



## Course Description Sheets - Level 1

### BTEC Diploma in VOCATIONAL STUDIES - Level 1

**Examination Board:** Edexcel

**Duration:** One year

**Entry qualifications:** None

**Enrichment opportunities:** All students have access to our enrichment programme

**Next steps:** Students undertaking the Diploma in Vocational Studies are usually appointed a Connexions adviser who works closely with the group throughout the year. Students may progress on to a vocational level one course, or if they've achieved a merit or distinction for their Diploma (and the associated key skills) may be able to progress to a level 2 course subject to a satisfactory interview. Other options can include moving on to training courses/employment.

**Assessment/ Examination method:**

- The course is portfolio based and is internally assessed then externally moderated
- Key Skills may be assessed through examination

#### Course outline:

The Diploma in Vocational Studies offers learners the unique opportunity to explore several vocational subjects and provides a flexible and engaging learning programme for those who remain unsure of their direction at Level 1. Students can opt for a mixed programme from vocational areas including performing arts, sport, health and care, child care, art, engineering and construction or alternatively follow a vocational pathway in one of the following areas:

- Engineering / Construction
- Sport and Leisure
- Creative Arts
- Care

Students also study core units to complement their programme eg: ICT, Customer Service, Personal Effectiveness and Work Skills.

**Qualifications** gained will include the following:

- BTEC Certificate or Diploma in Vocational Studies
- BTEC Work Skills Award
- Key Skills in Application of Number and Communication

The course is taught by specialist staff in cross-college disciplines. Students are supported by LSAs in the classroom in lessons.

Students will participate in the following:

- Work Experience
- Next Steps (Careers Conference)

\* This information can be made available on tape.