistry	3 (=)
Biology	4 (=)
Economics	5 (+1)
Business Studies	6 (+2)
History	7 (-2)
Psychology	8 (+1)
Geography	9 (-2)
Computer Science	10 (+6)

A-Level Subjects

Popular A-Level subject combinations, 2019

All students in England who took at least three A-Levels



Applied General Qualifications Btecs

- A Btec, or 'Business and Technology Education Council' (the name of the body which originally oversaw it) is a career-focused, practical, vocational qualification. It can be studied at school/6th Form.
- Btecs are qualifications where 'hands on' practical experience is required to complete the course units – the courses require you to complete tasks and practical assignments and problem solve though there will be written assignments or courseworks/reports to present your work through the course. Some tests rather than final exams may be taken.
- Btecs at Level 3 Nationals have different grades to A-Levels such as Merits and Distinctions – many universities accept Btecs as alternatives to A-Levels and over 25% of students starting University have one Btec.

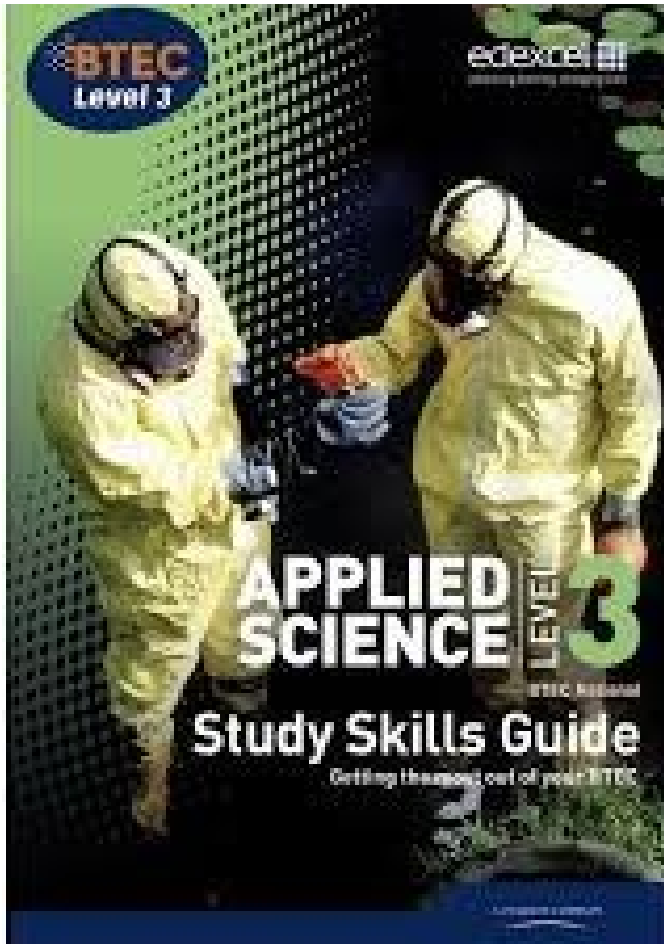
Btecs

- You will need to check what Btecs the school offers as there will be fewer courses available at 6th Form than A-Level choices.
- Different colleges and 6th Form providers will offer different Btec courses at Level 3
 - A BTEC level 3 National Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to three A levels
 - A BTEC level 3 National Diploma, which is equivalent to two A levels
 - A BTEC level 3 National Extended Certificate, which is equivalent to one A level.

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| <input type="radio"/> Construction | <input type="radio"/> Creatives |
| <input type="radio"/> Early Years | <input type="radio"/> Engineering |
| <input type="radio"/> Esports | <input type="radio"/> Health and Social Care |
| <input type="radio"/> Hospitality | <input type="radio"/> IT and Computing |
| <input type="radio"/> Land-Based | <input type="radio"/> Sport |
| <input type="radio"/> Travel and Tourism | <input type="radio"/> Uniformed Protective Services |

For a more detailed list of Btec Level 3 Nationals paste the link:
<https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/a-level-choices/1033932-what-are-btecs#:~:text=BTEC%20Nationals%20are%20equivalent%20to,4%20or%20level%205%20qualifications.>

Btecs



BTEC grades explained

You'll be awarded one of the following grades when you complete a BTEC level 3 qualification:

- D* - starred distinction
- D – distinction
- M – merit
- P – pass.

