



BEAL HIGH SCHOOL

ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION TO A LEVEL
LEVEL 3 BTEC

2019 - 2020





BEAL SIXTH FORM

Why choose BTEC qualifications?

- BTEC Qualifications are recognised and accepted by over 150 universities, either on their own or in combination with other A-levels
- 62% of large companies have recruited employees with BTEC qualifications (source: YouGov)
- BTEC courses formally assess pupils over a wide range of skills required by employers: report-writing, essay-writing, research, group work, meeting deadlines, presentation, practicals and projects involving planning, delivery and evaluation
- Reduced exam pressure
- Students are formally assessed throughout the year as opposed to just at the end of the year
- Resubmission opportunity to improve coursework grades if required
- Retake opportunity to improve exam grades if required



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Entry to fantastic university degrees with BTEC (source: UCAS, 2012):

Degree subject	Learners	%
(C6) Sport & exercise science	5892	9.8%
(W2) Design studies	3862	6.4%
(N1) Business studies	3829	6.4%
(I1) Computer science	3490	5.8%
(B7) Nursing	2651	4.4%
Engineering (total)	2292	3.8%
(W4) Drama	2036	3.4%
(P3) Media studies	1880	3.1%
(N8) Hospitality, leisure, sport, tourism & transport	1815	3.0%
(W6) Cinematics & photography	1651	2.7%
(W3) Music	1575	2.6%
(L3) Sociology	1569	2.6%
(N2) Management studies	1561	2.6%
(X3) Academic studies in education	1529	2.5%
(C8) Psychology	1526	2.5%
(L5) Social work	1352	2.2%
(X1) Training teachers	1252	2.1%
(N4) Accounting	1202	2.0%
(N5) Marketing	1061	1.8%
(I2) Information systems	926	1.5%

I. Level 3 BTEC 2018

- Internal Assessment:** Up to 60% Coursework
- External Assessment:** Exam up to 40%
- Formally Assessed Skills:** Presentation, research, essay, reporting, planning and delivery of projects within practical, real workplace contexts, as well as answering exam questions
- Assessment spread over two years**
- Resubmission of coursework, retake of exam**
- Grading:** Distinction*, Distinction, Merit, Pass, U

II. A-level 2018

- Internal Assessment:** None
- External Assessment:** 100%
- Formally Assessed Skills:** Answering exam questions
- Assessment only at the end of 2 years**
- No retake of exams**
- Grading:** A*-E, U



At a Glance: BTEC and A-level

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Brilliant mathematician, not the greatest scientist, but want to work in the competitive fields of Science?

□ A-level Maths in combination with BTEC Applied Science or Sport has seen Beal pupils go into university degrees such as Optometry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Engineering!

Want to focus on mainly one or two A-levels because it links directly to your desired field of university study, but need other subjects to satisfy Sixth Form and UCAS requirements?

□ BTEC subjects make excellent 'fillers' because they're worth the same as A-levels in terms of UCAS points, but they're likely to be easier to achieve because of a resubmission opportunity in coursework and retake opportunity in exam, unlike A-level. This strategy has proven successful for pupils taking, among others, A-level Business, Economics, IT, Psychology, Sociology, Maths

How have BTEC pupils fared at university?

□ Close to a quarter of pupils who entered university in 2014-15 were BTEC pupils. In 2008, this was only just over a tenth of pupils!

□ Nearly half of BTEC students achieve a 1st or 2:1 at university (source: Pearson)

□ "Recent figures from UCAS show that the number of A-level students achieving grades ABB (the average grades you need to get into the top ranked universities) has fallen by 2,500 over the last year, but the number of BTEC students achieving the equivalent has gone up by 16%." (source: The Guardian, 21 July 2015)

BTEC Offers at Beal Sixth Form

- Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
- Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology
- Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport
- Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business
- Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment
- Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science

Please see the Prospectus for more information

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