



## **BTEC Level 1 Award**

### **Why study BTEC Level 1 Award?**

Foundation Learning is designed to give students the opportunity to explore and study a vocational area of their choice which will broaden their knowledge and skills. The intention of the qualification is to provide students with the opportunity to develop personal skills and attributes. Using the skills studied students develop confidence in their ability to work, learn and achieve their full potential.

### **What are the Subject Choices?**

#### **Construction**

##### **What does the course involve?**

Students will compile a portfolio of written and practical evidence to demonstrate competence. This is a work related qualification that is designed to provide a motivating programme of study addressing the key areas of knowledge, understanding and skills required for learners contemplating a career within the construction industry, including the key issues of sustainability and health, safety and welfare.

The course can cover the following units:

- Structure of the construction industry
- Exploring health, safety and welfare in construction
- Sustainability in the construction industry
- Exploring carpentry and joinery
- Performing carpentry and joinery operations
- Exploring painting and decorating
- Exploring building services techniques in construction
- Performing building maintenance tasks

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing' and learners will complete a defined number of practical tasks and written assignments to achieve this award.

#### **Health and Social Care**

##### **What does the course involve?**

Study Health & Social Care and learn how to support the elderly, children, and those with disabilities and learning difficulties. There are both practical and theoretical lessons, where you will cover issues such as:

- Health needs of individuals
- Communication skills in health and social care
- Preparing for and taking part in a work experience placement
- Job opportunities in health and social care

There are various methods of study on this course that include: classroom sessions, project work, discussion, groups, practical work experience placements and visits.

#### **Sport and Active Leisure**

##### **What does the course involve?**

Level 1 Sport and Active Leisure is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for success in employment in the health & fitness, leisure and sports sectors.

The course comprises ten units over two years. The subjects you will study are: Job Opportunities in Sport & Active Leisure - An investigation of jobs and organisations in the sport and leisure industries. Working in the Sport & Active Leisure - Gain an understanding of what it is like to start work. How the Body Works - You will find out more about the body and how fitness and lifestyle can affect it.

All units consist of a set of formal assessment tasks/assignments. The range of tasks will include:

- Experimental reports
- Investigative research
- Practical assessments
- Individual and group presentations

**What else does the Level 1 Award involve?**

### **The Prince's Trust**

#### **Level 1 Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills**

Along with choosing an area to study, students will undertake the Prince's Trust Achieve Programme. This is a flexible provision which helps young people of school age reach their potential, both in education and in their future employment. The programme is designed to help students develop important character skills through relevant, engaging and informal learning. It will connect young people with the world of work and equip them with the transferrable skills and knowledge they need to succeed, focusing on their area of strengths. All students get the opportunity for to try out new activities, boost your confidence and gain a recognized qualification.

As part of the programme, you will explore the following:

**Personal and social development:** By working in small groups, you'll be able to meet new people and make new friends

**Life skills:** Through fun and interactive sessions, you'll learn how to manage money, be healthy and stay safe

**Active citizenship:** You'll work as part of a team to make a difference to your local community.

**Enterprise project:** This is a Dragons' Den style challenge. Ready to put your entrepreneurial skills to the test?

**Preparation for work:** Create a top CV, practice for future interviews and explore your skills and talents

**Work Experience:** Attend a work experience placement for a week, at a place of your choosing.

Learners can:

- Choose bite-sized chunks of learning that suits their strengths
- Develop their achievements at their own pace and in different learning contexts
- Combine learning to help achieve their goals

- Have their achievements recorded centrally to remain with them throughout their learning and working life

**How will Level 1 BTEC (QCF) qualifications be assessed?**

All Level 1 BTEC (QCF) qualifications units are internally assessed, with the exception of the Prince's Trust which is externally moderated by Prince's Trust Qualifications. The qualifications are criterion referenced, based on the achievement of all the specified learning outcomes. Each unit within the qualification has specified assessment criteria which must be used.

To achieve a 'pass' a learner must have satisfied **all** the assessment criteria.

**What are my progression routes?**

Students that complete the BTEC Level 1 Award would be able to progress into Post 16 education and study appropriate Level 2 courses.