

Course Name**BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Vocational Studies****Why would I want to study this course?**

The BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Vocational Studies is designed to give students the opportunity to explore and study in a variety of different vocational areas. It gives students the opportunity to develop personal skills and attributes, and so further develop their confidence in their ability to work, learn and so achieve their potential.

The BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Vocational Studies provides a stepping stone into learning at Level 2 and into some vocational sectors where some previous experience is necessary to gain initial employment.

What qualification does the course lead to?

The BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Vocational Studies is equivalent to 4 GCSE's grades D-E and meets the option requirement of the Welsh Baccalaureate.

What will I study?

Students will study in six different vocational areas as part of their Diploma.

These vocational areas are:

- Art and Design
- Engineering
- Construction
- Hospitality, Travel and Tourism
- ICT @ Work
- Sport and Leisure

How will I learn?

Each vocational area will be taught by a specialist member of staff. Students will need to complete units in the six vocational areas to achieve the Diploma.

BTEC Level 1 qualifications are generally practical and focus on the skills and knowledge needed in the workplace. Students will learn new skills and also how to apply that knowledge. Many of your lessons will be 'hands – on' in the workshop, computer room or classroom.

How will I be assessed?

Tasks and assignments will be set in each of the six vocational areas. Students will be assessed during practical activities as well as producing a portfolio of work in each area. This work will be moderated by external examiners. There are no examinations attached to this Diploma.