

Levels of Study

Level	Qualifications	Apprenticeships
7	Master's Degree (MA, MSc, MPhil, MBA)	Level 7 apprenticeships are graduate programmes that you will need a degree to apply for.
6	Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc, LLB, BEng)	A Level 6 apprenticeship is a degree apprenticeship. Sixth Form students can apply for degree apprenticeships in year 13 and can work at a company to gain their degree over several years whilst also being paid.
5	Higher National Diploma (HND), Higher National Certificate (HNC)	You would normally need a level 4 apprenticeship already to be able to complete a level 5. Sometimes companies offer level 4 and 5 together.
4	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)	You will need level 3 qualifications to gain a level 4 apprenticeship. These can often lead on to level 5 and 6 (degree apprenticeship).
3	A-Level, BTEC/CTEC Extended Certificate	Advanced Apprenticeship: Normally you would have studied a linked subject at A Level of GCSE.
2	GCSEs BTEC First Certificate	Even if you have finished A Levels, you may need to drop to level 1 or 2 for an apprenticeship to learn vital skills to do the role.

AS Level	A Level	BTEC/CTEC (Extended Certificate) 360 GLH	BTEC/CTEC (Diploma) 720 GLH	BTEC/CTEC (Extended Diploma) 1080 GLH
Worth half an A Level. You learn over a year of studying and have exams at the end to assess your learning.	A two year course. Students learn the content over two years and are assessed by taking exams at the end. Some A Levels have a piece of coursework which makes up a small part of the grade.	A two year course worth the same as an A Level. These courses are taught and assessed in chunks. These courses have a much larger proportion of coursework but are different for each course. Exams can be taken in year 12 and year 13 and can be retaken if needed. Students need to work hard from the very beginning of the course to achieve the highest results as everything is assessed.	A two year course studies in the same way as an extended certificate but worth double. There will be additional exams and coursework units compared to the extended certificate. Your grade will have two letters. The grades are from top to bottom Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass. So the top possible grade would be D*D* and the bottom would be PP.	This is studied in the same way as the other BTECs and CTECs but worth 3 A Levels. You will get 3 grades at the end of the course.