

1. WHICH LEVEL?

Table 1	Entry Level	Foundation/Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Description of Level (Many vocational programmes have planned work experience throughout the course regardless of the level)	Entry level programmes offer an opportunity to begin or continue learning	Foundation Level courses in vocational areas usually prepare for progression to Level 2	Qualifications giving direct entry to craft and junior level employment positions and/or progression to Level 3	Equivalent to GCE A Levels, giving direct entry to technician and middle level employment and/or progression to Level 4	Higher National Diplomas and First Degree level giving direct entry to professional level employment/training
Entry Requirements (Please note that these are general requirements and some courses may require more specific grades)	Enthusiasm and an interest in the chosen subject area(s)	General education plus an interest and enthusiasm for study in the chosen area	Grades D/E in some GCSEs and/or successful completion of a Foundation Level 1 course and/or equivalent experience. Some courses may require higher grades	Minimum of 4 GCSEs at C or above (specific subjects may be required), and/or successful achievement of a Level 2 qualification with a minimum of a merit and/or equivalent experience	National Diploma or other Vocational Diplomas, GCE A Levels, Access to HE Certificate in a related subject, Art Foundation course, University Foundation Programme, NVQ3
Resulting Major Qualifications	College Certificates OCR – Starting Out NCFE	College Certificates NVQ 1 OCR - Starting Out NCFE New 14-19 Foundation Diploma BTEC Introductory Diploma	BTEC First Diploma Specialist Diploma GCSE NVQ2 New Higher Diploma	BTEC National Diploma and other Vocational Diplomas NVQ3 National Certificate National Award GCE A Level New 14-19 Advanced Diploma	Higher National Certificate/Diploma Foundation Degree NVQ4/5

