

# Intermediate Level 2 Programme Summary

## What to do if you don't get your GCSE grades

If you narrowly miss out on getting five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, don't panic!

The College can offer some students the chance of doing an extra year at College, on its *Intermediate Programme*.

### What are the entry requirements for the Level 2 Intermediate Programme?

To qualify you would need:

- Four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above.
- A broad range of GCSEs in the 4, 3 range.

### What's the Intermediate Programme and what would I study on it?

The *Intermediate Programme* is like a foundation year, and gives students the chance to qualify for Level 3 courses (A Level equivalent). Most students who do the Intermediate Programme go on to spend an additional two years at College doing Level 3 courses.

Students enrol onto a full-time, one year Intermediate Programme that consists of four subjects, that might for example include three BTEC Level 2 Awards, and one GCSE re-sit, or two BTEC Level 2 Awards and two GCSE re-sits.

Please note: *students who have not achieved English Language and or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above must re-sit these as part of their programme.*

## What Level 2 course options would I have?

Students are required to pick at least four courses from the following nine BTEC and GCSE options:

### **BTEC Level 2 Awards (equivalent to one GCSE):**

- Business (Compulsory)
- Health & Social Care
- Public Services
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism

### **GCSEs:**

- Biology
- English Language
- Mathematics

## What's the focus of BTEC Level 2 Awards and how are they graded?

BTEC Level 2 Awards are practical, vocational courses that focus on work-related projects and assignments

Courses are assessed via a combination of internal and external assessment (with external assessments accounting for up to 25% of the overall assessment).

On completion of each Level 2 course, students are awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction\*.

## What can I do once I've completed the Intermediate Programme?

Students who achieve five subjects at GCSE Grade 4 or above/BTEC Level 2 Merit or above, and has both satisfactory attendance and interim reports, can progress onto a two year, Level 3 BTEC programme.

For many students, a year on the Intermediate Programme is seen as a second chance, and many students go on to complete College with an outstanding set of Level 3 grades, that then qualify them for entry to university or employment.