

TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



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& TAUNTON
COLLEGE

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“The facilities are fascinating! Allowing us to assemble parts and understanding how they integrate gives a genuine sense of what it’s like to work on a live power station. This invaluable experience prepares us for the future, providing insight into what lies ahead. The College’s connections with EDF and Hinkley are immensely valuable. Site visits, lecturers from EDF, and the presence of helpful EDF representatives on-site further enrich our learning journey.”

Alexandra Plompen-Philip | Nuclear Engineering
Suffolk One

MY BTC ADVANTAGE **EFFECTIVE LEARNER**

Professional and Technical qualifications are also known as BTEC’s or vocational qualifications. They are practical qualifications often linked to career pathways, higher degree apprenticeships or university. They are college based, but you’ll learn in industry standard settings such as workshops, salons, studios, stables, gardens... it depends on which course you study.

Here is what is special about Technical and Professional courses...

1. Technical and Professional courses link to careers

As the name suggests, these courses usually relate to specific ‘vocations’, i.e. careers or job roles. For example, if you want to fix aeroplanes, you can take an Aerospace Engineering course, a future chef can study Professional Hospitality, a wannabe landscape gardener could pursue a Horticulture course, or an aspiring filmmaker can gain the skills they need on a Media course . Whatever your ambition, there’s a course to get you started!

2. Technical and Professional courses are hands on

Unlike most GCSEs, technical and professional courses are practical and help you learn how to do things. You

will spend some time in class exploring theory, but you will also be in workshops, studios, labs or the great outdoors, depending on the subject you choose. You’ll also compete work experience, so you can put your new knowledge into practice!

3. Technical and Professional students have lots of choice

BTC offers one of the widest range of courses in the area. You can pick from nearly 100 courses in over 20 different sectors. Subjects include Accounting, Engineering, Health, Law, Agriculture, Animal Management, Automotive, Motorsport, Beauty Therapy, Business & Events Management, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Nuclear (Clean Energy), Computing, Plumbing, Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Painting & Decorating, Art & Design, Media, Music, Performing Arts & Live Events, Childcare & Education, Sport and Uniformed Protective Services, just to name a few!



Receiving an offer from the prestigious Norland College (a specialised nanny school known for training the best nannies in the country) was an incredible achievement- their services are even used by the Royal Family. My time at BTC has given me the confidence to strive for such milestones, and I feel equipped to embrace this next step on my journey thanks to my studies.

Rose Crossman | Early Years Education
Crispin School

MY BTC ADVANTAGE
HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



CONSTRUCTION



SPORT



THE MCMILLAN THEATRE



The hands-on approach of my course is highly valuable, offering a range of engaging activities. The College has organised the best residential experiences, like our recent excursion to North Wales, featuring mountaineering, rock climbing, and canoeing. The support of the College is always evident in well-planned activities, such as the week-long trip to an Army base. This experience covered all expenses and transportation, enabling us to learn about Army routines and practical skills.

Ana Sofia Lourenco Dias |
Uniformed Protective Services
Bridgwater College Academy

MY BTC ADVANTAGE
KNOWLEDGE AND
SKILLS

4. Technical and Professional students can build up their skills

College may be the first chance you've had to do some of these subjects, but don't worry. BTC will help you begin with a course that suits your current level of knowledge, then work your way up. Some subjects start with Level 1, an introductory level which will give you the grounding you need to get started. You can study some vocational subjects right up to degree level and beyond at BTC!

5. Technical and Professional students can go to university

If you achieve good results in a Level 3 technical/professional course, you may be able to apply for a vocational course at university or for a Degree Apprenticeship. Check the entry requirements before choosing what to do after school.

6. Technical and Professional courses include English and maths

English and maths are essential in all walks of life and careers, especially if you hope to own your own business one day. If needed, you may be able to take English and maths qualifications alongside your main vocational subject.

7. Technical and Professional students use state-of-the-art facilities

At school, you'll have spent a lot of time in classrooms. If you choose a vocational course, you'll learn in industry-standard settings, designed like real-life workplaces. For example, Agriculture students train at our 200-hectare working farm, Performing Arts students have access to the professional McMillan Theatre, and Hospitality students hone their service skills at the Quantock Restaurant, which is open to the public. In 2023 a new innovative Construction & Civil Engineering building opened at our Bridgwater campus, and a Health & Early Years Hub in Taunton. There are developments taking place all the time.

8. Technical and Professional enrichment gives you the edge

BTC offers lots of extracurricular clubs and activities called Academies. Many relate to vocational subjects, such as Uniformed Protective Services (999 Academy), Design, Fashion, Media, Music or Performing Arts. They give you even more opportunities to meet industry figures and work on exciting, live projects, experience that will make your CV or uni application stand out.



“Studying Arboriculture at BTC has been an incredible journey. I’ve always had a passion for trees, but never imagined getting paid for it. The knowledge and skills I’ve gained helped me land a full-time job as an Arborist. Our tutor is simply amazing, supportive, and knowledgeable whilst embracing funny moments. We also had the opportunity to visit renowned gardens, enhancing our education. I’m so grateful to BTC’s training for getting me a rewarding and diverse career.”

George Harris | Arboriculture
Nailsea School

MY BTC ADVANTAGE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



HEALTH



QUANTOCK RESTAURANT



AGRICULTURE



“Thanks to my teachers’ introductions, I’ve had the opportunity to work on film sets. One memorable experience was assisting with locations for a Hulu show funded by Oprah Winfrey, organised by a former BTC student. It was an incredible experience, that has fuelled my passion for being on film sets and my aspiration to bring movies to life in the future.”

