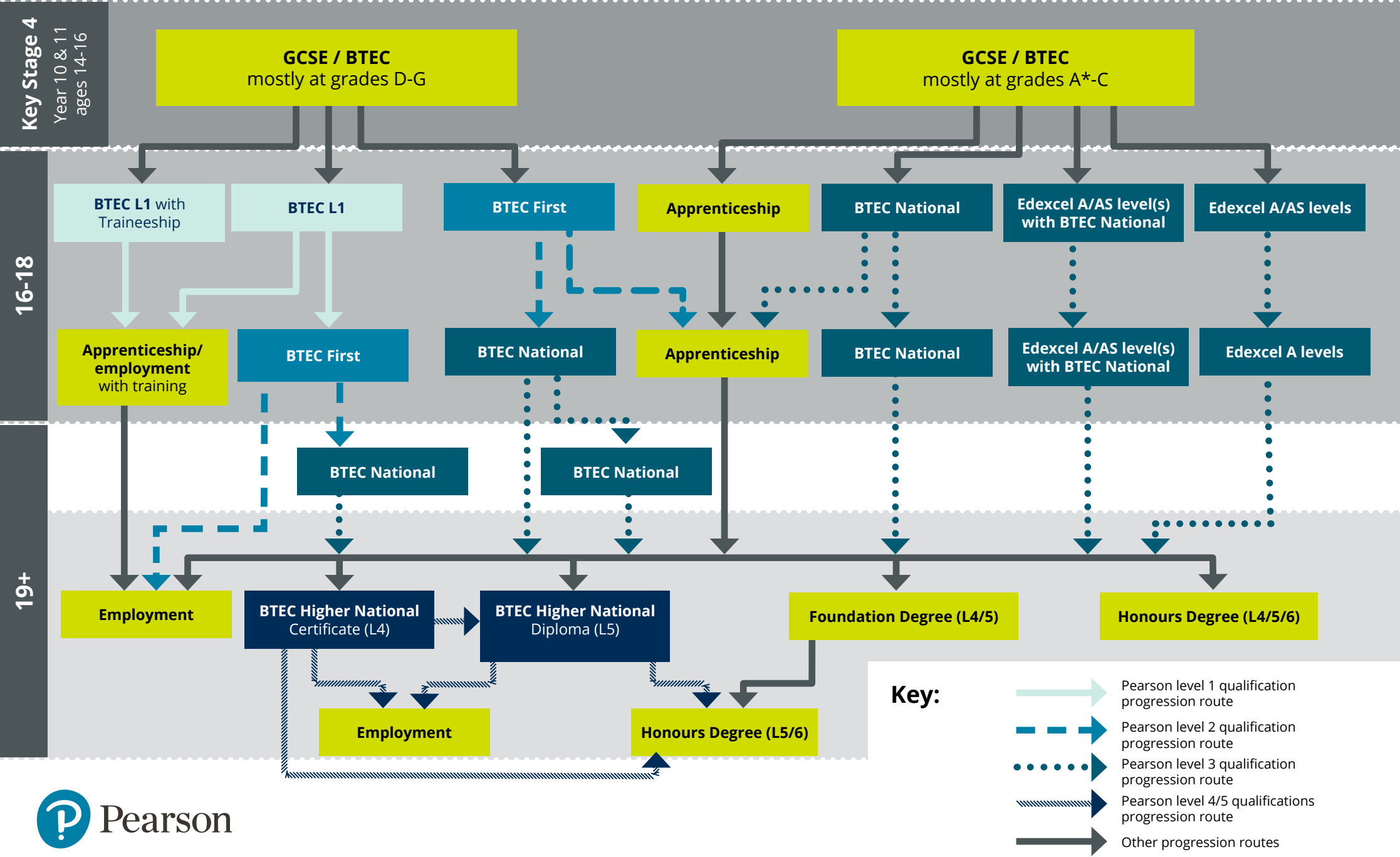


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# BTEC Level 1



## ? Who is it for?

Typically, it is for anyone aged 14 & over

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

No.

