

BTEC Foundation Diploma Business and Finance level 3

Course Overview

Our exciting new study programme in business and finance will allow you to broaden your knowledge and skills across two related subjects. You will be studying core elements of business and how businesses implement different strategies to succeed and two elements of accounting/finance units will be incorporated to give you an understanding of how finance and accounting works in the business environment. The purpose of this course is to allow you to have the opportunity of different progression routes when applying for jobs or going on to higher education/apprenticeships. This is a one-year study programme (six units equivalent to one and a half A levels) with the option upon successful completion of the course to progress onto the National Extended Diploma (16+) or the AAT Level 3 (part-time) which is for 19+ students.

What you will learn

These are the units that you will be studying on this course: Exploring business Developing a marketing campaign Personal and business finance Managing an event Recording financial transactions Cost and management accounting Students will take part in live projects with local employers, linking their academic study to the workplace. These units will give you the skills and knowledge to either enter the workplace or progress onto our extended diploma in Business and Finance.

Entry Requirements

Entry onto this course requires five GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above including English and Maths.

Course Progression

This course will give you a broad base of knowledge in both finance and business-related topics and equates to one and a half A-levels. If you complete this course successfully you will have the opportunity to progress to the Business and Finance National Extended Diploma. Alternatively, if you are 19+ before the start of the second year, you can progress onto the Level 3 AAT (part-time) course.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications and employment history, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00366
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	3

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