2. WHICH COURSE?

CRC Courses	Entry Level	Foundation/Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Apprenticeships/Work Based Learning	Progression Pathway to Apprenticeships	TYRO Level 1	Apprenticeships in a range of occupational areas TYRO Level 2, ITQ	Advanced Apprenticeships in a range of occupational areas, ITQ	
The Arts		BTEC Introductory Diploma Art, Design & Media	BTEC First Diploma Art & Design BTEC First Diploma Art & Design (19+)	New 14-19 Creative & Media Advanced Diploma Art & Design BTEC National Diploma Art & Design BTEC Foundation Diploma Art & Design Access to HE Art & Design (19+)	
Business & Office Administration		NVQ Level 1 Business & Administration New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Business, Administration & Finance New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Retail Business	NVQ Level 2 Business & Administration BTEC First Diploma Business/Retail New 14-19 Higher Diploma Business, Administration & Finance New 14-19 Higher Diploma Retail Business	NVQ Level 3 Advanced Administration/Personal Assistant BTEC National Diploma Business Award Business & Accounting (BTEC National Award Business & AAT Certificate in Accounting) New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Business, Administration & Finance New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Retail Business Access to HE Business Management	
Care, Health, Social Care, & Public Sector Services		New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Society, Health & Development CACHE Foundation Award Caring for Children BTEC Introductory Diploma Health & Social Care	CACHE Level 2 Diploma Childcare & Education BTEC Level 2 Diploma Health & Social Care New 14-19 Higher Diploma Society, Health & Development New 14-19 Higher Diploma Public Sector Services	BTEC National Diploma Social Care BTEC National Diploma Children's Care, Learning & Development BTEC National Diploma Health Studies New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Society, Health & Development New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Public Sector Services CACHE Level 3 Diploma Childcare & Education Access to HE Nursing/Social Work	Foundation Degree Early Years, Childcare & Education
Catering, Hospitality & Front of House Services		NVQ Level 1 Basic Catering NVQ Level 1 Foundation Food Preparation/Food Service Diploma Introduction to Professional Cookery New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Hospitality	NVQ Level 2 Professional Catering Food, Preparation/Food Service NVQ Level 2 Intensive Chefs Programme NVQ Level 2 Reception Diploma in Professional Cookery New 14-19 Higher Diploma in Hospitality	NVQ Level 3 Advanced Professional Chef BTEC National Certificate Hospitality Supervision BTEC National Diploma Hospitality Supervision	
Computing & IT		New 14-19 Foundation Diploma IT iMedia & Computing	BTEC First Diploma ICT Practitioners New 14-19 Higher Diploma IT	BTEC National Diploma for IT Practitioners New 14-19 Advanced Diploma in IT	
Construction		Level 1 Diploma Bricklaying Level 1 Diploma Carpentry & Joinery BTEC Introductory Diploma Construction NVQ Level 1 Introduction to Electrical Installations New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Construction & the Built Environment	Level 2 Diploma Bricklaying Level 2 Diploma Site Carpentry Certificate Heating & Ventilation (Domestic) Certificate Plumbing Intermediate Electrical Installations BTEC First Diploma Construction New 14-19 Higher Level Diploma Construction & the Built Environment	Certificate Plumbing BTEC National Diploma Construction New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Construction & the Built Environment	HNC Construction Foundation Degree Construction
Construction: Centre of Sustainable Development			MMC Modern Methods of Construction	Environmental Management Diploma (Level 2/3)	
Engineering	IMI Introduction to Vehicle Technology	EAL NVQ Level 1 Performing Engineering Operations IMI Level 1 Award Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair (Light Vehicle Route) New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Engineering	IMI Certificate Vehicle Technology & Customer Service IMI Certificate Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair (Light Vehicle Route) EAL Intermediate Certificate Engineering & Technology New 14-19 Higher Level Diploma Engineering	EAL Advanced Diploma Engineering & Technology IMI Diploma Vehicle Service & Repair (Light Vehicle Route) BTEC National Diploma Motor Vehicle Technology BTEC National Qualifications Engineering New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Engineering	
English as a Foreign Language & other programmes for International students	EFL Beginners, Summer School, Short Courses, Study Abroad ESOL courses (& pre-entry level) IELTS Test Preparation	KET Key English Test Summer School, Short Courses, Study Abroad IELTS Test Preparation ESOL courses	PET Preliminary English Test Summer School, Short courses, Study Abroad IELTS Test Preparation ESOL courses	FCE First Certificate English, IELTS Test Preparation, Summer School, Short Courses, Study Abroad International Foundation Business or Science A Levels, Training Programmes	CAE Advanced English, CPE Proficiency in English, English & other subjects, English for Professionals, English with work placement, IELTS Test Prep, Summer School, Short Courses, Study Abroad, CELTA, HNC & HNDs
GCSEs & Initial Studies	Vocational Pathways Prince's Trust	BTEC Introductory Diplomas: Art, Design & Media; Construction; IT, Health & Social Care; Business; Retail & Administration Options, Young Options, Prince's Trust New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Environmental & Land Based	GCSE English Language GCSE Human Physiology & Health GCSE Mathematics GCSE Photography GCSE Psychology		
Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy	Introduction to Beauty Therapy Introduction to Hairdressing	NVQ Level 1 Beauty Therapy NVQ Level 1 Hairdressing New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Hair & Beauty Studies	New 14-19 Higher Diploma Hair & Beauty Studies NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing NVQ Level 2 Beauty Therapy NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing & Beauty Certificate Holistic Therapy	NVQ Level 3 Hairdressing NVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy BTEC National Diploma Beauty Therapy Sciences Diploma Hair & Makeup Styling NVQ Level 3 Spa Therapy Diploma Image Styling for Performance Diploma Complementary & Alternative Therapies New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Hair & Beauty Studies	
Media, Music & Performing Arts		BTEC Introductory Diploma Art, Design & Media	BTEC First Diploma Media BTEC First Diploma Music BTEC First Diploma Music (DJ Technology) BTEC First Diploma Performing Arts	National Award Video/Radio/Games Development BTEC National Diploma Media - Radio Broadcast & Journalism BTEC National Diploma Print Based Media BTEC National Diploma Media - Film & Television BTEC National Diploma Games Design & Development BTEC National Diploma Music Practice or Music Technology BTEC National Diploma Performing Arts (Musical Theatre or Acting or Dance) New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Creative & Media (Performance & Event Management)	
Public/Uniformed Services		NCFE Certificate for Entry Uniformed Services/ Sports Studies	BTEC First Diploma Uniformed Services New 14-19 Higher Diploma Public Sector Services	BTEC National Diploma Uniformed Services New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Public Sector Services	
Science		Introductory Diploma Applied Science	BTEC First Diploma Applied Science	BTEC National Certificate/Diploma Applied Science (Medical Pathway) BTEC National Diploma Forensic Science BTEC National Diploma Laboratory & Industrial Science Access to HE Environmental Science/Science/ Teaching (Science)	
Sports Studies		NCFE Certificate for Entry Uniformed Services/ Sports Studies New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Sport & Active Leisure	BTEC First Diploma Sports Studies New 14-19 Higher Diploma Sport & Active Leisure	National Award Sport BTEC National Diploma Sports Studies (Development Coaching & Fitness) Certificate Personal Trainer New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Sport & Active Leisure	
Supportive Education	PALS, Contex, Training in the Workplace, New to Work				
Travel & Tourism		New 14-19 Foundation Diploma Travel & Tourism	BTEC First Diploma Travel & Tourism Diploma Travel New 14-19 Higher Diploma Travel & Tourism	BTEC National Certificate Travel & Tourism New 14-19 Advanced Diploma Travel & Tourism	
Access to Higher Education, Higher Education				Access to Higher Education (Various pathways)	HNC Construction, Foundation Degree Construction Foundation Degree Early Years, Childcare & Education Certificate in Higher Education