## ? What can I study?

At BTEC Level 1 you can choose an introductory course from 15 different vocational sectors. You will learn practical skills for the workplace and develop the personal skills employers want. Your course will give you a taste of what it is like to work in the sector you have chosen and prepare you for further study.

## ? How will I be assessed?

You are assessed through practical assignments. Your tutor will ask you to demonstrate the skills you have learnt. There are no written exams

## ? What can I do next?

You can move on to a Level 2 qualification such as a BTEC First or an apprenticeship



# BTEC First Certificate / Extended Certificate /Diploma



## ? Who is it for?

Typically, taken by those 16 & over

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

Yes. Some qualifications at level 1 such as a BTEC 1 or GCSEs grade G-D.

## ? What can I study?

You study work-related topics in areas such as Business, Sport, Performing Arts, Health & Social Care, Art & Design, Engineering, Hospitality, Construction and Travel & Tourism.

## ? How will I be assessed?

The teaching and learning focuses on practical activities to develop the skills and knowledge needed to work in your chosen sector. Assessment is partly by exam, and partly by assignments set and marked by your tutors.

## ? What can I do next?

A BTEC First helps you take your first steps towards a job in a particular sector. You can choose whether to continue to study further for a qualification at level 3 such as a BTEC National, or A-level or use the qualification as a direct stepping stone into work or an apprenticeship.



# Apprenticeship



## ? Who is it for?

Anyone over 16 in employment. Many people on Pearson apprenticeships are over 24 years of age.

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

Not always. It depends on sector and level of apprenticeship. For example you will need GCSE maths and English for technical apprenticeships at Level 3 such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. In other areas, such as a business administration Level 2 customer service apprenticeship, you just need to be in a job.

## ? What can I study?

You choose from a broad range of occupational areas at Levels 2 and 3: engineering, construction, health, social care, retail, business, hospitality, IT and more.

## ? How will I learn?

You will do work based training supported by a mentor who may be your supervisor. You will also attend formal training sessions either at the company where you work, or on a day-release course at a local training organisation such as a college.

## ? How will I be assessed?

This varies depending on the sector but will usually include visits to your workplace from external trainers to check on your progress and see you demonstrate the skills you have learned. You may do additional qualifications such as National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) where you need to gather a portfolio that includes evidence of your skills. Your portfolio is assessed by trainers, checked by an external assessor and will include formal tests of the knowledge you have gained.

## ? What can I do next?

Most apprentices move on to a permanent job with their current or a new employer usually in the role they trained for.



# BTEC National



## ? Who is it for?

Anyone over the age of 16. Many adults returning to education also take them.

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

You usually need to have Level 2 qualifications (GCSEs at Grade C or above, or BTEC Firsts). Colleges and training providers may be more flexible with older returners.

## ? What can I study?

You can choose from over 40 different employment related areas of study, from Aeronautical Engineering through to Vehicle Technology. Popular subjects include Art & Design, Sport, Business, Engineering, Health & Social Care, IT and Performing Arts.

## ? How will I learn?

Most of your learning will be through practical activities with a trainer and in work placements. You will also learn theory from your trainer or tutor.

## ? How will I be assessed?

Most of the assessment is via assignments set and marked by your tutors. Some courses include external tests set by the exam board.

## What can I do next?

You can go on to study for a degree at university or other higher education institution. Or you may want to apply directly for a job in your chosen sector.



# BTEC Higher National



## ? Who is it for?

Anyone over 18. Most candidates are aged 18-24.

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

Yes. You should have Level 3 qualifications such as BTEC nationals and/or A Levels.

## ? What can I study?

You can choose from a wide range of occupational areas including Business; Engineering; Health and Social Care; Computing; Applied Science; Art and Design; Creative Media; Construction; Travel, Tourism & Hospitality.

## ? How will I learn?

Teaching and learning methods are focused on the learner through a mix of practical activities that may include individual or group project work and in work placements; plus taught sessions such as lectures and seminars. Your learning may also include structured visits to companies and talks by speakers working in your chosen sector.

