



## **A Guide to Level 3 BTECs**

### **What are they?**

BTECs are career-based qualifications designed to give students the skills they need to move onto higher education or go straight into employment. When combined with academic learning or as a stand-alone course, a BTEC develops a range of practical knowledge and skills which help learners to prepare for their chosen career.

Classroom style teaching combined with project work and practical, work-related activities help to develop students' behavioural skills, which can include teamwork, creative thinking and presentation skills. More employers and Higher Education institutions than ever before are choosing BTEC-qualified candidates for their academic and practical knowledge and skills.

### **BTEC grading**

BTECs are graded using a Pass (P), Merit (M), Distinction (D) and Distinction\* (D\*) scale. Depending on the size of your course, you may receive one, two or three grades.

BTEC Nationals qualify for UCAS points. You can apply for university places through UCAS – the University and Colleges Admissions Service.

### **How will I be assessed?**

BTECs are made up of a number of units, which are assessed through assignments that are both set and marked by your teacher or course tutor as well as externally assessed exams.

Assignments can include tests, research, essays, projects, investigations, artwork, fieldwork and experiments, and often link theory with practical exercises.

