

# Vocational programmes

Vocational programmes are courses that are directly related to a particular area of the world of work and can be ideal for students who have a good idea of a particular industry or area of work they would like to train for. These courses are very suited to students who prefer a more practical way of learning and training.

All the courses have progression routes onto the next level of learning, training, or directly into employment, and courses at level 3 (advanced) provide a very good progression route to university and Higher Education.

All the vocational programmes provide nationally recognised qualifications which include:

BTEC

CACHE - Childcare and Education

City and Guilds Foundation Award in Construction

EAL Performing Engineering Operations

Courses are available at three levels of learning

**Level 3** BTEC National Diplomas - equivalent to 3 A levels

CACHE Diploma in Childcare and Education equivalent to 3 A levels

OCR National Certificate for IT Professionals – equivalent to 1 A level

**Level 2** BTEC First Diplomas equivalent to 4 GCSEs grade A - C

CACHE certificate in Childcare and Education equivalent to 4 GCSEs grade A - C

**Level 1** BTEC Introductory Diplomas

EAL Performing Engineering Operations ( may be available at level 2)

City and Guilds - Building Craft Occupations

## BTEC courses

BTECs are vocational programmes which are directly related to a particular area of work. So if you know that you would like to go into a particular occupational area then these may be the ideal course for you.

***BTEC National Diplomas, as well being an excellent qualification in their own right, also provide a very good progression route to university and Higher Education***

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## BTEC National Diplomas Level 3

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades A\*- C are required to go onto a BTEC National or the CACHE Diploma. You can choose one subject area from those listed below, and the courses will take two years of study time.

National Diplomas are available in

- Business (Park sixth form)
- Health and Social Care (Park sixth form)
- ICT Practitioners (Park sixth form)
- Performing Arts (Springs sixth form)
- Sports Studies (Springs sixth form)
- Travel and Tourism (Springs sixth form)

## BTEC First Diplomas Level 2

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade D or above are required to go onto a First Diploma. You can choose one subject area from those listed below, and the course will be studied over 1 year.

First Diplomas are available in

- Business (Park sixth form)
- Construction (Park sixth form)
- Engineering (Park sixth form)
- Health and Social Care (Park sixth form)
- Hospitality and Catering (Springs sixth form)
- Performing Arts (Springs sixth form)
- Sports Studies (Springs sixth form)
- Travel and Tourism (Springs sixth form)

***Successful completion of the First Diploma can lead on to a National Diploma***

## BTEC Introductory Diplomas Level 1

You will need the equivalent of GCSE grades E-G to take a BTEC Introductory Diploma. You can choose one subject area from those listed below, and the course will be studied over 1 year.

Introductory Diplomas are available in

- Health and Social Care (Park sixth form)
- Hospitality, Travel and Tourism (Springs sixth form)

***Successful completion of the Introductory Diploma can lead on to a First Diploma***

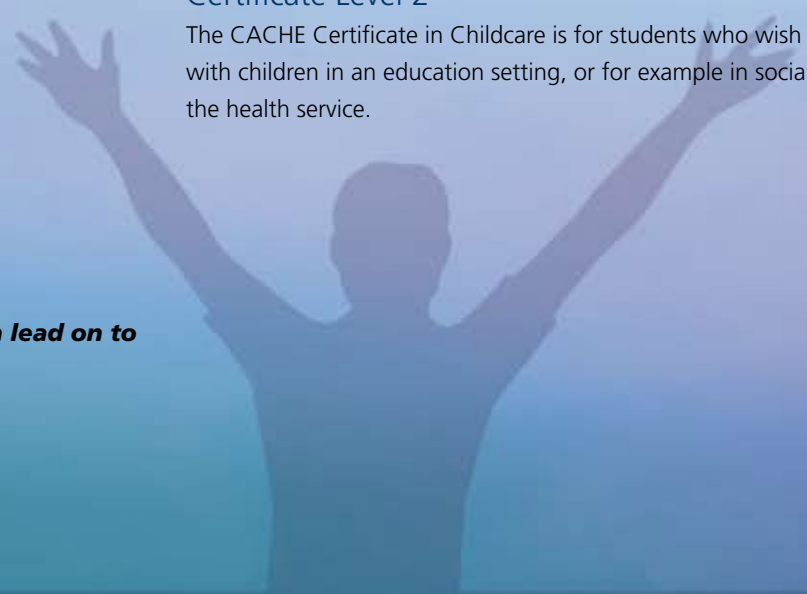
## CACHE - Childcare and Education

### Diploma Level 3

The CACHE Diploma in Childcare is for students who wish to work with children in an education setting, or for example in social services or the health service.