## ? How will I be assessed?

Your tutors will use a variety of assessment methods such as presentations, log books, reports and assignments. They may observe you doing practical tasks in your workplace or in class, ask you to role play different scenarios with your fellow students, use video, create a podcast or a product. You may report on other students through peer assessment exercises or even comment on your own work. While your tutors assess your progress and achievements, their conclusions are verified or checked externally by Pearson assessors.

## ? What can I do next?

A Higher National Certificate (HNC) is the equivalent of the first year of a degree, and the Diploma (HND) the equivalent of the second, so you could progress on to a full degree e. g. BA or BSc (Honours).

# GCSE



## ? Who is it for?

GCSE courses are typically begun in year 10, and the exam taken in year 11.

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

No, but you may need to have studied the subject at Key Stage 3.

## ? What can I study?

Many different academic subjects including the core subjects of English, maths and science; history, geography, modern foreign languages, computer science, religious studies, PE, art and music and other more practical subjects.

## ? How will I learn?

You will attend taught classes, do research and reading for a variety of assignments or projects, study on your own and with others.

## ? How will I be assessed?

Most subjects are now assessed through end of course exams, which are marked by exam board assessors. Practical and creative subjects are partly assessed through course work.

## ? What can I do next?

You can continue studying at the next level and do either a LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATION SUCH AS BTEC FIRST OR, a Level 3 qualification such as an A level or BTEC National DEPENDING ON THE GRADES YOU ACHIEVED. YOU COULD ALSO do an apprenticeship.

# GCE A Level



## ? Who is it for?

Traditionally AS levels are taken at 17 at the end of Year 12. A levels are mostly taken in the school year a learner turns 18, but are also available to older learners.

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

You usually need at least a grade C in English and maths GCSE. Some learning centres like you to have a GCSE at grade B or above in the same subject as the A level if it is available.

## ? What can I study?

A very wide range of academic subjects from English, maths and sciences through the humanities to creative and practical subjects and social sciences.

## ? How will I learn?

You will attend taught classes and do research and reading for a variety of assignments or projects, study on your own and with other learners.

## ? How will I be assessed?

Mostly by an end of course written exam. Creative and practical subjects may include course work and a practical exam.

## What can I do next?

A levels are mostly used as entry qualifications to a degree course at university or other higher education institutions.



# Traineeship

## ? Who is it for?

Learners aged 16- 24 years who are unemployed and need work experience to get them into paid employment.



## Do I need any qualifications?

No.



## What can I study?

Learners must study maths and English, take part in meaningful work experience and do some training relevant to preparing for employment.



## How will I learn?

A mix of classroom study, work experience and practical activities related to skills needed for work. Programmes can be anything from 6 weeks to 6 months.



## How will I be assessed?

Assessment methods will vary according to the programme.

## What can I do next?

Learners are encouraged to move on to an Apprenticeship, into a job or further training that leads to a qualification.

# BTEC First Award



## ? Who is it for?

Anyone aged 14 or over.

## ? Do I need any qualifications?

No.

## ? What can I study?

It's a work-related qualification covering some subjects, such as Business, Sport, Performing Arts, Health & Social Care and Art & Design, that can also be studied as GCSEs. Other subjects cover areas not available as GCSEs, such as Engineering, Hospitality, Construction and Travel & Tourism.

