

BTEC termtime checkpoints and key dates guide 2026/27

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Know what's coming up

Find key dates, checkpoints and actions for every term in one easy-to-use guide.



Get your team onboard

Share this guide across your school or college so everyone understands upcoming milestones and how they can support delivery.



Qualifications covered

- BTEC Nationals
 - BTEC Firsts
- BTEC Tech Award
- BTEC Technicals



Plan with confidence for the year ahead

Autumn term

Autumn is all about getting the foundations right.

Make sure student registrations are complete, internal assessment plans are in place and everyone knows what's coming up across the year.

Your first term-time checkpoint opens, giving you time to check which learners are expecting results in summer 2026.

It's a busy term for exams officers, but support from teachers, tutors and programme leads can help everything run smoothly.

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Date	Actions
16 October 2026	Entry deadline for the BTEC Tech Award Dec/Jan series and BTEC Firsts and Nationals Jan/Feb series
1 November 2026	Deadline to make your BTEC registrations
13 November 2026	Deadline to complete digital assessment plans Find out more about digital assessment plans
1 December 2026	BTEC cohort declaration opens for completion
31 December 2026	BTEC deletion deadline: make your BTEC deletions for students registered this academic year to receive a refund

Winter/spring term

You're straight into the January exams series.

Internal assessments are under way, quality assurance activities are happening, and exam entries need to be submitted on time.

It's also a key moment for collaboration: teachers and tutors support learners with timely assessments and evidence, while exams officers make sure everything's processed and compliant.

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Date	Actions
29 January 2027	Deadline to complete BTEC cohort declaration (term-time checkpoint 1)
21 February 2027	BTEC Tech award entry deadline
17 March 2027	Release of January results to centres
18 March 2027	Release of January results to students
19 March 2027	BTEC Firsts, Nationals and Technicals entry deadline

Spring/summer term

Now it's time to bring everything together to meet the 5 July deadline.

Students are completing final assessments and sitting external exams. The focus is on meeting deadlines, submitting grades and making sure you complete any outstanding actions.

Everyone plays a part, from preparing students and managing exams to finalising claims and quality review.

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Date	Actions
30 March 2027	BTEC confirmation (term-time checkpoint 2) opens for completions
31 March 2027	Release of February results to centres
1 April 2027	Release of February results to students
30 April 2027	Deadline to complete your BTEC cohort confirmation (term-time checkpoint 2)
15 May 2027	BTEC Tech Award: Mark and learner work submission deadline for internally assessed components
5 July 2027	BTEC claiming deadline: submit internally assessed grades, and make a full award claim/cash-in

August results day

This is the big moment. When all your hard work pays off and students get the results they've worked hard for.

Level 3

4 August – embargo release of results to centres

12 August – release of results to students

Level 2

13 August – embargo release of results to centres

19 August – release of results to students



Your results are delivered with plenty of time for you to conduct some final checks and contact us if anything is missing.

Exams officers play a crucial role, but support from the wider team helps make the process smooth, from answering queries to guiding students through next steps.

We're here to help



Support when you need it most

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