

Intermediate Level 2 Programmes at Reigate College >>



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Reigate College offers more than just A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses. If students don't get five Grades 9 to 4, in their GCSE exams they don't need to worry, as in most cases they will be given a place on the College's Intermediate Level 2 Programme.

Students enrolling on the Intermediate Programme generally spend their first year at College doing a mixture of GCSE re-sits in English Language, Maths and Biology and BTEC Level 2 Awards in a range of subjects. Many then go on to complete an additional two years doing a Level 3 Programme.

How many subjects do students take on an Intermediate Level 2 Programme?

- Students are expected to enrol onto a full-time Intermediate Programme. This usually consists of four GCSE equivalent courses, for example three BTEC Level 2 Awards, plus one GCSE re-sit.
- Students who have not achieved English Language or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above must resit these GCSEs as the core part of their programme.
- Students who have already achieved a GCSE at Grade 9 to 4 in Maths and English Language might add an additional BTEC Level 2 course to their programme.

Types of BTEC Level 2 courses:

Reigate College offers the following types of Level 2 courses:

BTEC Level 2 Awards (each course is equivalent to one GCSE) in:

- Business
- Digital Design*
- Health & Social Care Public Services
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism

GCSEs in:

- Biology
- English Language
- Maths

*Certificate - equivalent to 1.5 GCSEs

What is a BTEC Level 2 Award?

A BTEC Level 2 Award is a practical, work-related course. Students learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic work-place situations and activities. Courses are assessed via a combination of internal and external assessment (with external assessments accounting for up to 25% of the overall assessment).

Students benefit from these courses as they are introduced to specific employment areas and, if successful, provide a good basis for them to go on to more advanced, work-related, BTEC Level 3 Courses at the College.

How is the BTEC Level 2 Award graded?

The BTEC Level 2 Award is graded as Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.

What are the entry requirements for Level 2 Programmes?

- A minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above.
- A standard of literacy and numeracy, supported by a general education equivalent to GCSEs in the 4, 3 range.
- A satisfactory school reference.

Progression onto Advanced Level courses at Reigate College

If a student gains a Merit or Higher in their BTEC Level 2 subjects, a Grade 4 in their GCSE resits and has both satisfactory attendance and interim reports, they will be allowed to progress onto the BTEC Level 3 Programme at Reigate College.

This means a student who starts on the Intermediate Programme and continues through to the end of an Advance Level Programme will be at the College for three years.

Course information for each of the BTEC Level 2 courses offered at Reigate College can be found on the subsequent pages of this booklet.

Hear what two of our students have to say

Student profile

Name: Lara
Previous School: The Gatwick School
Subjects: Business, English, Health & Social Care, Public Services

What made you choose Reigate College?

I wanted a change – I'd been at quite a small school and I wanted to come somewhere with a wide variety of opportunities, subjects and people. I didn't really know Reigate at all and was surprised just how big the College is.

What's been the best thing about the Intermediate Programme?

I really liked being able to pick from courses that I felt would support my future. I want to do something that helps people, so having Health & Social Care as a choice here was brilliant. I also particularly enjoyed learning about money and finance in Business. The teachers are wonderful and they encourage you to be independent but also follow up to make sure you get things done.

I've also been awarded two Principal's Awards for my contribution to Business and Public Services, which I'm really proud about.

Tell us about any activities you are involved with outside of lessons

I've really enjoyed being part of the Dance Club. It's been great fun and I've been able to perform in a range of productions, including the yearly Hot Feet show.

What subjects are you going to study on the Level 3 Programme at College?

If I get the results I'm hoping for, I'm planning to stay on and study for two BTECs - Health & Social Care and Business - plus A Level Art, something I really enjoy.



Student profile

Name: Olly
Previous School: Priory C of E
Subjects: Sport, Business, English, Maths

What made you choose Reigate College?

I chose Reigate College because it has everything you could possibly need to develop yourself into the person you want to be. The College gives you the freedom and flexibility to learn in ways that suit you.

What's been the best thing about the Intermediate Programme?

Having completed the Intermediate Programme, it's really helped me decide what I'd like to do when I leave College and which career to develop.

Tell us about any activities you are involved with outside of lessons

I participated in the College's rugby team training sessions this year and hope to be able to represent the team next term. Outside College I play rugby for Dorking Rugby Club.

What subjects are you going to study on the Level 3 Programme at College?

I'm hoping to study both Sport and Health & Social Care.