## ? How will I learn?

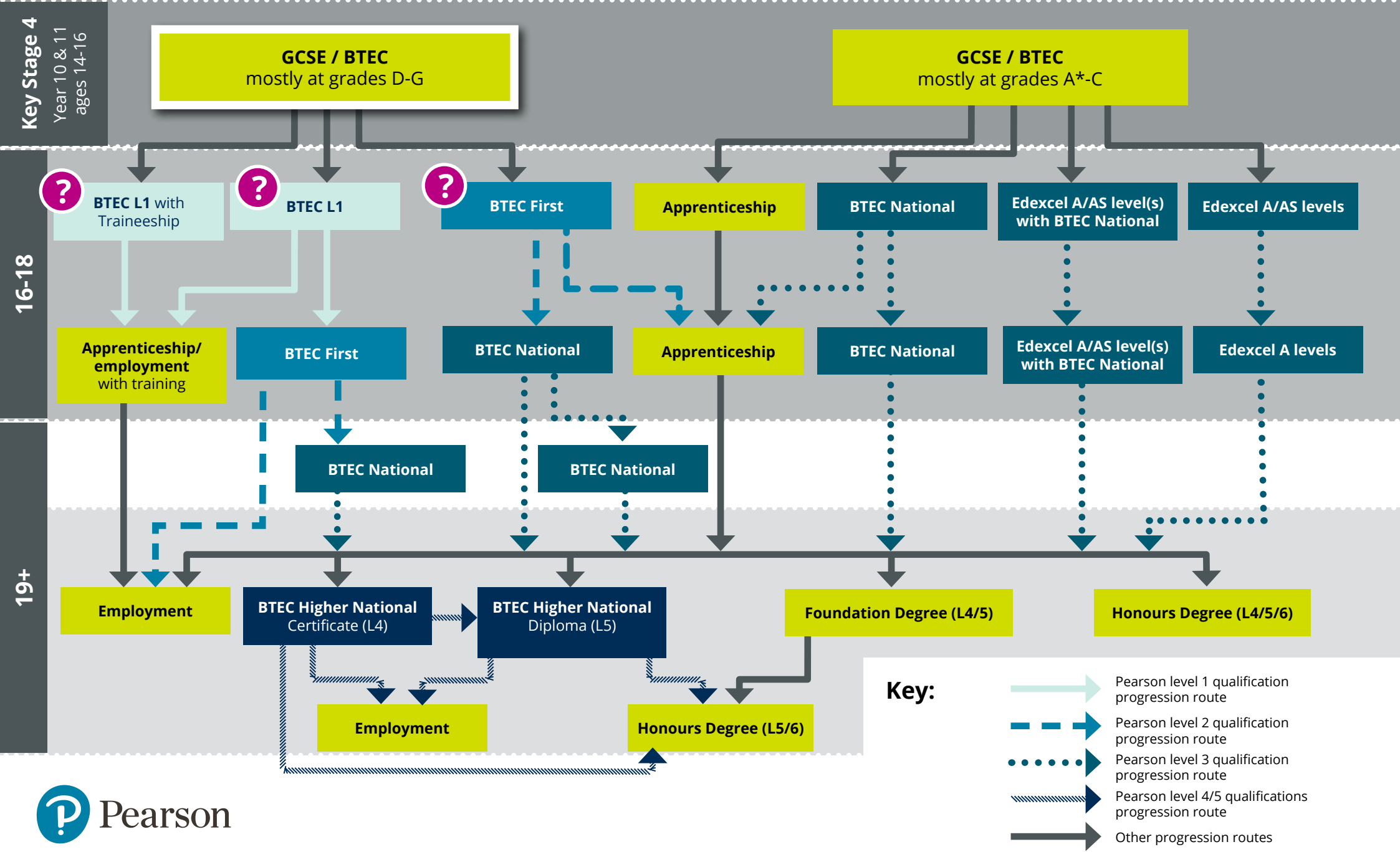
You will develop an understanding of the sector, the types of jobs available, and the skills and knowledge you need to work in it. You will learn mostly through practical activities.

