

Post 16 Course Information Guide



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COMPUTING

KEY INFORMATION

Course Type	BTEC Extended Diploma	Full/Part Time	Full
Subject	Computing	Start Date	Sept 2018
Level	3	Award Body	Pearson's

Course Introduction:

2 Year Vocational BTEC Extended Diploma Course in Computing.

Description:

Grace Academy offers students the opportunity to study BTEC Extended Diploma in Computing. This is a two-year course after which pupils will gain the equivalent of 3 A level qualifications, suitable for pursuing a career in computing or the study of computing or IT through higher education which doesn't require taking any additional A levels alongside.

Course Suitable for:

Students who wish to develop a specialism to study computing at a higher level or train with in the sector. **You will be required to study through a variety of mediums including independent study and placements.**

Preferable Entry Requirements

At least 2 5 GCSE's Grade 4 and above.

At least Grade 5 at English or Maths.

At least a Grade 6 in Maths

Why Study?

Computing is a new addition to the BTEC qualifications at Grace Academy. It will allow students to focus on a chosen pathway of computing and develop a variety of skills and knowledge for higher education or a career in this field. This course is based upon work related scenarios and links well to further education or career choices. Computer at KS5 opens up the opportunities to expand your learning from GCSE and develop your skills further.

Progression Opportunities:

The Extended Diploma in Computer Science can lead to further study at many universities in the country. Careers which involve computing skills include; web design, mobile apps, computer graphics, computer video editing, networks, IT support, to name a few.

Why Grace Academy?

Results at Post 16 are consistently good each year. Teacher specialist knowledge is effectively shared with students to support their learning and progress, allowing all students to access in depth content.

Modules:

Mandatory Units:

- Principles of Computer Science
- Fundamentals of Computer Systems
- Planning and Management of Computer Projects
- System Design and Development Project
- IT Systems Security and Encryption
- Business Applications of Social Media
- The Impact of Computing

Optional Units: 6 will be chosen from the list below

- Human Computer Interaction
- Digital Graphics and Animation
- Digital Video
- Website Development
- Relational Database Development
- Object Oriented Programming
- Computer Networks
- Mobile Apps development
- Virtualisation

Assessment Methods:

The Extended Diploma will be assessed through assignments, Pearson tasks and written exams. The assignments will be set and marked by Grace Academy staff, these involve a series of tasks set in a work related scenario over a period of time. The tasks set by Pearson will require students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in real life scenarios that they are likely to encounter in the work place. The written exams are set and marked by Pearson on Unit 1 to 4, these are 2 hours, 1hr 30 minutes exams and 5 hours (3/2 split) and 6 hours controlled assessment, respectively. Each unit contributes points proportionally to the overall grade.

Support Provided:

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You will need to monitor your own progress, we want you to become self-critical and to think about how you can improve.

We will expect you to work hard and productively. Being present in the academy for as long as it is necessary for you to meet your targets and succeed in your learning.

Course Application:

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Health and Social Care

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Course Type	BTEC Extended Diploma	Full/Part Time	Full
Subject	Health and Social Care	Start Date	Sept 2018
Level	3	Award Body	Pearson's

Course Introduction:

2 Year Vocational BTEC Extended Diploma Course in Health and Social Care.

Description:

Grace Academy offers students the opportunity to study BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care. This is a two-year course after which pupils will gain the equivalent of 3 A level qualifications, suitable for pursuing a career in the health and social care sector. In taking the BTEC Level 3, students would not be required take any additional A levels alongside.

Course Suitable for:

The Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care is intended as an applied general qualification. It is for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment in the health and social care sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to three A Levels and will develop a deep common core of knowledge, understanding and skills in the sector through mandatory content and optional units. **You will be required to attend work placement during this course throughout your two year studies.**

Preferable Entry Requirements:

At least 5 Grade 4s at GCSE in any subject to include English and Maths
At least Grade 5 at English

Why Study?

