

Quick Guide

to the BTEC Tech Award
in Sport

First teaching: September 2022
Course level: Level 1/ Level 2
Total Qualification Time: 149 hours
Total Guided Learning Hours: 120
QN: 603/7068/3

Content overview

Component 1: Preparing Participants to Take Part in Sport and Physical Activity

Learners will explore the different types and provision of sport and physical activity available for different types of participants, barriers to participation and ways to overcome these barriers to increase participation in sport and physical activity. They will also research equipment and technological advances in a chosen sport or physical activity and how to prepare our bodies for participation in sport and physical activity.



Component 2: Taking Part and Improving Other Participants Sporting Performance

Learners will investigate the components of fitness and their effect on performance, take part in practical sport, explore the role of officials in sport and learn to apply methods and sporting drills to improve other participants' sporting performance.

Component 3: Developing Fitness to Improve Other Participants' Performance in Sport and Physical Activity

Learners will be introduced to and develop an understanding of the importance of fitness and the different types of fitness for performance in sport and physical activity. They will also develop an understanding of the body and fitness testing.

Why choose Sport?

Developed from the popular BTEC First Award in Sport with some of the practical content from the BTEC Tech Award in Sport, Activity and Fitness (2018), this Tech Award is for learners interested in taking a **hands-on course** alongside their GCSEs that will offer them an insight into what it is like to work in the sector, giving them a broad introduction that keeps all of their options open and allows them to make an informed decision about their future learning and career.

The BTEC Tech Award gives learners the opportunity to **develop sector-specific applied knowledge and skills through realistic vocational contexts**. They will explore the different types and providers of sport and physical activity, as well as the equipment and technology available. Building on this, they will look at individuals' differing needs, to gain an understanding of how to increase participation in sport while further developing their knowledge and understanding of anatomy and physiology in a contextualised way. They will then apply their knowledge and skills to planning and delivering sports activity sessions for participants in practical sessions. In addition, this qualification enables learners to develop sector-specific skills such as sport analysis and sports leadership, and personal skills such as communication, planning, time management and teamwork, through a practical and skills-based approach to learning and assessment.

This qualification has been developed in close consultation with **focus groups, current practitioners and employers** to ensure that all of the key skills and areas of knowledge required for learners to work effectively in the sports industry are incorporated into both the content and the assessment process. The internally assessed components are task-based and largely practical, allowing learners to demonstrate their skills and ability – and their understanding of the theoretical content – in a way that suits them.

This course can be complementary learning for GCSEs in Dance, Business, Biology and Health and Social Care. It can also work alongside GCSE in Physical Education, enhancing learners' understanding of theory through applied learning, and covering content not directly covered in the GCSE (e.g. leadership and teaching). Successful completion of this course **opens up progression** to A Levels or the study of a vocational qualification at Level 3, such as a BTEC National in Sport or a BTEC National in Sport and Exercise Science.

Assessment overview

Components are interrelated and best seen as part of an integrated whole rather than as distinct study areas.

Component	GLH	Qualification weighting	Marks available	Type of assessment	Length of assessment	Availability
Component 1: Preparing Participants to Take Part in Sport and Physical Activity	36	30%	60	Internal assessment (PSA*) with 3 tasks. Externally moderated	5 hours of supervised sessions	Twice a year: June release for Dec / Jan moderation September release for May/June moderation
Component 2: Taking Part and Improving Other Participants' Sporting Performance	36	30%	60	Internal assessment (PSA*) with 4 tasks. Externally moderated	4 hours of supervised sessions	Twice a year: June release for Dec / Jan moderation September release for May/June moderation
Component 3: Developing Fitness to Improve Other Participants' Performance in Sport and Physical Activity	48	40%	60	External synoptic exam. Externally marked	1 hour 30 minutes	Twice a year in January and May (from 2024)

* Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs) are set by Pearson, marked by the centre, and moderated by Pearson.