### Certificate Level 2

The CACHE Certificate in Childcare is for students who wish to work with children in an education setting, or for example in social services or the health service.



# Business

Qualification BTEC National Diploma  
Learning level Level 3 Advanced  
Length of course 2 Years

## Overview of course

This advanced course is practical and work related, and is designed for learners who wish to make a career in the business world. It will provide you with the skills to complete projects and assignments that are based on real life work situations.

## Entry requirements

At least 4 GCSE grades A - C or a successfully passed Business BTEC First certificate or Diploma.

## What will I study?

You will take 4 core units:

- Exploring business activities
- Investigating business resources
- Introduction to marketing
- Effective people, communication and information

You will also take 14 specialist units from the categories:

- Human Resources
- Law
- Administration
- Accountancy/finance
- Marketing
- Management



## How will I learn?

The first year of the course aims to provide you with the key skills you will need to study. The second year of the course aims to develop these skills and apply them to work based projects. Throughout the course you will undertake practical assignments, discussion, written work and presentations.

## How will I be assessed?

The units are assessed by your teachers based on the evidence and work you have completed.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

The course offers an equivalent of 3 A-Levels. A successful pass in the National Diploma could offer careers in Finance/Accountancy, Human Resources, Management, Law, Administration or Marketing. You could also progress onto University and study a variety of Business Qualifications.

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# Health and Social Care

Qualification     BTEC National Diploma  
Learning level     3 / Advanced  
Length of course   2 years

## Overview of course

This course will provide you with an understanding of the Health & Social care sector and the chance to have an extended placement in a medical or health care setting. The Diploma is equivalent to 3A levels. Pathways include careers in the medical field, teaching or social care.

## Entry requirements

You will need at least 4 GCSEs at grade C or above.

## What will I study?

There are 8 core units

- Developing effective communication
- Equality, Diversity and Rights
- Health, Safety and Security
- Development through the life stages
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Personal and professional development
- Sociology
- Psychology

Optional units include

- Caring for children and young people
- Nutrition
- Health education

## How will I learn?

Through practical sessions in the classroom and placements. The course will include First Aid training and visits to specialist care settings as well as specialist training units.

Presentations to other groups and classes on topics such as health promotion.

## How will I be assessed?

Through projects based on practical and classroom sessions and your presentations, as well as extended work placements.



## What can I do at the end of the course?

Progression to university and Higher education for a Teaching/Social work or Nursing degree.  
Employment in the sector in hospital or care settings.

# ICT (BTEC)

Qualification BTEC National Diploma for IT Practitioners  
(ICT Systems Support)

Learning level 3 / Advanced

Length of course 2 years

## Overview of course

This National Diploma is a practical, work-related course. It is ideal for students who are thinking they would like to pursue a career in IT related areas such as technician or technical support, but also for students who wish to progress to professional status in IT.

## Entry requirements

At least four GCSEs at grades A\*- C

## What will I study?

### Core Units

Language and Communications

Computer Systems

Business Information Systems

Introduction to Software Development

Communications Technology

Systems Analysis and Design

### Specialist Units include

Networking Project

End User Support

Network Design and Administration

Data Communications and Networks

Applications Software Development

Website Management

Human Computer Interface

System Justification

Network Operating Systems

Computer Hardware

## How will I learn?

The course is made up of 18 units – six core units and four units from Bank A which everyone takes for the “ICT Systems Support” pathway. You then have a choice of eight units to be taken from Bank B.

## How will I be assessed?

All units are assessed and graded and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

BTEC National Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education (universities and colleges).

Students go into careers in many IT related disciplines as technicians and technical support and progress to professional status in their chosen field.

