



ESF Applied Learning Pathways

What is applied learning?

- Focused on vocational and experiential learning
- Suitable for students who want to specialise or focus on one or two subject areas such as Art, Sport, Performing Arts, Engineering and Product Design.
- Courses are career orientated and are designed to allow students to have an alternative pathway to university entry or employment
- Based on coursework modules and ongoing assessment rather than examinations

BTEC Qualification Overview

- BTEC means Business And Technology Education Council, a form of education qualification in UK
- Delivered by Edexcel Examination Board who also delivers IGCSE and GCSE. It is also one of the major A level examination boards in the UK
- Qualification come in different levels. ESF offers Level 3 qualification. They are equivalent to GCE A Levels, and carry the same UCAS points for students applying to UK universities.

How BTECs are delivered and assessed

- Each BTEC is made up of a number of units.
- Each BTEC qualification is credit-based. 1 credit equates to 10 hours learning time.
- Units are assessed by the teachers and are in a variety of formats.
- Assessment is through course work and continual assessment. Each unit is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. Units are awarded points to reach the overall grade (Pass=6 points, Merit=12, Distinction=18)
- An external verifier checks the assessment process twice a year.

UCAS Points

BTEC Grade	A-Level Equivalent	UCAS Points
Distinction	A	120
Merit	C	80
Pass	E	40

University Choices

University Course	Points Required	BTEC Equivalent
Sports Management at Loughborough University	360	D D D
Business & Marketing at Westminster University	280	D M M
Computer Games Design at Southampton Solent	120	P P P

Applied Learning courses on offer across ESF schools

- **BTEC extended national diploma** - many students will take the BTEC national diploma and enrich it to achieve the **International Diploma** with three additional courses: Extended Project Qualification, WorkSkills Plus and Global Development. They can be studied as stand-alone courses.
- **International Diploma Career Certificate** - BTEC Level 3 combined with IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC). Students will need to qualify for a second language as well as one other IB subject, and do an extended project. This programme has a core that includes Community and Service activities and a reflective project based on BTEC subjects.

Applied Learning programmes on offer in each school

West Island School

Courses and levels	Subject
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Art
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Business
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Engineering
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma	Sport
Global Perspectives	
Work Skills	
BTEC L2	Science
BTEC L2	Engineering

Students can take one of these options at Award Level (one A Level equivalent) and the second at Certificate Level (two A Levels equivalent) for a three A Level equivalent package.

Island School

Courses and levels	Subject
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma	Digital Media
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma	Performing Arts
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma	Travel and Tourism
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma	Sport
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Business
GCE A Level Food Technology	
Work Skills	
L2 BTEC	Travel and Tourism

Students can take up to three of these courses at Award Level. Alternatively they can take one or two and add IB subjects to their options for a broad learning experience.

South Island School

Courses and levels	Subject
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Product Design
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Business
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Fashion
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Sport
BTEC L3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma	Media
Extended Project	
Global Perspectives	
Work Skills	
AS English	
AS Art	

Students can take one of these at Award Level and the second at Certificate Level. Alternatively they can add an IB subject to their package.

King George V School

Courses and levels

BTEC L3 Extended Diploma (ID)

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BTEC L3 Extended Diploma (ID)

Global Perspectives

Work Skills

Extended Diploma

Subject

Art & Design with Media optional units

Business with ICT optional units

Sports & Exercise

Performing Arts

Each of these courses is a full programme and the student will choose one. Many students will achieve the International Diploma which is the new Edexcel qualification and equivalent to 4.5 A-Levels. However, there are options for a range of outcomes in this programme.

Shatin College

Courses and levels	Subjects
BTEC L3 Diploma & Extended Diploma	Business with Product Design optional units

Shatin College and KGV

Courses and levels	Subject
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma	Business: Shared teaching
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma	Sport: Shared teaching
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma	Art: Shared teaching
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma	Performing Art: Shared teaching

Students may opt to do a Certificate programme that is composed of some IB subjects, including Mathematics and English AI at Standard Level or a combination of levels around a core of CAS, components of TOK and an Extended Project. These students will also take a module in Information and Communication Technology.

