Access to Level 3 Programme

Why study the Access to Level 3 Programme?

The Access to Level 3 Programme is a one year course for students who achieve grade 3s in GCSE English and Maths. The course provides you with the opportunity to boost your grades from GCSE, pursue new learning and prepare for your next step at Post-16. Following the Access to Level 3 Programme, you can move onto Level 3 A-Level, BTEC and CTEC courses at Post-16, go to college, or start an apprenticeship. You will participate in all the activities in Post-16, and receive support to plan your future pathways.

What will I study?

GCSE Booster classes

- GCSE English, to help you achieve grade 4+
- GCSE Maths, to help you achieve grade 4+

BTEC Level 2 in Business Enterprise

All businesses need enterprising employees to drive initiatives and ensure they survive in a fast-changing world. BTEC Level 2 in Business Enterprise will help you to become a real asset to any organisation, as well as developing enterprise skills so you could run your own business in future.

- Unit 1: The Business Enterprise Environment
- Unit 2: Researching a Concept for a New or Revised Product or Service
- Unit 3: Promoting and Financing an Enterprise Idea
- Unit 4: Planning and Pitching an Enterprise Idea

AQA Level 2 Higher Project Qualification

The Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) offers you the opportunity to pursue a subject of your own choice. For the HPQ, you choose a topic to research for your project, develop research and presentation skills, and create a project outcome. The HPQ develops essential skills such as organisation and time-management while you study a topic you enjoy.

Assessment

- GCSE English and Maths are assessed through examinations. You can retake GCSEs in November, January and June.
- BTEC Business Enterprise is assessed through coursework including a presentation, and one online examination
- AQA Higher Project is assessed through coursework

Study trips, visits and events

On the Business Enterprise course, you will be introduced to local employers and career opportunities, attend careers fairs, gain advice on apprenticeships and further study, and take trips to local businesses.

Subject entry requirements

5 GCSE at grade 3s including Maths and English Language or Literature











Student Perspective

"I loved my Business course – we designed our own enterprise ideas and learned how to sell an idea. It really inspired me. I'm doing an apprenticeship in Business now"

Sam, recent leaver