What are your plans for the future?

I'd like to become an international rugby player and personal trainer.



Mathematics, English, Biology GCSEs

The government requires that all students who have not achieved at least a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics retake these qualifications during their time at College.

Maths GCSE

A Grade 4 in Maths GCSE is an important qualification for almost all careers and courses. The Maths GCSE course prepares students for the Foundation Level GCSE qualification.

Course Content

On this course students will study topics related to Number, Data Handling, Algebra and Space and Shape.

Assessment

The final grade is based on three written papers (two calculator and one non-calculator), each lasting one and half hours. Students will have the opportunity to sit the examinations in both November and June. The exam board for this GCSE level is Pearson Edexcel.

English Language GCSE

Students without a GCSE English Grade 4 or above are required to do the AQA English Language GCSE course at College. This is a practical, skills-based course, designed to help students improve both their reading and writing skills.

Prior to sitting exams, students will be assessed, by teaching staff in speaking and listening and will need to have achieved an acceptable level before continuing to the examination stage of the course.

Successful students will sit two, one hour 45 minute exams, equally weighted at 50% each.

The College has an excellent record of helping students move from a Grade 3 to a Grade 4 over one or more years.

What goes well with this course?

Everything!

Progression

This is a one year re-sit course designed to give students the necessary reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to achieve a Grade 4 in English.

Course Content

Students will study a wide range of texts from 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including literature and literary non-fiction as well as other writing such as reviews and journalism.

They will read and evaluate texts critically and make comparisons between texts, summarise and synthesise information or ideas from texts.

In addition, students will use knowledge gained from wide-reading to inform and improve their own writing.

Assessment

This is a one-year course, with two one hour, 45 minute exams being, each equally weighted at 50% of the final mark.

Students will have the opportunity to sit the examinations in both November and June.

The exam board for this GCSE is AQA.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed to cater for students who achieved a Grade 3 and need to improve their Grade to a 4 or above.

Biology GCSE

A science qualification is important for all kinds of career choices. The College offers GCSE Biology for students who want to improve on their previous Science studies.

Course Content

This is an intensive one-year course and includes the study of:

- Cell Biology
- Infection & response
- Bioenergetics
- Homeostasis and response
- Inheritance, variation & evolution
- Ecology
- Organisation

The course involves ten required practicals such as growing micro-organisms, food testing and human reaction times

Assessment

This course is assessed by 100% examination - two written papers containing multiple choice, short answer questions and extended writing.

The exam board for this GCSE is AQA.

Entry Requirements

Students require a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above with a Grade 3 in Biology or 3,2 in Combined Science.



Business

BTEC Level 2 Award in Business



This is a practical course which will give students the opportunity to complete assignments and activities based on realistic situations linked to working in a variety of businesses. The course is underpinned by external visits.

What goes well with this course?

Business goes well with the majority of

subjects, particularly:

- Maths
- English
- Digital Design
- Travel & Tourism

Progression

The course could lead to further study on a BTEC Level 3 Course, or business related jobs.

Course Content

The course is offered at Award Level and is equivalent to one GCSE.

Four units are included in the Award course - see below

Coursework in:

- Enterprise in the Business World
- Recruitment, Selection and Employment
- Introduction to Retail

External assessment in:

- Finance for Business

Educational Experiences

We believe that for learning to be successful, students will need to engage with real businesses. As part of their assessment, students will attend a trip to Thorpe Park to find out about it as a business, alongside visits to other organisations linked to the course.

Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

Students studying the BTEC Level 2 Award in Business have the opportunity to take part in a variety of course related experiences. In the last couple of years, these have included:

- A trip to Thorpe Park or similar, for course-related research
- Primary research in Reigate about local businesses to assist with creating their own start-up business

Assessment

This course is assessed by a combination of coursework, projects, written and on-line external assessment. Students will complete four units over the course of the year. The emphasis of the programme is that students are assessed by engaging in practical projects (some similar to the projects undertaken on the BBC hit television show The Apprentice and Dragons Den).

The assessments could include:

- Developing professional posters and leaflets
- Simulated role play interviews
- Report and memo writing
- Article writing, using Word
- Excel spreadsheets
- Delivering presentations using Powerpoint
- Applying for jobs, writing CVs and producing a career development plan

The exam board for this BTEC Level 2 Award is Pearson BTEC.

