



## A LEVEL LINKS TO UNIVERSITY DEGREES AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS



## Introduction

This leaflet is intended to help you understand the link between university degrees and level 3 studies for example A levels, BTEC and OCR studies.

It is a useful guide before choosing Post 16 study options, as well as a guide while studying level 3, to help in choosing a degree.

Some degrees require specific A level studies (e.g., scientific, language related whereas most degrees do not). However, there may be subjects that are useful or preferable, especially for competitive degrees.

To help you make links between subjects and University degrees we have listed:

- Essential subjects - those that you must have studied and passed to get on to the degree.
- Useful/preferred subjects - those that most Universities will prefer you to have studied and which will help your application.
- Additional information you find useful and may need to consider.

## Qualifications & Level Three Study

Below you will find 'Qualifications Explained'. This is a guide only and more information can be found online. On the following pages you will find 'Level' Three Study' outlining specific courses you can do at Level 3. If you have a specific university or course in mind, please check with the individual university.

### Qualifications Explained

The qualifications on this chart were correct at the time of printing (2023). Speak to your Careers Adviser if you are unsure about any qualification and its progression options. This table shows the different levels of qualifications and examples of some of them within each level.

Qualifications	Work-Based	Vocational Route	Academic Route	Employer Route
Level 7-8	Professional Diploma	Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate	Doctorates Masters Degrees	Professional Senior Management
Level 4-6	NVQ4 & 5	Foundation Degrees & National Diplomas/Certificates	Honours Degrees	Management/Supervisory Higher Apprenticeship Degree Apprenticeship
Level 3	NVQ3	T-Levels, City and Guilds Certificates Level 3 National Extended/Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design	A-levels grades E-A*, International Baccalaureate Cambridge Pre-U, Extended Project Qualification	Technician Advanced Apprenticeship
Level 2	NVQ2	Level 2 National Diploma Certificate and Award City and Guilds Certificates	GCSE's grades 4-9 IGCSE Functional Skills Level 2	Skilled Intermediate Apprenticeship
Level 1	NVQ1	Foundation Level 1 Award Certificate and Diploma City and Guilds Certificate	GCSE's grades 1-3 Functional Skills Level 1	Semi-skilled Traineeship
Entry Level 1-3	Foundation Learning	Foundation Learning Skills for Life	Foundation Learning Functional Skills (Entry Level)	On the Job Training