

# Info sheet: BTEC Diplomas (Level 3) / Cambridge Technical Diplomas

These vocational qualifications are work-related qualifications suitable for a wide range of learners, built to accommodate the needs of employers and allow progression to university. They provide a more practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a key theoretical background.

## What can I study?

- A wide range of subjects including I.T., Sport, Fashion, Art, Public Services, Health & Social Care, Travel & Tourism, Construction etc.
- You may be able to add an A-level or GCSE to your programme too.

## What will I be doing?

- Researching and reading
- Writing reports
- Presentations and discussions
- Projects and group work
- Work experience
- And lots of course work (but no exams or smaller ones)!!!

## What grades do I need?

- Entry requirements vary per college, but in general, it's five GCSEs grade 9 - 4 (including English and Maths).
- Or a BTEC Level 2 Diploma (At merit level)
- You can find entry requirements for specific courses in the colleges' prospectuses

## How will I study?

- A set number of units over 2 years
- You can also opt to study more units over two years to obtain an Extended Diploma
- Mixture of academic and practical work
- They are assessed by coursework that is graded as Pass, Merit, or Distinction.

## What skills do I need?

- Ability to organise your own work
- Time management/ability to meet deadlines
- Self-motivation
- Study skills
- Strong interest in your chosen vocational area

## What can I do?

- Level 3 Diploma/Extended Certificate = 1 x A-levels
- Level 3 BTEC Diploma/Cambridge Tech Diploma = 2 x A levels
- Level 3 Extended Diploma = 3 x A levels
- Can lead to an apprenticeship/employment in your chosen career area
- Recognised by universities – can lead to a degree course in your chosen area (see UCAS tariff below).

## UCAS points comparison

BTEC Diploma / OCR Cambridge Technical			
Grade	Tariff	Grade	Tariff
Extended Dip.		Diploma	
D*D*D*	168	D*D*	112
D*D*D	160	D*D	104
D*DD	152	DD	96
DDD	144	DM	80
DDM	128	MM	64
DMM	112	MP	48
MMM	96	PP	32
MMP	80		
MPP	64		

GCE A-Levels	
Grade	Tariff
Per A-levels	
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Other BTEC Options	Equivalent to
BTEC Extended Certificate / L3 Diploma	One A-Level

BTEC /Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma D\*D\*D\* = 3 A Levels grade A\*

