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

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Along with choosing an area to study, students will undertake the Princes 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 tip-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 suites 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.