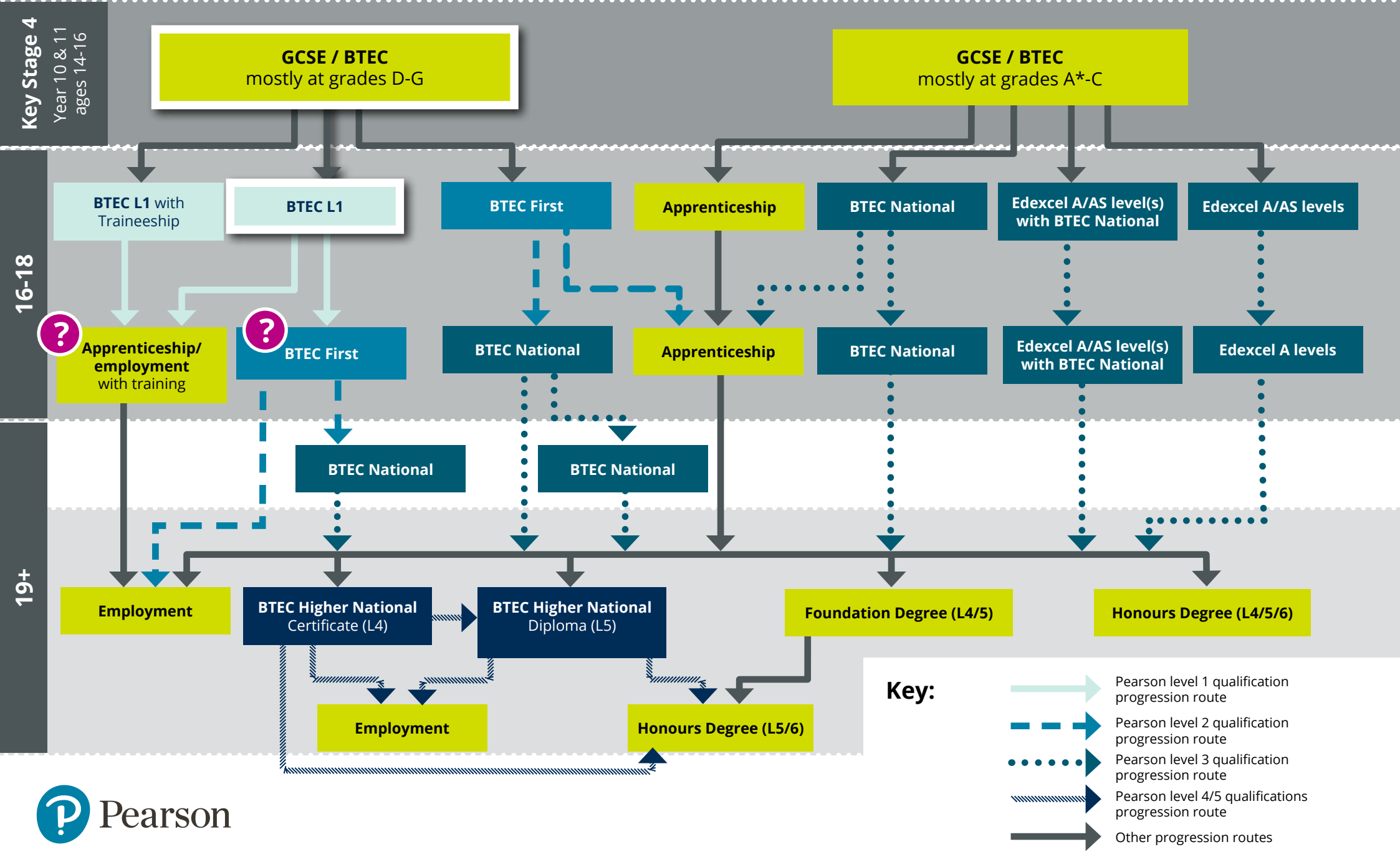
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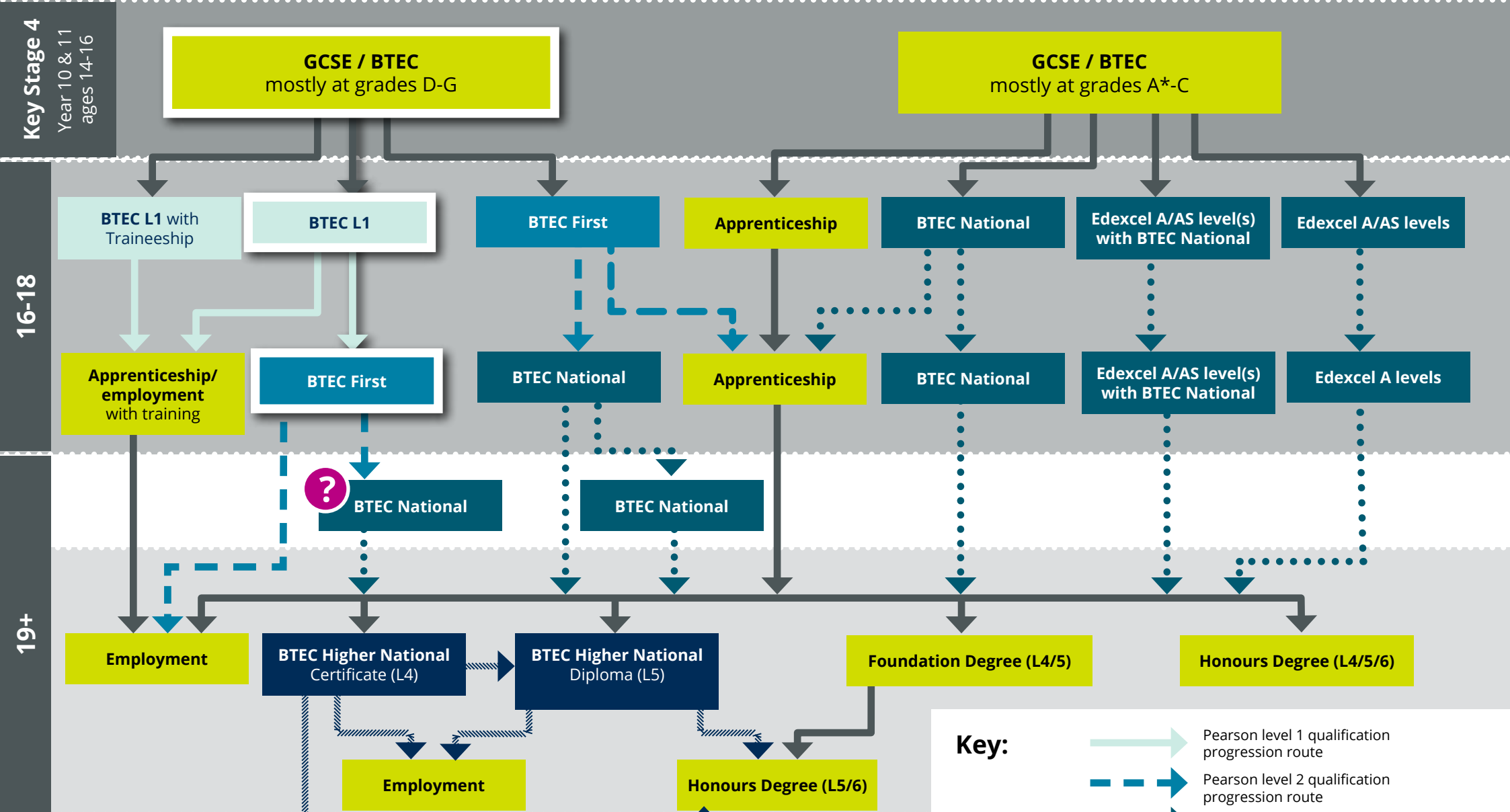
You will be assessed partly by an exam, worth 25% of the final grade, and partly by assignments set and marked by your teachers.