If you want to get a job straight away you could work in:

- Computer networking
- Computer user support
- Helpdesk technician

If you decide to go to university or college you could take a degree or a BTEC Higher National in subjects such as:

- Computing
- E-Commerce
- IT Practitioners
- Information Technology-  
Networking

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# ICT (OCR)

Qualification OCR Certificate for IT Professionals

Learning level 3 / Advanced

Length of course 1 or 2 years

## Overview of course

The OCR Level 3 Certificate for IT Professionals would normally be taken alongside A levels, and provides candidates with a high quality, industry-recognised award. It is a vocationally-related qualification that provides valuable opportunities for individuals to develop skills and gain underpinning knowledge and understanding which will support entry into the IT industry. It supports achievement of Key Skills and relates to national occupational standards thereby providing an ideal progression to National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) once individuals are in suitable employment.

## Entry requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C and above.

## What will I study?

The qualification has been designed to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in the full range of functions involved in the planning and control, hardware, software and systems installation, software solutions and the production of customer support materials.

## How will I learn?

To achieve the OCR Level 3 Certificate for IT Professionals the candidate must achieve a total of 6 made up from 3 mandatory units and 3 optional units from the remaining units.

Mandatory Units

Customer Support Provision

Hardware/Equipment and Systems Installation

Investigate Requirements for Software Solutions

Optional Units include (not a complete list)

Systems and Network Management

Wireless LANs

Software Installation

Network Fundamentals

Maintain Equipment and Systems

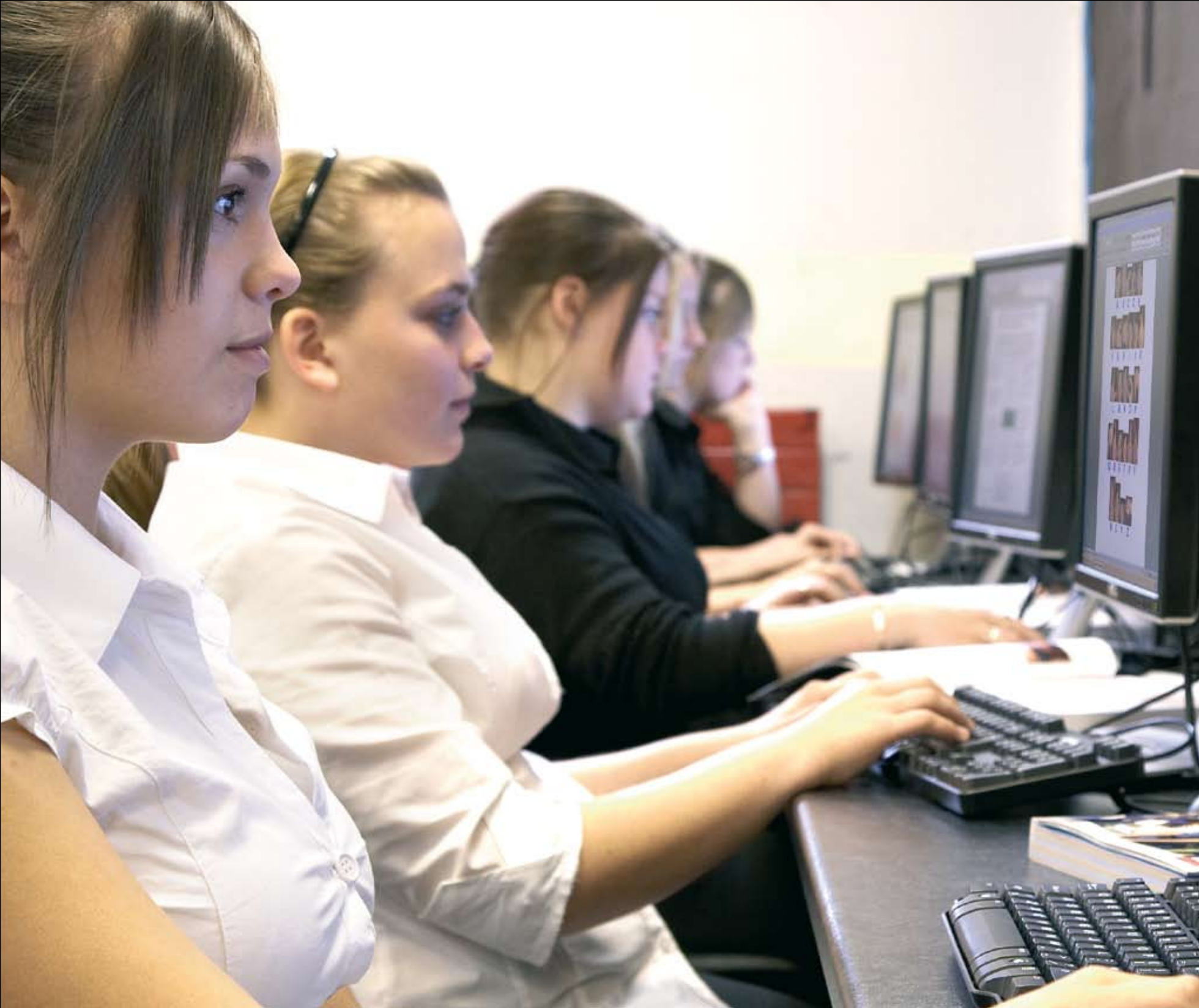
## How will I be assessed?

