

**PATHWAY 2: BTEC LEVEL 2 FIRST DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS (One year course)  
(EQUIVALENT TO FOUR GCSES)**

**Entry requirements**

- Grade 3 in English Language and Mathematics and
- Two D grades at GCSE or one D grade and a grade 3 in English Literature

This suite of qualifications provides opportunities for learners to progress to either academic or more specialized vocational pathways. It has a core of underpinning knowledge, skills and understanding and a range of options to reflect the breadth of pathways within a sector. This gives learners the opportunity to:

- Gain a broad understanding and knowledge of a vocational sector
- Investigate areas of specific interest
- Develop essential skills and attributes prized by employers, further education colleges and higher education institutions.

The BTEC First qualifications have core, mandatory and optional specialist units. Units include:

- Enterprise in the Business World
- Finance for Business
- Small Business Planning
- Promoting a Brand
- Principles of Marketing
- Introducing Project Management

The First Diploma in Business includes two externally assessed units. This approach will also assist learners with developing a range of transferable skills, and in applying their knowledge in unfamiliar contexts. The remaining units are internally assessed. Internal assessment allows learners to develop a wider range of skills and to provide evidence towards meeting the unit assessment criteria.

**ENGLISH AND MATHS GCSE**

All students who do not attain a good pass in their GCSE English Language and Mathematics courses are required by law to continue to study these subjects. For all students in the Sixth Form who have not gained a good pass, we will provide lessons and support to help them gain these vital qualifications