

ALWAYS LEARNING

A new generation of BTEC Firsts

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Policy Update

Schools & Colleges

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'Vocational qualifications have a crucial place in our education system: the latest reform will strengthen the ones worth doing'

Editorial, *Evening Standard*, 31 January 2012

School Performance Tables: A reminder

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Outcomes of 2011 **14-16 consultation**



All qualifications will be reported in performance tables

Only GCSEs and selected other qualifications in headline measures

Non-GCSE qualifications have to demonstrate 7 characteristics

Up to 2 non-GCSEs allowed, and will have an equivalence of 1 GCSE

A 'year's grace' for many existing qualifications

List for 2014 headline measures was published in January 2012

What's on the 2014 List?

40 of the 70 non-GCSE quals in 5A*-C are Edexcel's incl. 24 BTECs

QCF **Level 2** BTEC Firsts are on the List in the Extended Certificate (180glh) and Diploma (360glh) sizes for the following subjects:

Applied Science

- Sport
- IT
- Business
- Health & Social Care
- Engineering
- Art & Design
- Performing Arts

Construction

- Creative Media Production
- Music
- Travel & Tourism

These BTECs will be recognised in 2014 headline measures under the **year of grace**

If any of the new 120glh Awards (Phase 1 subjects) are accredited by **2 March**, they will be added to the final version of the 2014 List, to be published in March

What's on the 2014 List?

36 of the 55 Voc quals in 5A*-G are Edexcel's incl. 20 L1 BTECs

QCF **Level 1** BTEC qualifications are on the List in the Certificate and Diploma sizes for the following subjects:

- Applied Science
- Art & Design
- Business Administration
- Construction
- Creative Media Production
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- Travel & Tourism
- Performing Arts
- Sport & Active Leisure

Other Edexcel Vocational Qualifications

- Level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma in Digital Applications (DIDA)
- Level 2 Principal Learning (all subjects)
- Level 1 Principal Learning (all subjects)

What does this mean for Year 9?

Subjects on the DfE list

BTEC Level 2 Firsts in 12 subjects are on the DfE list for recognition in the headline 5A*-C measure in 2014 in 2 sizes; all will count as equivalent to 1 GCSE

Year 9s on the **360glh Diploma**

- Achievements will be recognised in the 2014 headline measures

Year 9s on the **180glh Extended Certificate**

- Achievements will be recognised in the 2014 headline measures

Year 9s on the **90glh Certificate**

- While still valuable in progression terms, achievements will not be recognised in the 2014 headline measures (smaller than a 120glh GCSE)
- If headline measures are important, we recommend moving up to the QCF BTEC Extended Certificate, or onto a new BTEC Award (120glh) if accredited by 2 March

Colleges

16-19 consultations in spring 2012 due to report March/April 2012:

16-19 Funding

16-19 Study programmes

UCAS Qualifications and Information Review (QIR)

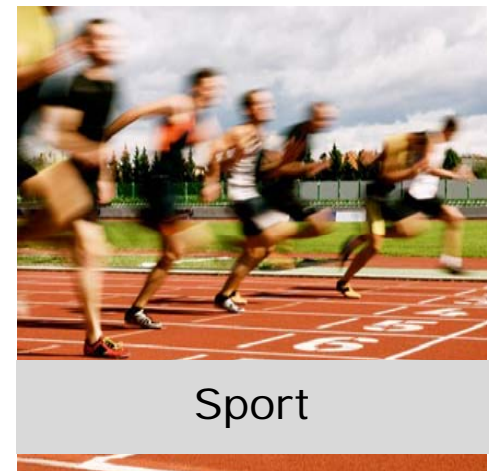
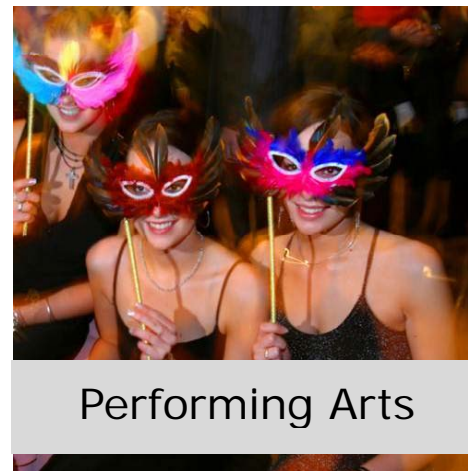
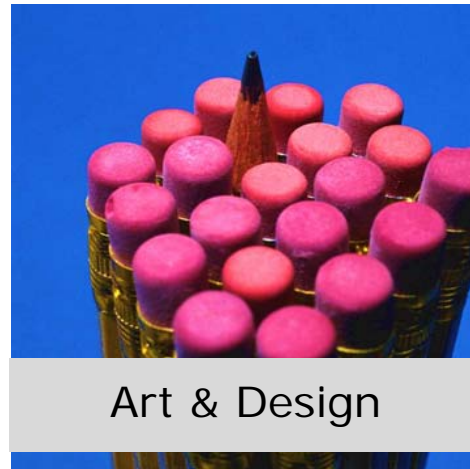
More opportunities for 16-17 learners

