

Make the smart choice



## BTEC at Key Stage 4

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For me, BTEC was a no-brainer, it was a perfect choice for me because I'm the type of person that likes to get stuck in and really involved in what I do.

**Max Whitlock MBE**, five-time Olympic medallist



### Why choose a BTEC at Key Stage 4?

- **Learn about a profession**  
You'll gain an insight into a professional sector, so you can see if it's an industry you're interested in.
- **Personal development**  
You'll develop skills to succeed, like leadership, communication, and teamwork, and the confidence to take your next steps.
- **Be assessed as you go**  
Rather than traditional written exams, your assessments will be regular performance, real life scenario or knowledge-based assessments.
- **Learning made relevant**  
Taken alongside GCSEs, BTEC at Key Stage 4 will help you apply skills and knowledge to real-life scenarios in the workplace.



## Where can BTEC at Key Stage 4 take me?

### More study at Key Stage 5

Taking a BTEC at Key Stage 4 leaves your options open for the future:

- If you want to continue with BTEC, you'll be able to move seamlessly onto a **BTEC Level 3 National**.
- If you choose to take **A levels**, you'll take with you the skills you've learned, and the ability to apply your knowledge to real-life contexts, helping you on the path to success.

### Apprenticeships

Taking a BTEC at Key Stage 4 will give you the sector understanding and skills to progress to an apprenticeship. It will also give you the transferable skills needed to succeed in a workplace environment.

### Employment

Taking a BTEC at Key Stage 4 will help you to build employability skills for whatever career you choose. That means you'll be more confident when it comes to job interviews and starting in your first job.

## Further study

### 1. Options Evenings and Open Days at your local school or college

Take this factsheet along when you're talking to teachers or careers advisors.

### 2. We made the smart choice - hear from BTEC Ambassadors

Don't take our word for it - hear from more students, employers and universities and why they choose BTEC at [ichoosebtec.com](https://www.ichoosebtec.com).

