

Vocational Qualifications

BTEC, Technical and AAQ qualifications

These provide a broad study of a vocational area and are recognised by Higher Education Institutions.

Alternative Academic Qualifications, BTEC's and technical qualifications will contain a more practical elements within the course and are assessed both externally by written examinations and internally by the teacher.

These qualifications include Applied Science, Business, ICT, Health and Social Care and Sport.

They can be taken alongside A levels or other vocational qualifications; however, AAQ's must be taken with 2 A levels and not another vocational qualification.

Where can they lead?

Vocational qualifications can lead to a job or further study. For example, students could progress from a qualification at one level, to a higher level in the same or a related area of study.

This could eventually lead to professional qualifications.

Students could also use a Level 3 qualification as a route into higher education or an apprenticeship

How are they assessed?

Students will be assessed by the teacher. Depending on the qualification chosen, some assessment may also be done by external examiners.

Students will complete a range of assignments, case studies and practical activities, as well as a portfolio of evidence that shows the work that has been completed.

Grades

Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*