Students' Success in Applied Learning

BTEC Results (2011 & 2012)

Overview - All Students

64 students completed the BTEC National Awards or Certificates

% of National Awards	2012	2011
Distinction	54%	54%
Merit or above	81%	78%
Pass or above	97%	98%
Fail / Ungraded	3%	2%

% of National Certificates	2012	2011
Double Distinction	65%	50%
Distinction/Merit	78%	67%
Pass or above	100%	100%
Fail / Ungraded	0%	0%

BTEC National Awards - Level 3

These were attained in the following subjects: Art and Design, Business, Digital Media, Engineering, Fashion and Clothing, Performing Arts, Sport, Sport and Exercise Sciences, Travel and Tourism

2012	ESF				
	Distinction	Merit	Pass	U	Total
Total	55	28	16	3	102
	54%	27%	16%	3%	

2011	ESF				
	Distinction	Merit	Pass	U	Total
Total	35	16	13	1	65
	54%	25%	20%	2%	



BTEC National Certificate - Level 3

These were attained in the following subjects: Art and Design, Business, Engineering, Fashion and Clothing, Sport

2012	ESF					Total
	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	
Total	24	5	4	2	2	37
	65%	14%	11%	5%	5%	

Note: no student 'failed' or was 'ungraded' for the BTEC National Certificate.

2011	ESF					Total
	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	
Total	15	5	4	2	4	30
	50%	17%	13%	7%	13%	

UCAS Points	
Award (equivalent to 1 A-level)	
D= Distinction	120
M = Merit	80
P = Pass	40
Certificate (equivalent to 2 A-levels)	
DD = Double Distinction	240
DM = Distinction/Merit	200
MM = Double Merit	160
MP = Merit/Pass	120
PP = Double Passs	80

UCAS is a tariff used for university entrance in the UK that is highly acknowledged.

http://www.ucas.ac.uk/students/ucas_tariff/

Progression to Higher Education

Edexcel's team is working with universities in Canada, the USA and Australia to help them understand the BTEC National Diploma qualification as an equivalent to an A Level standard.

Our founder school for BTEC is WIS who started the BTEC in 2006/07. Progression into university has been excellent.

West Island School (WIS) Destinations 2010

BTEC course (and IB certificates) studied by student at WIS	University applied to	University location	University course applied	University course offer
BTEC National Certificate – Business + BTEC National Award - Engineering	Kingston University	UK	Marketing	280 UCAS points
BTEC National Certificate – Business + BTEC National Award - Sports	Kingston University	UK	Sports Analysis & Coaching	220 UCAS points
BTEC National Certificate - Business	Sheffield Hallam University	UK	Business Studies	240 UCAS points
BTEC National Certificate - Business	Sheffield Hallam	UK	Marketing	240 UCAS points
BTEC National Certificate – Art & Design + IB Design & Technology and Film Studies	Bournemouth University	UK	Computer Animation	160 UCAS points
BTEC National Certificate - Art & Design + Business Management Studies + Film Studies	London College of Fashion	UK	Fashion Design	BTEC National Certificate – Pass/Pass
BTEC National Certificate - Art & Design + IB French	London College of Fashion	UK	Fashion Design	BTEC National Certificate – Pass/Pass
BTEC National Certificate – Business + IB Biology	University of Dundee	UK	Environmental Sustainability	BTEC National Certificate – Distinction/Distinction
BTEC National Certificate – Art & Design + IB Mandarin and Business & Management Studies	University of the Arts	UK	Art & Design	BTEC National Certificate – Pass/Pass
BTEC National Certificate - Art & Design	University for Creative Arts	UK	Art & Design	BTEC National Certificate – Pass/Pass

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