

# INTRODUCTION TO YOUR BTEC NATIONAL

# WHAT IS MY BTEC?

- BTEC'S ARE VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR YOU.
- THEY PROVIDE A ROUTE TO HIGHER STUDY WHILST DEVELOPING KEY SKILLS FOR THOSE LOOKING TO GO INTO THE WORKPLACE
- EACH BTEC IS SPLIT INTO SEPARATE UNITS WHICH WILL ENABLE YOU TO ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE EXISTING ONES.
- YOUR BTEC CAN INCREASE AND DECREASE IN SIZE BASED ON YOUR REQUIREMENTS AS A STUDENT



## HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO AN A-LEVEL?

| Name                 | Number of Units                        | Learning Hours | A-Level Equivalent |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Certificate          | 2 Mandatory Units                      | 180            | AS Level           |
| Extended Certificate | 3 Mandatory Units & 1 Free Choice Unit | 360            | A Level            |
| Foundation Diploma   | 4 Mandatory & 2 Free Choice Units      | 510            | 1.5 A Level        |
| Diploma              | 6 Mandatory & 2 Free Choice Units      | 720            | 2 A Level          |
| Extended Diploma     | 7 Mandatory & 6 Free Choice Units      | 1080           | 3 A Level          |
|                      |                                        |                |                    |

CHECK YOUR SUBJECT HANDBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS

# HOW AM I ASSESSED?

- BTECS HAVE A RANGE OF ASSESSMENTS.

| Types       | Set and marked by                   | Format                                                                                                                                                                 | Tasks demonstrate                                                                      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assignments | Your Teacher<br>Verified by Pearson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical tasks</li><li>• Work-related scenarios</li></ul>                                                                     | Application of knowledge and skills<br>Individually or in teams                        |
| Tasks       | Pearson External Markers            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical tasks</li><li>• Everyday scenarios</li><li>• Controlled conditions</li><li>• Some pre-released information</li></ul> | Application of learning to common workplace or HE scenarios                            |
| Exams       | Pearson External Examiners          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical questions</li><li>• Written responses</li><li>• Controlled conditions</li></ul>                                      | Confidence with recalling and applying technical information and fundamental knowledge |



# HOW MANY EXAMS WILL I HAVE?

| Name                 | Internal Assessment Units | External Task Units | Examination Units |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Certificate          | 1 Unit                    | 1 Unit              | None              |
| Extended Certificate | 2 Units                   | 1 Unit              | 1 Unit            |
| Foundation Diploma   | 4 Units                   | 1 Unit              | 1 Unit            |
| Diploma              | 5 Units                   | 2 Units             | 1 Unit            |
| Extended Diploma     | 9 Units                   | 3 Units             | 1 Unit            |
|                      |                           |                     |                   |

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# HOW AM I GRADED?

| Unit Grade | Points | Notes                                              |
|------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------|
| D          | 32     |                                                    |
| M          | 20     |                                                    |
| P          | 12     |                                                    |
| N          | 8      | Only on externally marked units                    |
| U          | 0      | Any U's mean that you won't be able to Certificate |

| Qualification Grade | Cert | Extended cert | Foundation Dip |
|---------------------|------|---------------|----------------|
| D*                  | 48   | 90            | 130            |
| D                   | 42   | 74            | 104            |
| M                   | 26   | 52            | 73             |
| P                   | 18   | 36            | 51             |
| N                   | 0    | 0             | 0              |
| U                   | 0    | 0             | 0              |

For Diploma and Extended Diploma please check your Student Handbook

# WHAT UCAS POINTS WILL I GET?

BTEC Certificate

| Grade | Current Tariff | New Tariff |
|-------|----------------|------------|
| D*    | 70             | 28         |
| D     | 60             | 24         |
| M     | 40             | 16         |
| P     | 20             | 8          |

BTEC Extended Certificate

| Grade | Current Tariff | New Tariff |
|-------|----------------|------------|
| D*    | 140            | 56         |
| D     | 120            | 48         |
| M     | 80             | 32         |
| P     | 40             | 16         |

BTEC Foundation Diploma

| Grade | Current Tariff | New Tariff |
|-------|----------------|------------|
| D*    | 210            | 84         |
| D     | 180            | 72         |
| M     | 120            | 48         |
| P     | 60             | 24         |



# SOME CLEAR RULES

- **PLAGERISM & MALPRACTICE**- MALPRACTICE MEANS ACTS THAT UNDERMINE THE INTEGRITY AND VALIDITY OF ASSESSMENT, THE CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS
- **PROCESS**
- 1) MEETING WITH PARENTS TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE.... TO DO IT AGAIN WOULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
- 2) 1 WEEK EXTENDED DAYS - 8-4.
- 3) STUDENT MUST RESUBMIT THE WORK

YOUR HANDBOOK WILL HAVE A DETAILED POLICY