Extended Diploma

- Max UCAS points 168 (grades D*D*D*) – equivalent to three A*s at A level
- Min UCAS points 48 (grades PPP) – equivalent to three Es at A level.

Diploma

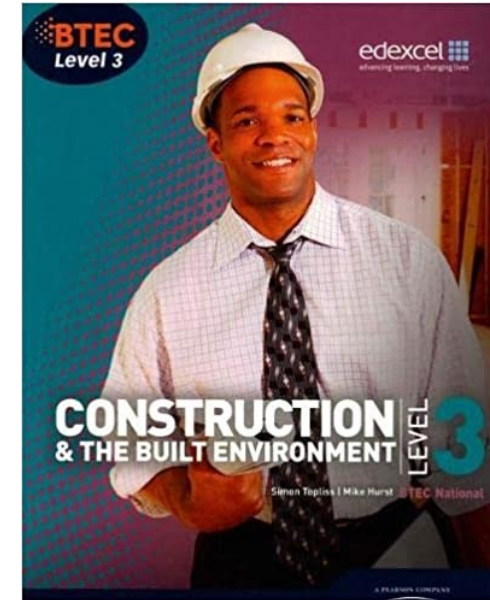
- Max UCAS points 112 (grades D*D*) – equivalent to two A*s at A level
- Min UCAS points 32 (grades PP) – equivalent to two Es at A level.

Extended Certificate

- Max UCAS points 56 (grade D*) – equivalent to an A* at A level
- Min UCAS points 16 (grade P) – equivalent to an E at A level.

Btecs – Level 3 Example - Construction

- This BTEC Level 3 Construction and the Built Environment course aims to provide an understanding of the construction industry including health and safety, maths, science and materials, estimating and surveying.
- **Course content**
- On this BTEC Level 3 Construction and the Built Environment course you will study:
- The underpinning mathematics and science related to construction,
- The design of construction and how to communicate your design in drawings and specifications
- How to carry out site surveys to produce drawings and sections
- How to interpret design information and ensure the construction works are positioned correctly



Btecs – Level 3 Example - Hospitality

In the Hospitality Btec you will learn about running events such as music festivals as well as hotel and restaurant management and learn skills of customer service, marketing and event planning.



Course Content

Hospitality is an exciting and growing industry and offers a wide range of employment opportunities. Students learn about the Hospitality Industry and its different sectors and what makes Hospitality businesses successful. Core and optional units covered include:

Marketing

Customer Service

Food and Drink Services

Event Planning

Front Office Operation

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

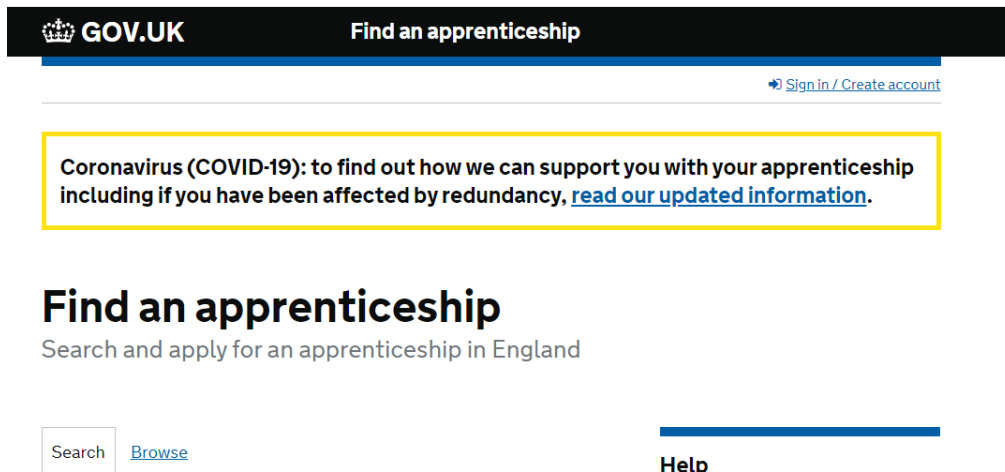


Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeships are when you work with an employer as an employee while you study part-time to gain a vocational qualification.
- A Level 3, or Advanced apprenticeship, is the equivalent of achieving two good A-Level passes.
- A Level 3 apprentice you'll be working full-time with an employer while getting the chance to study for qualifications with a training provider or college. This can include achieving knowledge-based qualifications relevant to your sector and job such as a level 3 NVQ or BTEC.
- A wide range of employers in various sectors from accountants to theatres will offer the Apprenticeship route.

Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeships at Level 3 are available and advertised by employers all year round. Local employers such as a building firm will offer the apprenticeship with day release to study the industry at college.
- Apprenticeship vacancies are advertised on the government website as well as other employer vacancies sites. Apprenticeships have the advantage of you gaining practical experience at work, avoiding student loan debt and gaining a qualification – the minimum apprenticeship wage, however, is only £4.81 an hour



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface for finding apprenticeships. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the GOV.UK logo and the text 'Find an apprenticeship'. Below the header, there is a link for 'Sign in / Create account'. A yellow-bordered box contains a message about COVID-19 support. The main heading is 'Find an apprenticeship' with the subtext 'Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England'. At the bottom, there are search and browse buttons, and a 'Help' link.

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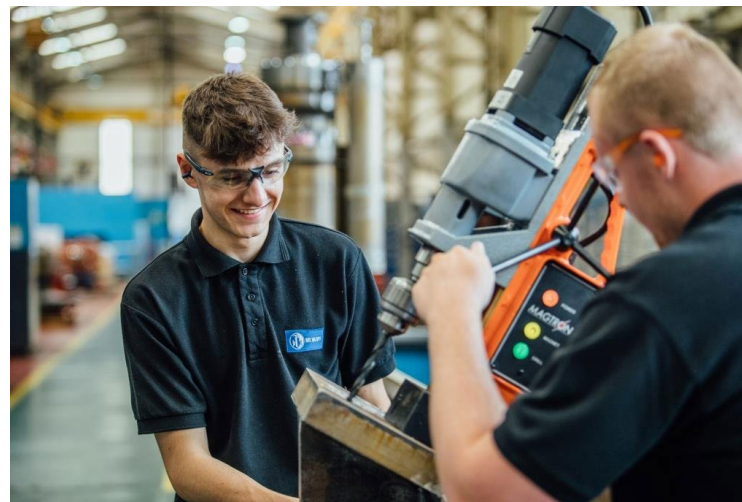
Coronavirus (COVID-19): to find out how we can support you with your apprenticeship including if you have been affected by redundancy, [read our updated information](#).

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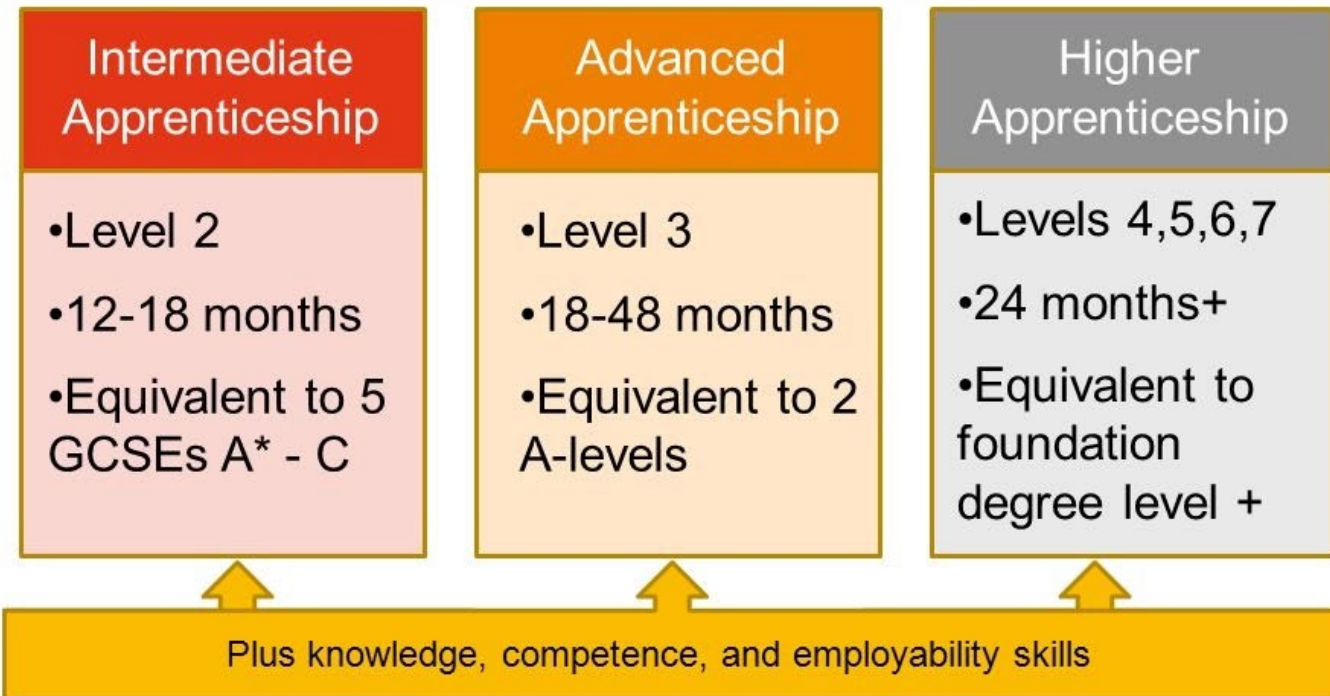
Apprenticeships

