

WHAT IS...

HIGHER EDUCATION?

When you take exams at school or college, you're working towards a qualification at different levels.

Once you've passed your GCSEs (or equivalent qualifications), you'll have completed your **Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications.**

LEVEL
1

EQUIVALENT WOULD BE
LEVEL 1 BTECs OR NVQs

Usually, you work towards level 1 when you're in year 9 or 10 at school

LEVEL
2

EQUIVALENT WOULD BE
**LEVEL 2 BTECs, NVQs,
OR APPRENTICESHIPS**

Usually, you work towards this level when you're in year 10 and 11

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Once you've completed Level 2 qualifications, you'll need to make a decision about what you want to do next, whether that is to:

- ▶ Stay on at school for sixth form
- ▶ Go to college
- ▶ Undertake another form of training



Whatever you pick you will start working towards a **Level 3** qualification.

LEVEL

3

Further Education

A LEVELS OR ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

EQUIVALENT WOULD BE **LEVEL 3 BTECs OR NVQs, ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIPS OR, FROM SEPT 2020 ONWARDS- T LEVELS.**

Usually, you work towards this level when you're 16 or older, and in sixth form, Year 12 and 13 or at college



Once you've passed your Level 3 qualifications you can decide whether or not you want to start a higher education qualification, which is study at **Level 4 and above.**

FROM LEVEL

4

Higher Education

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS SUCH AS DEGREES, DEGREE/HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

OTHER OPTIONS ARE **HNCs AND HNDs, AND FOUNDATION DEGREES**

Higher education is for those aged 18 or older who have completed Level 3 qualifications

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