BTEC LEVEL 3 – EXTENDED CERTIFICATE – APPLIED SCIENCE



Course Content

Three Mandatory Units

- 1. Principles and Applications of Science (externally assessed)
- 2. Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques (internally assessed)
- 3. Science Investigation Skills (externally assessed)

One Optional unit from:

- 8. Physiology of Human Body Systems
- 9. Human Regulation and Reproduction
- 10. Biological Molecules and Metabolic Pathways
- 11. Genetics and Genetic Engineering
- 12. Diseases and Infections
- 13 Applications of Inorganic Chemistry
- 14. Applications of Organic Chemistry
- 15. Electrical Circuits and their Application
- 16.Astronomy and Space Science

Teaching and Learning

The requirements of the qualification will mean that learners develop the transferable and higher order scientific skills and knowledge which are valued by higher education providers and employers. Learners will also develop key practical skills including how to risk assess and carry out investigations and preparations, collecting, analysing, and presenting data and communicating results. This qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses if taken alongside other qualifications as part of a two-year programme of learning, including, but not exclusively, those which are science-related. The qualification can be taken as part of a diverse programme, leaving progression options fully open. It can also give context to subjects which would benefit from some scientific background. This will depend on the combination of qualifications chosen. For example, taken alongside:

- A Level in Psychology and BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport to progress to sport psychology courses
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended certificate in Health and Social Care to progress to nursing courses
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended certificate in Sport and Exercise Science to progress to sport and exercise science courses

Assessment

Unit 2 and the optional unit will be assessed internally. Units 1 and 3 will be assessed externally through examinations. Students will complete each unit and be graded pass, merit or distinction based on the successful completion of tasks.

Progression

The course will give a strong grounding for a profession that require a broad foundation in science. Students may go on to study criminology, nursing, sports science, geography, environmental science amongst other subjects.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades 4-9 to include Mathematics and Science. Science should be a Grade 5, 5 or above.

Examination Board

Pearsons BTEC

Further Details

Mrs Williams or Mrs Harrison

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