- Advanced Apprenticeship – Level 3

Level of Apprenticeships



Different levels of Apprenticeship available



Finance Apprentice

- 📍 City of London (EC2V), [City of London](#)
- £ £25,000 per annum
- 🏠 [MultiVerse \(View profile\)](#)
- 📌 Advanced apprenticeships
- 🕒 Recently

Training provided

Digital Business Accelerator Level 3

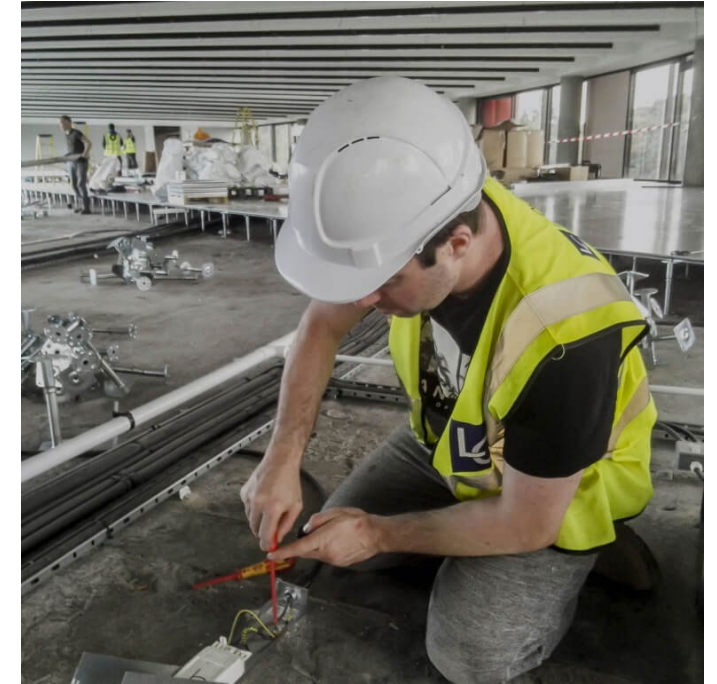
Being a Multiverse apprentice means access to awesome social events, sports teams, insight/career days with other apprentices to grow your network, as well as your own personal coach who will guide you through the qualification and help you achieve your full potential.

Technical Qualifications - NVQs

- National Vocational Qualifications
- NVQ stands for national vocational qualification. Each one includes practical work-related tasks. They're available in more than 1,000 subjects ranging from plumbing to hairdressing.
- You might need to complete a Level 2 NVQ before starting a Level 3 programme.
- NVQs test your abilities in the workplace. You'll complete training and the following assessment to prove you can do certain work-related tasks:
- **Portfolio assessment** – where you build up evidence of what you've done at work.
- **Observation** – where an assessor watches you work and checks that you can do the required tasks.

Technical Qualifications - NVQs

- NVQs don't have to be completed in a specific amount of time, but most people find it takes about a year to complete an NVQ Level 1, 2, or 3.
- They can be taken by full-time employees or by school and college students who have a work placement or part-time job that enables them to develop the appropriate skills.



