

Different ways into higher Education and the equivalent qualifications they offer:

A Levels, NVQ's, BTEC National Awards, Certificates, Diplomas, Access to Higher Education Courses.

Qualifications once you're in Higher Education:

Honours Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas and Higher National Certificates.

NVQ's: National Vocational Qualifications

Work-related, competence-based qualifications:

- + You can work and earn money whilst continuing higher education
You can progress at your own pace.

A Levels and Applied A Levels:

Split into 2 parts AS (Advanced Subsidiary) worth 50% and A2, which makes up the other 50%.

- + You can mix and match subjects you are interested in.
It is a well-established route into higher education and is therefore recognised by all colleges and universities.

BTEC National Diplomas:

Encourages and stimulates student achievement through innovative learning and assessment styles, focusing on the applied knowledge and understanding of specific sectors.

- + If you know what you want to do it provides you with a specific vocational approach.
You are assessed using a wide range of methods.
This gives you more than one progression route.
There is flexibility while you study; such as you can switch vocational areas.

Access to Higher Education:

A route to higher education for adults with little, if any formal qualifications.

- + You can study a particular occupational area.
You have flexibility in your studies