Each unit within the specification is designed around the principle that candidates will build a portfolio of evidence relating to progression towards meeting the unit assessment objectives.

Depending on units studied, assessment will be based upon set assignments, externally assessed online tests and timetabled examinations.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

- Enter employment at an supervisory level.
- Develop a more in-depth understanding of the ICT industry and its environment.
- Progress to higher level qualifications, e.g. HNC, HND, degree.



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# Performing Arts

Qualification BTEC National Diploma

Learning level 3 / Advanced

Length of course 2 years

## Overview of course

This National Diploma aims to provide students with an opportunity to experience, at an advanced level, drama, dance, singing, music and stagecraft.

It aims to teach students to be responsive to the demands of the performing arts industry and provide a basis for further study of the subject at a higher level.

## Entry requirements

Acceptance on to the course is subject to a successful audition and interview and a minimum of four GCSE passes at grade C or above, or a BTEC First Diploma. Ideally English should be among your C grades but this will be discussed at interview. A GCSE in Drama or Dance is an advantage but not essential. As you might expect from a course involving drama, a satisfactory standard in English Literature would also be useful, but it is not a condition of entry.

## What will I study?

The course comprises of a range of core units (compulsory study) and a number of optional units (individual choice).

The core units cover the vital skills and knowledge associated with working in the Performing Arts industry. They relate to key concepts in the study of performing arts as well as the development of essential performance/production skills and professional working practices.

The optional units provide a range of choice which includes among other things, acting techniques, scriptwriting, media performance, musical theatre, movement skills and singing.

## How will I learn?

There is dedicated performance-based accommodation which includes dance and drama studios. There is also access to music and media facilities.

The course provides plenty of opportunities for you to participate in public performances and community-based performance projects.

## How will I be assessed?

There will be continuous assessment of projects and assignments throughout the course, including performances and presentations. In the second year your final major project will be externally assessed.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

The qualification is the equivalent of 3 A levels and on successful completion of the course you could do further training in Performing Arts or Media Studies at university or go on to courses at Stage and Music school. The Diploma would also qualify you for jobs in performance, performance production and a variety of other roles in the arts and entertainments industry.



# Sports Studies

Qualification B –Tec National Diploma  
Learning level Level 3 / Advanced  
Length of course 2 Years

## Overview of course

This is a practical and theory based course which will give pupils the opportunity to progress onto higher education, whilst also gaining qualifications that would help them to become more employable within the Sports and Leisure industry. Students will be expected to demonstrate a full commitment to the course by attending, participating in and completing all work within set deadlines.

## Entry requirements

Pupils are expected to have four GCSE's grade C and above preferably including English.

## What will I study?

The National Diploma consists of seven core units plus 11 specialist units that provide for a combined total of 1080 guided learning hours (glh) in order to complete the qualification.

## How will I learn?

Throughout the two year course you will have 1080 glh where a teacher will deliver vital information that will help you to complete your course work. However, you will be expected to produce and research work independently in order to fulfil the criteria expected for Post 16 qualifications.

## How will I be assessed?

All units will be assessed by your teachers against grading criteria within all modules. Once the course has been completed all points collated will be combined to form an overall grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction).