T-Levels

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

- Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. You'll combine classroom learning with real work placements. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.
- Duration last two-years and allow at least 45 days on industry placement
- T Levels are ideal if you have finished your GCSEs and want the knowledge and experience to get straight into employment, an apprenticeship or higher education.
- You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge companies look for. Courses range from Cyber Security to Wildlife Management.

What T-Levels are being offered

What T levels are being offered?

The T levels that are currently available are:

- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- Design, surveying and planning for Construction
- On site Construction
- Digital Production, design and Development
- Digital Business Services
- Digital Support Services
- Education and Childcare
- Health
- Health Science
- Science

T-Levels will be taught at selected centres
(schools/colleges).

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>

These T levels are available from September 2022:

- Accounting
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
- Finance
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Management and Administration

The following T-Levels will be available from September 2023:

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management
- Catering
- Craft and Design
- Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy
- Media, Broadcast and Production
- Legal Services

International Baccalaureate

- International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes have an emphasis on students' personal development as well as on academic rigour. There are different IB programmes for young people aged 3 to 19, but the original and most popular IB qualification in the UK is the **Diploma Programme (DP)** for students aged 16-19.

Groups, subjects and courses

There are six subject Groups, each containing a number of courses from which you choose your preferred subjects. The Groups are as follows:

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

Group 2: Language Acquisition

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Group 5: Mathematics

An IB score of 38 points out of a maximum of 45 is equivalent to **five A grades at A-level**. A score of 30 IB points reflects three and a half A's at A level, which is enough to gain admission to most good universities in the UK

The International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma programme

This is an academically challenging programme with final examinations that prepare students for university and working life. You choose one subject from each of five groups – including two languages, social sciences, experimental sciences, and mathematics. You also choose either an arts subject from a sixth group, or another subject from groups one to five.

The programme includes:

- **an extended essay** based on your own research and in-depth study, focused on one of the subjects you are studying
- **theory of knowledge** focusing on critical thinking and learning across your chosen subjects
- **creativity, action, service** enhances students' personal and interpersonal development – combining a range of activities alongside academic study to engage in the arts and creative thinking, physical activity, and service in the community



The IB career-related certificate

This allows you to study between two and four academic courses, to learn skills through a vocational qualification (a more practical, 'hands-on' course), and gives you the chance to do a project in an area of interest.

- The programme and career-related studies enable you to go on to higher education, an internship or apprenticeship, or a job in your chosen sector or field of interest.
- You can take up a challenging programme of study that genuinely interests you, while gaining transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement.

Cambridge Technicals

- Cambridge Technicals are vocational qualifications offered by Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations in the United Kingdom
- Cambridge Technicals are vocational qualifications at **Level 2** and **Level 3** for **students aged 16+**. They're designed with **the workplace in mind** and provide a high-quality alternative to A Levels with a great range of subjects to choose from.

<https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-technicals/>

Current qualifications

Applied Science Level 3

Business Level 3

Digital Media Level 3

Engineering Level 3

Health and Social Care Level 3

Information Technology Level 3

Performing Arts Level 3

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3



An extensive range of centre assessed units with practical and wider project-based assessment opportunities, as well as examined units on media products and audiences, pre-production and planning, social media and globalisation, and research for product development has resulted in focused qualifications.

City & Guilds Qualifications



- City & Guilds **Level 3** Diplomas are designed to support progression to employment, higher/advanced apprenticeships, or higher education. Progression to higher education is generally within the vocational area of the qualification and may be to a foundation degree.



Qualifications in a wide range of public and private industry employment areas:

- Adult & Child Care
- Business & Customer Service
- Construction & BSE
- Digital
- Engineering & Transport
- Hair
- Health
- Hospitality & Catering
- Leadership & Management

UCAS Points for Vocational Qualifications

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BTEC National Extended Diploma	UCAS Points	BTEC National Diploma	UCAS Points	BTEC National Extended Certificate	UCAS Points	T Levels	UCAS Points
D*D*D*	168	D*D*	112	D*	56	D*	168
D*D*D	160	D*D	104	D	48	D	144
D*DD	144	DD	96		40	M	120
DDM	128	DM	80	M	32	Pass (C or above on core)	96
DMM	112	MM	64		24	Pass (D or E on core)	72
MMM	96	MP	48	P	16		
		PP	32				