

MIXED PROGRAMME

COMBINING A LEVELS & BTECS

At Cardinal Newman College you can choose to study A Levels with BTECs. This is becoming increasingly popular as students can balance exams with coursework.



For advice and guidance, please contact the Admissions Team at admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

A LEVEL OR BTEC?

The main difference between these courses is that A Levels are assessed through examinations with some providing coursework modules, whilst BTEC courses are more coursework based with some practical assessments or work experience.

Choosing whether to study an A Level or BTEC programme can be a tough decision to make, that's why we offer students the opportunity to mix A Levels with BTECs to create a broader combination of qualifications.

We believe that by studying just one subject at College you may be limiting your options and although this may be perfect for students who have a clear idea of what they want to do in the future, students who are less sure of their future goals can benefit from studying a combination of A Levels and BTECs.

Most students on an A Level programme study the equivalent of three or four subjects, with BTEC Extended Certificates counting as 'single', BTEC Diplomas counting as 'double' and BTEC Extended Diplomas counting as 'triple' subjects.

Examples of typical combinations:

An A Level can be combined with:

- Two other A Level Subjects* or
- One BTEC Diploma

The BTEC Extended Diploma is equivalent to three subject options, so would be a complete programme of study.

The BTEC Diploma is equivalent to two subject options and can be combined with:

- One A Level or
- A BTEC Extended Certificate

The BTEC Extended Certificate is equivalent to one subject option and can be combined with:

- Two or Three A Levels* or
- A BTEC Diploma

Students can study four A Levels, but the demands of this are significant and you will need evidence of excellent GCSE results to succeed with this challenging programme of study. If you are uncertain of how many subjects to choose, please don't worry – we can give you advice and guidance.

*Subject to grades

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