Mya Shearer | Media
Crookers

MY BTC ADVANTAGE HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

Expanding Your Horizons: Beyond the Classroom at BTC

At BTC, we wholeheartedly embrace the idea that learning goes far beyond the confines of the classroom. We recognise that nurturing your passions is not just a possibility; it’s a fundamental aspect of personal growth and development.

Our academies provide you with the opportunity to pursue your dreams in sport, performance, public service, technology, education, creative arts, or media alongside your academic studies, making them an excellent complement to your educational journey. Or you may wish to join one of our clubs or societies. They’ll help you to make new friends but also provide a platform for like-minded individuals to come together, offering support and fostering meaningful conversations on the topics and issues that intrigue and inspire you. We firmly believe that educational trips play a crucial role. Trips offer you the chance to embark on new experiences

and expand your knowledge base. Our students have had the privilege of attending fashion events, automotive and engineering exhibitions, prestigious red carpet affairs, captivating music concerts, and much more. Our sports students have ventured to South Africa, where they’ve made meaningful contributions to local townships by teaching and engaging with children. Business students have explored the rich cultural landscape of Italy, participating in cultural exchanges and gaining valuable work experience. Meanwhile, Creative Arts students have had the opportunity to explore the vibrant city of New York, soaking in its unique sights and architectural marvels. Whatever you choose to study.

BTC are committed to providing a holistic learning environment, where we can bring out your best and help you grow.

We offer technical and professional qualifications across the following subject areas:

- Agriculture
- Animal Care & Management
- Arboriculture
- Art, Design & Media
- Automotive
- Business & Events Management
- Computing & Digital
- Construction
- Countryside Management
- Early Years & Education
- Engineering
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Equine Studies
- Foundation Learning
- Hair, Beauty & Barbering
- Health & Social Care
- Horticulture
- Hospitality & Catering
- Media Make-up
- Music, Performance and Production Arts
- Nuclear Clean Energy
- Sports, Coaching & Exercise Health
- Uniformed Protective Services



Coaching is my true passion. Through my course, I had the opportunity to coach in South Africa, where I was named as a star coach by the township’s children. This experience taught me to adapt my coaching style and proved immensely rewarding. It stands as one of the most incredible experiences I’ve had. Being at BTC has nurtured and enhanced my coaching expertise, enriching my own knowledge in the process.

Jaden Sigobodhla | Sport Coaching
The Castle School

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KNOWLEDGE AND
SKILLS



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



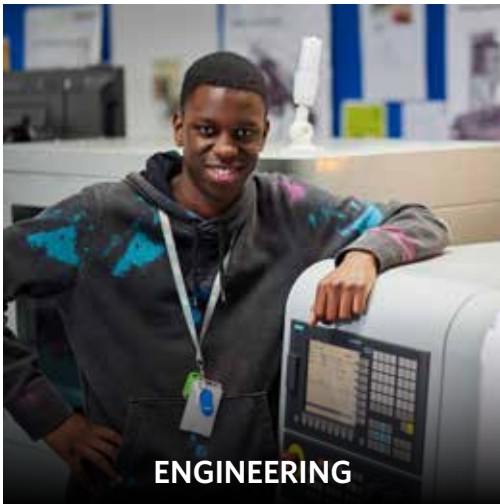
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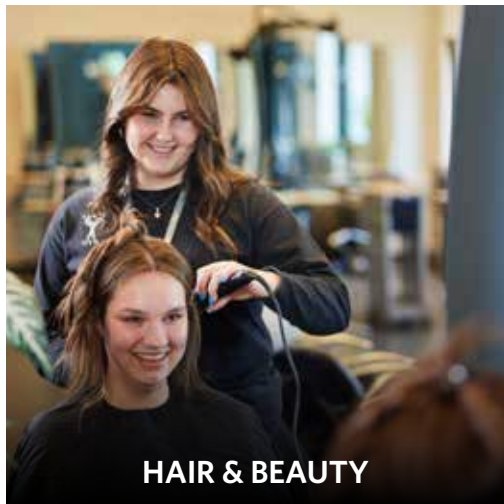
CREATIVE ARTS



PAINTING & DECORATING



ENGINEERING



HAIR & BEAUTY



COMPUTING & DIGITAL

VIEW OUR FACILITIES



AUTOMOTIVE WORKSHOP



EARLY YEARS EDUCATION



EVENTS PRODUCTION



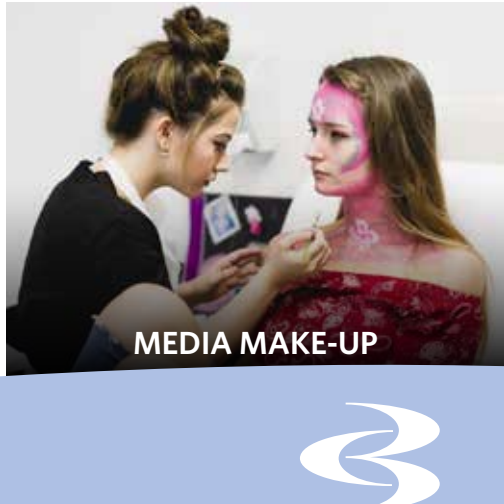
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BUSINESS



CARPENTRY WORKSHOP



MEDIA MAKE-UP



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