

Level 3 BTEC Nationals (AAQ) Certificate (180 GLH)

Applied Science

Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science (Certificate)



Size and structure

180 GLH (240 TQT)

Equivalent in size to one AS level (half an A level).

3 mandatory units, of which 3 are externally assessed.

- Mandatory content (100%)
- External assessment (100%)

Available for first teach from September 2026.

The Certificate contains a subset of units which are shared with the Extended Certificate.

| Unit | Title | GLH | Type | Assessment |
|---|--|-----|-----------|------------|
| Mandatory units – students complete and achieve all units | | | | |
| 1 | Principles and Applications of Biology | 60 | Mandatory | External |
| 2 | Principles and Applications of Chemistry | 60 | Mandatory | External |
| 3 | Principles and Applications of Physics | 60 | Mandatory | External |

Computing

Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Computing (Certificate)



Size and structure

180 GLH (227 TQT)

Equivalent in size to one AS level (half an A level).

2 units, of which one is mandatory and externally assessed.

2 optional units, of which one must be selected.

- Mandatory content (66%)
- External assessment (66%)

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| Unit | Title | GLH | Type | Assessment |
|---|----------------------------|-----|-----------|------------|
| Mandatory units – students complete and achieve all units | | | | |
| 1 | Programming Fundamentals | 120 | Mandatory | External |
| Optional units – students complete and achieve one unit | | | | |
| 3 | Human Computer Interaction | 60 | Optional | Internal |
| 4 | Practical Programming | 60 | Optional | Internal |

Health and Social Care

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Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Certificate)



Size and structure

180 GLH (240 TQT)

Equivalent in size to one AS level (half an A level).

2 mandatory units, one of which is externally assessed.

- Mandatory content (100%)
- External assessment (50%)

Available for first teach from September 2026.

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| Unit | Title | GLH | Type | Assessment |
|---|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| Mandatory units – students complete and achieve all units | | | | |
| 1 | Human Lifespan and Development | 90 | Mandatory | External |
| 3 | Principles of Health and Social Care Practice | 90 | Mandatory | Internal |

Information Technology

Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification

BTEC National in Information Technology (Certificate)



Size and structure

180 GLH (238 TQT)

Equivalent in size to one AS level (half an A level).

2 units, of which both are mandatory and one is externally assessed.

- Mandatory content (100%)
- External assessment (66%)

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| Unit | Title | GLH | Type | Assessment |
|---|--------------------------------|-----|-----------|------------|
| Mandatory units – students complete and achieve all units | | | | |
| 1 | Information Technology Systems | 120 | Mandatory | External |
| 3 | Website Development | 60 | Mandatory | Internal |