## What can I do at the end of the course?

The direction you take depends on the effort you put into the course. Those that wish to further their career through Higher Education (University) will be able to accumulate UCAS points up to a total of 360. Those that wish to enter full time employment will have recognised qualifications to enable them to work within the Leisure and Sports industry. \*Please see UCAS points Tariff for entry into Universities.



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# Travel and Tourism

Qualification BTEC National Diploma

Learning level 3/Advanced

Length of course 2 years

## Overview of course

The course is designed to give both a broad practical experience of travel and tourism and a depth of academic knowledge.

At the end of the course, students are well equipped with the skills and qualities relevant to working in the industry and with the qualification necessary to progress to Higher Education.

## Entry requirements

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C or above, or a BTEC First Diploma. A grade C or above in English would be an advantage but isn't essential. This will be discussed at interview.

An interest in, and the personal qualities needed to work in the travel industry will be expected.

## What will I study?

You may study the following units:

Year 1

Core units

- Travel and Tourism Industry
- Tourist Destinations
- Customer Services in Travel and Tourism.

Other Units Include:

- Retail Travel Operations
- Tourism Development
- Domestic Tourism

Year 2

Core units

- The Business of Travel and Tourism
- Marketing Travel and Tourism Products and Services
- Working in the Travel and Tourism Industry

Other units include:

The Cruise Industry

- Special Interest Tourism
- Conferences and Exhibitions
- Handling Air Passengers

## How will I learn?

The course is both theoretical and practical - based on realistic work experience. Assessment will take place throughout the course through a variety of assignments and external tests.

## How will I be assessed?

By a portfolio of coursework for each unit. Many of these assignments involve practical elements and some are integrated across the units. Professional qualifications are assessed by examination.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

Successful completion of the course would prepare you to progress onto university and a degree in a travel and tourism related course, or into employment in the industry.



# CACHE - Childcare and Education

Qualification     CACHE Diploma  
Learning level    3/Advanced  
Length of course  2 years

The CACHE Diploma in Childcare is for students who wish to work with children in an education setting, or for example in social services or the health service.

## Overview of course

The course is for students wishing to pursue careers in the care and education of young children. It covers areas such as child health and protection, human growth and development. You will get practical experience in a variety of settings, including nurseries, schools and baby units.

## Entry requirements

MINIMUM 4 GCSEs A - C

## What will I study?

Mandatory Units cover all aspects of Child Development and Care and Education of Children – Birth – 16 years  
Focus on Early Years

## How will I learn?

Combined Academic Theory/Practical Training

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed mainly through assignments. Work placements are also assessed and there is an end of course examination.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

You can progress onto to further study, University and higher education in areas related to nursing, social work, teaching, or nursery nursing. The course is designed for students who wish to work with children in education, social services, or the health service.



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# Business

Qualification     BTEC First Diploma  
Learning level    Level 2 Intermediate  
Length of course   1 Year

## Overview of course

An excellent introductory course to the business world which is practical and work-related. It will introduce you to a number of potential employment areas and provide a good basis to go onto a more advanced work-related qualification.

## Entry requirements

At least 4 GCSEs with an average grade D or above, or a BTEC First Certificate plus 2 GCSEs at grade D or above.

## What will I study?

You will take 3 core units:

- Exploring Business Pressures
- Developing Customer Relations
- Investigating Financial Control

You will also take 3 specialist units from the following:

- Business Communication
- People in Organisations
- Providing Business and Administration Support
- Personal Selling
- Doing Business Online
- Exploring Business Enterprise or Starting a Small Business



## How will I learn?

You will complete projects and assignments that are based on real life work situations. Throughout the course you will undertake practical assignments, discussion, written work and presentations.

## How will I be assessed?

Most of the units are assessed by your teachers based on the work you have completed. One or more of the Units maybe assessed by a controlled vocational assignment set by the exam board.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

The course offers an equivalent of 4 GCSEs grade A-C. A successful pass in the First Diploma means you can progress onto a more advanced course such as the BTEC National Diploma in Business. It also offers careers in Administration, Accounting, Customer Service, Finance, ICT, Personnel or Sales.

# Construction

Qualification     BTEC First Diploma  
Learning level    Level 2 Intermediate  
Length of course   1 Year

## Overview of course

This course is practical and work related. It will provide you with the skills to complete projects and assignments that are based on real life work situations.

## Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at average grade D.

## What will I study?

You will take 4 core units:

An Introduction to the Construction Industry

Exploring Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction

You will also take 1 specialist unit from the following:

- The use of Science and Mathematics in Construction
- Construction Processes and Operations for Low Rise Domestic Buildings
- Construction Methods and Techniques for Low Rise Buildings
- Construction Drawing Techniques
- Exploring Carpentry and Joinery
- Exploring Trowel Operations
- Exploring Painting and Decorating
- Exploring Building Services Techniques

## How will I learn?

You will complete projects and assignments that are based on real life work situations. Throughout the course you will take undertake practical assignments.

## How will I be assessed?

Completion of specific assignments linked to the units above.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

The course offers an equivalent of 4 GCSEs grade A-C. A successful pass in the First Diploma, can lead onto a more advanced course such as a BTEC National Diploma. It also prepares students for employment in construction related areas.



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## Health and Social Care

Qualification BTEC First Diploma  
Learning level Level 2 Intermediate  
Length of course 1 Year

### Overview of course

As part of the course there are opportunities to work in professional placements in hospitals, schools, or care settings such as a nursery or a care home and work with different clients.

You need an interest in the sector and be prepared to learn in the classroom and in a professional setting.

- Career pathways include-paramedics/nurse/teaching –early years, social work. The course provides a good basis to progress to training, employment or further education.
- Practical sessions include monitoring heart rate, blood pressure: First Aid training: food hygiene and preparation for client groups
- Develop skills working with children and clients creating activities

### Entry requirements

You will need at least 4 GCSEs at an average grade D or equivalent

### What will I study?

There are 6 units Core Units

- Unit 1- Communication and individual rights in the Health and Social Care Sectors
- Unit 2- Individual needs in the health and Social Care Sectors

And 4 from the following

- Unit 3 Vocational experience (based on 60 hours work placement)
- Unit 4 Cultural diversity
- Unit 5 Anatomy and Physiology
- Unit 6 Human Lifespan Development
- Unit 7 Creative and Therapeutic Activities
- Unit 8 Health and Social Care Service

### How will I learn?

Through practical sessions in the classroom and placements. The course will include First Aid training and visits to specialist care settings as well as specialist training units.

Presentations to other groups and classes on topics like healthy eating.

Training in handling and using specialist equipment.

### How will I be assessed?

All units will be assessed by your teachers through practical work and assignments. At the end of the course you can achieve a pass, merit or distinction.

### What can I do at the end of the course?

On successful completion you can progress to the level 3 course in Health and Social Care or enter professional training.





# Hospitality and Catering

Qualification     BTEC first diploma  
Learning level    2 / Intermediate  
Length of course   1 year

## Overview of course

This course will continue working in hospitality and catering introducing customer relations and safety within hospitality it will also continue with culinary skills and planning hospitality events, it will also continue with food service.

## Entry requirements

4 GCSEs at average grade D.

## What will I study?

This will explore working in hospitality in depth and expand on the basic culinary skills specialising in specific areas e.g. pastry, larder and meat preparation. You will also study customer relations and planning of events culminating in the organisation of an event of your own this will also include food service in depth.

## How will I learn?

Through practical lessons, discussion and coursework.

## How will I be assessed?

Tutor assessment, self assessment and evaluation and externally assessed by outside agencies.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

This leads to level 3 BTEC nationals or employment within the industry.

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# Performing Arts

Qualification     BTEC First Diploma  
Learning level    Level 2 Intermediate  
Length of course   1 Year

## Overview of course

This course is a practical one which allows you to develop your own performance skills and gain an insight into how productions work and the opportunities for employment within Performing Arts.

## Entry requirements

4 passes at GCSE, at an average grade D or above, or a BTEC First Certificate plus 2 GCSEs at grade D or above  
You will also need to be confident about working in groups and taking part in performances.

## What will I study?

You will take one core unit:  
Production Project

You will also take 1 specialist unit from the following:

- The Performing Arts Business and 3 further specialist units from the following list:
- Devising Plays
- Performing Plays
- Body Workshop
- Acting
- Musical Theatre

## How will I learn?

The course will be mainly practical where you would take part in workshops and learn about putting on and organising productions. Performance is obviously an important part of the course and you will work in groups to develop your ideas.