Complimentary resources and support

- Delivery Guide
- Transition Guide mapping from previous qualifications
- Sample assessment materials
- ExamWizard
- ResultsPlus
- Marking Training and Marking Standardisation Events
- Getting Started Training Events
- Access to Pearson subject specialist



Choosing a BTEC Tech Award

BTEC Tech Awards are Level 1/Level 2 courses that are of the **same size and rigour as GCSEs, widening learners' options at Key Stage 4**, while keeping all their options open for progression into post-16 education and training. We have developed all our BTEC Tech Awards in consultation with subject specialists and secondary school and FE representatives, to ensure that they are engaging and fully up to date with current sector skills, behaviours and knowledge.

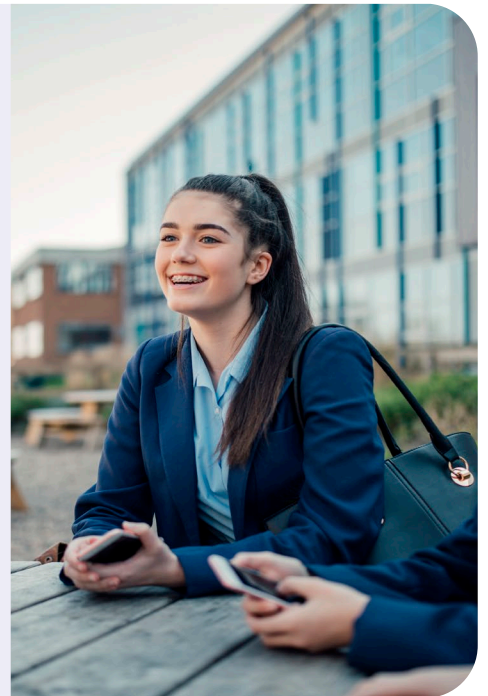
With a BTEC Tech Award your learners will:

- Get a taste of what a sector is like.
- Gain transferable skills and confidence that will help them in the world today and prepare them for their futures.
- Receive an introduction to vocational study.
- Have opportunities to apply learning from their GCSE subjects to every day and work contexts.
- Build applied knowledge and skills that show an aptitude for further learning, both in the sector and more widely.

Embedding learning through application

BTEC Tech Award qualifications are designed to help learners:

- **Explore** what it's like to work in the sector and gain the underpinning knowledge and skills required to work in it.
- **Develop** key knowledge, skills and behaviours, and learn about essential tools, techniques, and equipment.
- **Apply** their learning to real-life contexts and vocational scenarios in both learning and assessment.



BTEC Tech Awards come from Pearson, the world's lifelong learning company. Our purpose is simple: to help people realize the life they imagine through learning. We do that by providing high quality content and learning experiences, as well as assessments and qualifications that help people build their skills and grow with the world around them.

Designed to offer you more

Through the design of all of our qualifications we've sought to ensure that the courses are as easy as possible for teachers to deliver and administer, and that they give learners as much opportunity as possible to realistically demonstrate their capability and achieve overall success.

- We offer the widest range of BTEC Tech Awards, covering **12 unique subject areas**, all following the same consistent approach – enabling your school to offer multiple BTEC Tech Awards without multiplying complexity.
- All components are mandatory, with **optionality built in** within the content where relevant to the sector, streamlining assessment.
- There is a **consistent mark scheme structure** for each internally assessed component making it easier to apply and standardise.
- **Assessment is compensatory** within components and across the qualification – anywhere learners gain marks, these are added to the total towards a grade. This means grades for each component are no longer restricted to the lowest grade achieved within the component.
- **There are no minimum grade requirements in any component**, so an Unclassified result in any of the components will not prevent a learner from achieving the qualification. This gives your learners more opportunities to achieve and better captures their true ability.
- The moderation process for Pearson Set Assignments (internal assessments) **offers long assessment windows, reduced administration and paperwork, and includes early moderator feedback reports**. We are the only provider offering moderator feedback reports in advance of Results Day, giving you the opportunity to address any issues with assessment before they impact on the learner's results.
- The new Pearson Set Assignments have been based on Authorised Assignment Briefs from current qualifications, so will be familiar to teachers used to the previous qualifications.



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