The Health and Social Care Level 3 Extended Diploma is a new addition to the BTEC qualifications at Grace Academy. It will allow students to focus solely on a chosen pathway of Health and Social Care and develop a variety of skills and knowledge for higher education or a career in this field. This course is based upon work related scenarios and links well to further education or career choices. Studying Health and Social Care at KS5 opens up the opportunities to expand your learning from GCSEs and develop your skills further. Health and Social has proved to be very popular and successful at certificate level.

Progression Opportunities:

This qualification is the main focus of a two-year study programme of learning, meaning that learners will be fully prepared for a range of health and social care degree programmes and would also suit a student wanting to progress in childcare. The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses, for example:

BSc (Hons) in Nursing, in Social Work, in Physiotherapy. In Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, in Health and Social Care

Why Grace Academy?

Grace Academy has been delivering post 16 courses for a number of years and have experienced specialist teachers for Health and Social Care. Results at Post 16 are consistently good each year. This specialist knowledge is effectively shared with students to support their learning and progress, allowing all students to access in depth content. **We will also build**

Into the two year course compulsory work experience blocks enabling you to gain valuable employable skills and knowledge to develop onto the next stage.

Modules:

Mandatory Units:

- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care And Support Needs
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care.

Optional Units:

- Psychological Perspectives
- Nutritional Health
- Policy in Health and Social Care
- Assessing Children's Development Support Needs
- Understanding Mental Wellbeing

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The written exams are set and marked by Pearson for units 1 to 4. There are three 1.5 hour exams for units 1 to 3 and an external task set with a 3 hour supervised session. These units contributes to 42% of the total qualifications guided learning hours.

How does the qualification provide employability skills?

The qualification focuses on the development on key skills that further educational and employers look for in a candidate. These include:

- Cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- Intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- Interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

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SPORT

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Course Type	BTEC Extended Diploma	Full/Part Time	Full
Subject	Sport	Start Date	Sept 2018
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Course Introduction:

2 Year Vocational BTEC Extended Diploma Course in Sport.

Description:

Grace Academy offers students the opportunity to study BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport. This is a two-year course after which pupils will gain the equivalent of 3 A level qualifications, suitable for pursuing a career in sport, studying at higher education level.

Course Suitable for:

Students who wish to develop a specialism to study sport at a higher level or train with in the sector. **You will be required to attend a work placements during this course throughout your two year studies.**

Preferable Entry Requirements:

At least 5 GCSE's Grade 4 and above.

At least Grade 5 at English or Maths

At least Grade 5 in Science

Why Study?

It will allow students to focus on a chosen pathway of Sport and develop a variety of skills and knowledge for higher education or a career in this field. This course is based upon work related scenarios and links well to further education or career choices. Studying Sport at KS5 opens up the opportunities to expand your learning from GCSE/BTEC level 2 sport and develop your skills further.

Progression Opportunities:

The Extended Diploma in Sport can lead to further study at many universities in the country. Careers which involve Sport skills include; fitness trainer, sports therapy, PE teaching, project researcher, sports injuries and assessment, sports coach, sports nutritionist and sports reporter on socio-cultural issues in sport, to name a few.

Why Grace Academy?

Grace Academy has been delivering sports courses for a number of years and have experienced specialist teachers for Sport. Results at Post 16 are consistently outstanding each year. This specialist knowledge is effectively shared with students to support their learning and progress, allowing all students to access in depth content. **We will also build into the two year course compulsory work experience blocks** enabling you to gain valuable employable skills and knowledge to develop onto the next stage.

Modules:**Mandatory Units:**

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being
- Professional Development in the Sports Industry
- Sport Leadership
- Practical Sports Performance
- Coaching for performance
- Research Methods in Sport
- Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity
- Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry
- Skill Acquisition in Sport

Optional Units: 4 will be chosen from the list below

- Application of Fitness testing
- Sports Psychology
- Sports Event Organisation
- Research Project in Sport
- Sports Injury Management
- Work experience in Active Leisure
- Leisure Management
- Sports performance Analysis
- Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport
- Technical and Tactical Demands of Sport

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