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through practical projects and assignments, including performance.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

This course offers an equivalent of 4 GCSEs Grade A-C.  
If you are successful in this course you could go on to do the National Diploma in Performing Arts or A-Levels.



# Sport Studies

Qualification BTEC First Diploma  
Learning level Level 2/Intermediate  
Length of course 1 year

## Overview of course

This is a practical and work-related course which introduces you to the employment area of Sport, Leisure and Recreation and provides a good basis to progress to further training, education or employment. If you...

- Have an interest in sport, both theoretical and practical, and an interest in the broader aspects of sport and leisure
- Want to gain an insight into sport, its organisation and place in our society as well as examining some of the issues affecting sport in the modern world
- Want to learn about sports injuries and how to assess risks in sporting situations
- Want to develop your own practical skills and techniques
- Would like to develop your leadership and communication skills by leading the rest of the group in practical situations
- Would like to develop your IT skills through internet research

## Entry requirements

You will need at least 4 GCSEs at an average grade D, or a BTEC First Certificate plus 2 GCSEs at grade D or above

## What will I study?

You will take two core units:

- Health, Safety and Injury
- The Body in Sport

You will also take four specialist units;

- Preparation for Sport
- Planning and leading Sports Activities
- Work based project in sport
- Practical Sport

## How will I learn?

You will study six units during the year, some of which will be classroom based and others will take place in either the Sports Hall, Fitness Room or at off-site venues. You will enjoy a variety of assignments and challenges. You will find yourself working with others, applying key skills and improving on both your own knowledge and performance throughout all the units of the course.

## How will I be assessed?

All units will be assessed and graded by your teachers through practical projects and assignments. At the end of the course points gained will combine to form an overall grade. You can achieve a pass, merit or distinction.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

On successful completion of the course you will have a qualification equivalent to 4 GCSEs grade A-C. You might then want to go on to study the BTEC National Diploma in Sport Development and Fitness, or go into employment in sports and leisure centres.



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# Travel and Tourism

Qualification BTEC 1st Diploma  
Learning level 2 / Intermediate  
Length of course 1 year

## Overview of course

This practically based course develops students' knowledge of the industry. You will develop the ability to research and investigate key aspects of the business such as marketing and tourist destinations as well as organising and taking part in events and study visits.

## Entry requirements

4 GCSEs with at least 2 passes at grade D or above, or a BTEC First Certificate plus 2 GCSEs at grade D or above. A good GCSE in English is an advantage; this will be discussed at interview.

## What will I study?

You will take the three core units:

- The travel and tourism industry in the UK
- UK travel and tourism destinations
- Customer services

You will also take three specialist units from:

- Marketing travel and tourism
- Business skills for travel and tourism
- Planning visits
- European destinations
- Employability skills



## How will I learn?

Through a series of projects and assignments based on real work situations.

## How will I be assessed?

Through a series of practical projects and assignments.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

This course offers an equivalent of 4 GCSEs Grade A-C. If you are successful in this course you could go on to do the National Diploma or with further training begin a career in a related area.

# Childcare and Education

Qualification      Cache  
Learning level    Level 2 Intermediate  
Length of course   1 Year

## Overview of course

This course provides a foundation of knowledge and skills which will be taught in the classroom and work environments.

## Entry requirements

4 passes at GCSE at grade D or above. You will also need to be confident about working with children and complete an enhanced CRB check.

## What will I study?

You will take four core units:

- The Physical Care and Development of the Child
- Working with young Children
- Emotional and Social Development
- Preparing for Employment with Young Children

You will also take one optional unit:

- Work With Babies

## How will I learn?

The course offers a range of units which will be based both in the classroom and in real life workplaces.

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through a variety of projects and assignments.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

This course offers an equivalent of 4 GCSEs Grade A-C. If you are successful in this course you could go on to do the Level 3 Cache Childcare course which is A-Level Equivalent. You could also begin a career in a range of Childcare settings as a Childcare Assistant.



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# Construction

Qualification City and Guilds Foundation Award  
in Building Craft Occupations

Learning level 1

Length of course 1 year

## Overview of course

This course covers a range of trades and gives a good, broad understanding of the construction trade.