Raising the Participation Age (RPA) to 17 years in 2013 and to 18 years in 2015

BTEC Update

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BTEC Firsts – Phase 1 Subjects



BTEC Firsts – Phase 1 estimated timeline (* Subject to Ofqual)

Award	Certificate	Extended Certificate	Diploma
<p>120 GLH 1 GCSE size</p> <p>Draft specs & SAMS: Nov 2011</p> <p>Accreditation: estimated March 2012*</p> <p>Available: estimated April 2012*</p>	<p>240 GLH 2 GCSEs size</p> <p>Draft specs & SAMS: Mar 2012</p> <p>Accreditation: estimated June 2012*</p> <p>Available: September 2012*</p>	<p>360 GLH 3 GCSEs size</p> <p>Draft specs & SAMS: Mar 2012</p> <p>Accreditation: estimated June 2012*</p> <p>Available: September 2012*</p>	<p>480 GLH 4 GCSEs size</p> <p>Draft specs & SAMS: July 2012</p> <p>Accreditation: estimated Oct 2012*</p> <p>Available: September 2013*</p>

BTEC Firsts – Phase 2 Subjects

5 new BTEC specifications proposed for 2013



Construction & the Built Environment



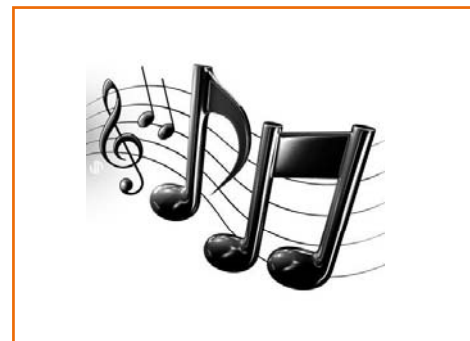
Childcare



Creative Media Production



Travel & Tourism



Music

Quality Assurance

100%
of assessors

Support and
standardisation

100% of assessors
sampled within a
teaching cycle

100%
of learners

External Assessment

100% of learners have
their work independently
assessed

100%
of centres

Personal visits

100% of BTEC centres,
every year

100

100

100

Quality Assurance

Lead Internal Verifier role

- Standardisation and sampling process for QCF and NG BTECs are **entirely separate** - but annual QRD visit will encompass both
- The LIV has overall responsibility for the assessment of a BTEC programme within a centre (as now)
- LIVs must register and undergo standardisation and training via OSCA – **will need to update this for NG BTECs**, although no test
- LIVs are required to use the OSCA materials to standardise/train **the Assessors** on the national standard (new requirement)
- General LIV training from **May-12** onwards; OSCA materials from **Sep-12**
- Where there is no LIV in place by Sep-12, centres must submit assignments for **sign-off by Edexcel** (SV or ACS)

Quality Assurance

Sampling

- In a 2-year programme you should expect **every BTEC Assessor** to have to submit a sample for verification
- Sample sizes will be larger than is currently the case
- BTEC NG will be sampled independently of QCF quals
- SVs will be in contact in Dec/Jan; sampling will take place Jan-Apr 2013

OSCA

- No longer a test; helps you understand the national assessment standard
- Materials live from Sep-12 onwards; sample, graded learner work across all grades for core units, and a range of grades across optional units

Quality Assurance

Assignment Checking Service

- Free service available from **Sept-Apr every academic year** to help centres with creation of fit-for-purpose BTEC assignment briefs
- Assignments submitted will be reviewed by a **trained subject expert** and feedback given within a week
- In addition there will be **increased SV support** for feedback on assignments as required via phone and email

QRD Visit

- One visit per centre per year (as now)
- Internal process to train Assessors will be audited (new)

BTEC Training & Support Update

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Support for BTEC Firsts in 2012

More FREE support than ever before!

- Specification and Delivery Guide
- Sample assignment briefs (all units) and Schemes of Work
- Sample marked learner work (available from Sep-12)
- Curriculum models
- Full events programme including 'Introduction to BTEC', 'Getting Ready to Teach' (focus on delivery and assessment) and Network events
- BTEC/GCSE links events

myBTEC – launching summer 2012

- Course builder: plan tailor-made courses for your students
- Support with assignments: create and verify assignment briefs online
- Resources (incl. Teaching & Assessment Packs): free and paid-for