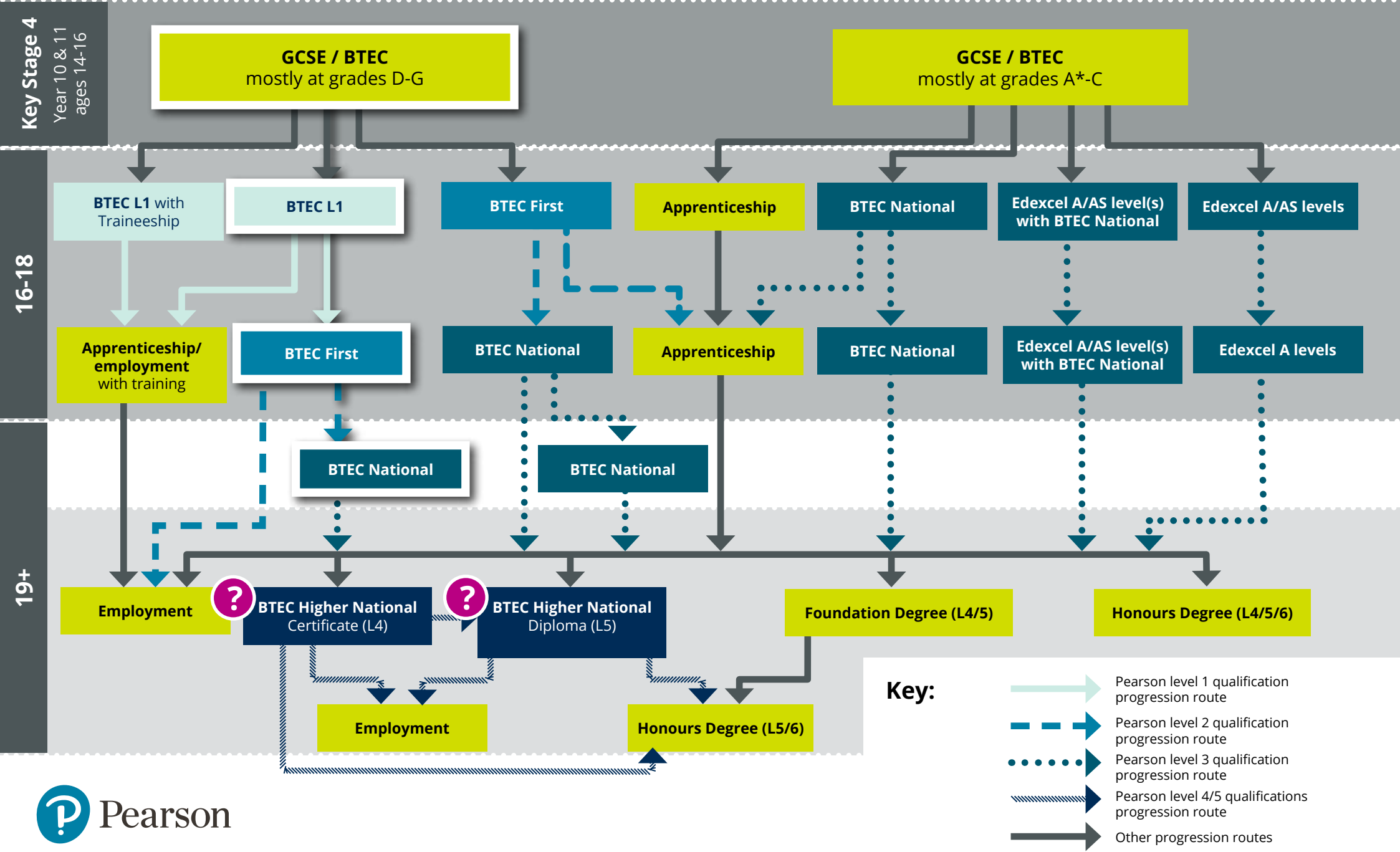
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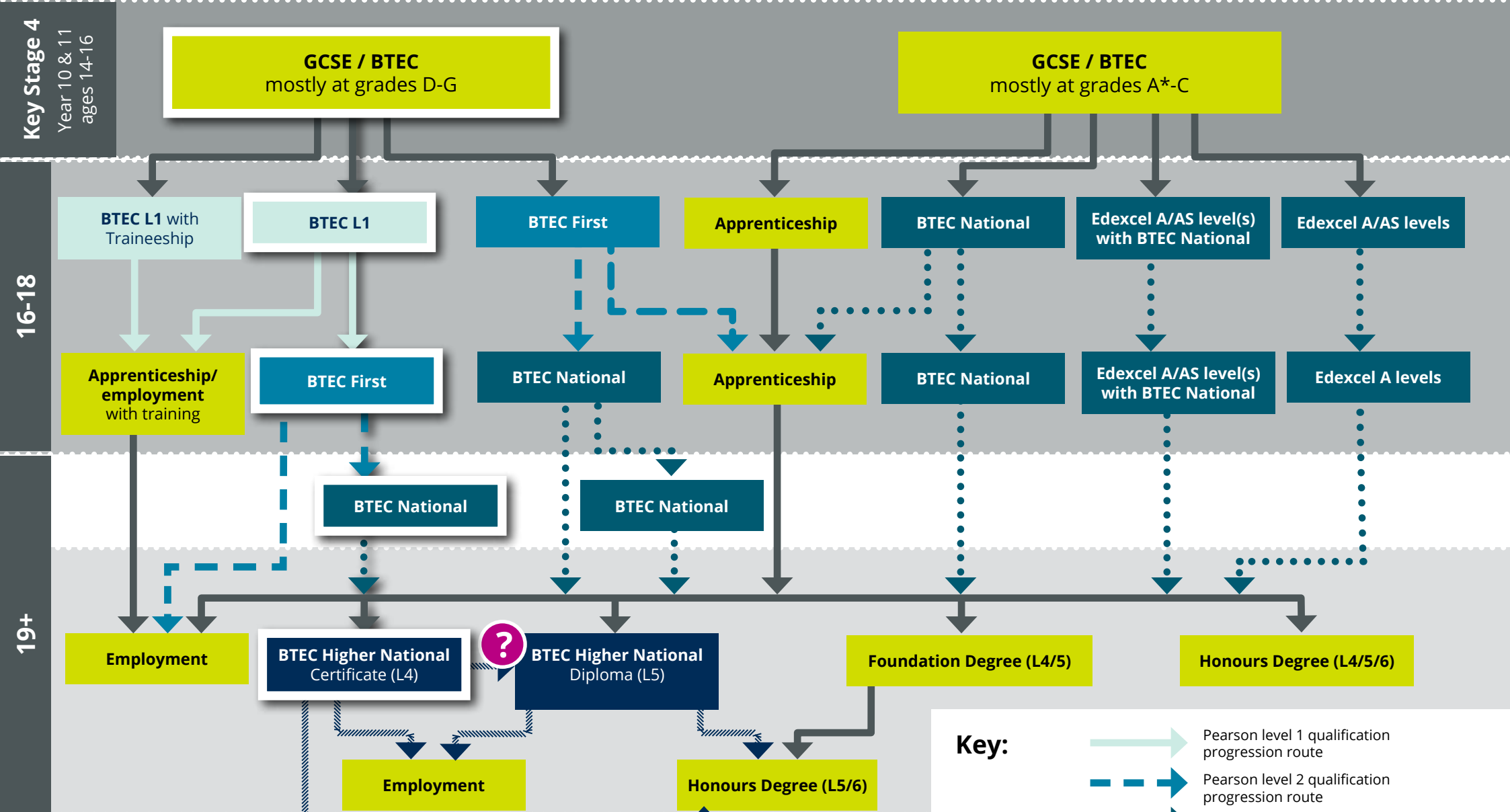
You can progress to a range of further qualifications at 16, including BTEC Nationals and A levels. For many students they are the first steps towards a job in a particular sector.











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<b>Key Stage 4</b> Year 10 & 11, ages 14-16	<b>GCSE / BTEC</b> mostly at grades D-G
<b>16-18</b>	<b>BTEC L1</b>
	<b>BTEC First</b>
<b>19+</b>	<b>BTEC National</b>
	<b>BTEC Higher National</b> Certificate (L4)
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