## Entry requirements

An average of grades E-G at GCSE.

## What will I study?

- Handling and storing materials.
- Remove and replace fixtures and fittings.
- Cut, lay and fix components.
- Mix materials.
- Apply finishing materials.
- Setting out.

## How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by portfolio building and practical assessment plus a phase test.

## What can I do at the end of the course?

This course allows students to gain employment in the building trade or progress onto higher level studies, such as the BTEC First Diploma in Construction.



# Engineering

Qualification EAL Performing Engineering Operations  
Learning level 1  
Length of course 1 year

## Overview of course

This course is designed for those who are interested in establishing the foundations for a career in engineering. It aims to give the essential practical and theoretical background necessary for more advanced courses. Success on this course provides the student with NVQ Level 1 in Engineering Manufacture, both Mechanical and Electrical/Electronic Engineering. An additional mathematics unit is provided as a requirement for those students wishing to progress to further engineering courses. This course may also be used as part of an Apprenticeship.

## Entry requirements

An average of grades E-G at GCSE

## What will I study?

The course content is a combination of core units:

- Working safely in an engineering environment.
- Developing yourself and working with others.

Plus a number of specialist units from the list below:

- Mechanical
- Using hand tools and fitting techniques
- Fitting using hand skills.
- Engineering Machining.



- Electrical / Electronic
- Assembling Electronic Components.
- Wiring and testing electrical circuits
- Building and Testing electronic circuits

## What can I do at the end of the course?

It may be possible to progress onto a level 2 course in Performing Engineering Operations, or move into employment in a job related to engineering.

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# Health and Social Care

Qualification      BTEC Introductory Certificate/Diploma  
Learning level      1  
Length of course    1 year

## Overview of course

The introductory Certificate/ Diploma gives a broad educational and training basis to progress to a level 2 course provided by the academy or work- based training.

As part of the course there are opportunities to work in professional placements in hospitals, schools, or care settings such as a nursery or a care home and work with different clients.

You need an interest in the sector and be prepared to learn in the classroom and in professional settings such as medical centres, schools, nurseries, care settings.

There are 4 units for the certificate and 8 units for the Diploma. As part of the course you will:

- Develop skills working with children and other clients
- Develop IT skills and research skills
- Work in a vocational setting
- Develop financial management skills
- Build a portfolio of evidence

## Entry requirements

Equivalent of 2 GCSE's at D-G level

## What will I study?

Core units

- Unit 1 - Starting work in a Health and Social care setting.
- Unit 2 - Working in Health and Social Care
- Unit 4 - Personal effectiveness
- Unit 5 - Social responsibility at work
- Unit 6 - Financial management
- Unit 7 - Looking after children
- Unit 8 - Health and the environment

## How will I learn?

Through practical sessions in the classroom and placements. The course will include First Aid training and visits to specialist care settings as well as specialist training units. You will be working with early years (3-6 year olds, clients with specific needs and elderly clients) Training in handling and using specialist equipment such as peak flow meters and blood pressure monitors

## How will I be assessed?

All units will be assessed by your teachers through practical work and assignments. At the end of the course you can achieve a pass, merit or distinction. Unit 1 is partly assessed externally by the exam board (EDEXCEL)

## What can I do at the end of the course?

On successful completion you can progress to the level 2 course in Health and Social Care or enter employment in a related area.

# Hospitality, Travel and Tourism

Qualification BTEC Introductory Certificate  
Learning level 1  
Length of course 1 year

## Overview of course

This is an ideal introductory course for students who are thinking of a career in hospitality and related areas.

## Entry requirements

GCSE or equivalent grades E-G

## What will I study?

### Core units

- Unit 1 Starting work in Hospitality, travel and tourism
- Unit 2 Introducing customer service
  - Personal skills
- Unit 3 Personal effectiveness
  - Vocational skills
- Unit 4 The aspiring chef

## How will I learn?

There will be a mixture of practical learning in the kitchens, and some learning will take place in the classroom.

## How will I be assessed?

Much of the course will be assessed internally by your teacher.

## What can I do at the end of the course

If you are successful at the end of the course you will be able to progress onto the BTEC First Diploma in Hospitality, Travel and Tourism, or move into employment in a related area.



Vocational programmes