Entry Requirements

In order to study this course, students will need a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above. Business Studies GCSE is not essential as the course is suitable for all. Students should be interested in Business and be willing to learn. They should enjoy and be good at oral communication and planning their own work. The abilities to problem-solve, work with numbers and produce accurate written work are also very important.

BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Creative Media Skills

This Digital Design course is an excellent course for students who want to develop their technical and creative skills and gain some useful transferable skills needed to progress, such as communication, planning and managing projects and creative problem solving.

This course can be combined with GCSE subjects and other BTEC Level 2 courses.



Learners who complete this qualification may progress to further learning at Level 3 to further develop their Creative Media Skills. A Merit or above will provide them with a good understanding of creative industry practice and could see them progress onto the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate Digital Design course or other A Levels or BTECs in the College.



The content of this qualification has been developed with industry professionals and the course is planned and taught by staff with industry experience. Learners will be taught foundation level skills which will include learning how to create:

- Digital Artwork using Photography and Photoshop
- Digital Graphics using Illustrator and Photoshop
- Interactive Web Pages using SharePoint



Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

Students doing this course will have the opportunity to go to the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize exhibition in London - one of the most prestigious photography awards in the world, celebrating the very best in contemporary portrait photography.



This Level 2 Award is a one-year, practical course, assessed by coursework over 3 creative projects. The coursework is graded pass, merit or distinction. Learners are assessed on Investigation, Communicating, Practical Skills, Development and Approach to their creative projects.

In order to study this course, students will need a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above.

Students will enjoy this course if they:

- Are creative and enjoy coming up with ideas
- Are interested in learning how to take good photographs using specialist equipment
- Want to learn creative software such as Photoshop
- Enjoy working with others
- Can work to a brief and manage their time well

Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 2 Award in Health & Social Care

This course is an ideal introduction for students who are committed to working in the area of Health and Social Care. It is a one year course that leads to a qualification equivalent to one GCSE.

Topics covered include Human Lifespan Development, Health and Social Care Values, Social Influences on Health and Wellbeing and Promoting Health and Wellbeing.

What goes well with this course?

Students are expected to take four Level 2 courses. The Health & Social Care course goes well with most other Level 2 subjects:

- Sport
- Business
- Public Services
- Travel & Tourism
- Biology (GCSE)

Students who didn't achieve a Grade 4 in English and Maths at GCSE are expected to study these subjects alongside their Level 2 courses.

Progression

If this course is completed successfully students can go on to study the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care (one A Level equivalent).

Course Content

Topics covered on this course include:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Health & Social Care Values
- Social Influences on Health & Wellbeing
- Promoting Health & Wellbeing

Within this subject students enhance their learning through a variety of methods, such as attending talks from visiting professionals and visits to exhibitions, conferences and health fairs. Additional teaching methods used include real life case studies to develop the students understanding of the diverse range of individual needs.

Educational Experiences

Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

The Level 2 students have many opportunities to take part in additional activities which support their learning:

- A Health Fair run by Reigate College's Health & Social Care students. The students actively take part in the Health Fair along with visiting professionals.
- 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' at the Dorking Halls, where students are given a presentation by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service on 'Safer Driving'.
- Hands-on experience in baby care where students are given the opportunity to take home a 'Ready or

Not Tot', and interactive baby.

Assessment

The course is assessed by 75% coursework with one external exam.

The exam board for the BTEC Level 2 Award is Pearson BTEC.

Entry Requirements

Students will need a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above.

This course will suit students if they:

- Demonstrate an interest in the caring professions
- Show willingness to learn
- Are able to meet coursework deadlines

Students should enjoy working with others, have good verbal and written communication skills and be computer literate. The ability to plan and organise their own learning is also important.



Physical Education

BTEC Level 2 Award in Sport

The BTEC Level 2 Award in Sport is an excellent choice for students who wish to learn more about training for personal fitness, practical sport and delivering a leadership session in sport.

What goes well with this course?

All sports courses are diverse and cover a range of sport related topics including anatomical, psychological and sociological aspects of Sport. This means a wide range of subjects work well with Sport Studies, including:

- Public Services
- Business
- Health & Social Care

Progression

This stimulating and challenging vocational course will provide students with a strong grounding for further study such as the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Sport (one A Level equivalent) or the basis for pursuing a career in Sport and Recreation.

The Award is a one year course that is the equivalent to one GCSE at Grade 9 to 4.

Course Content

There are four units in the Award course:

- **Fitness for Sport and Exercise (exam):** Students learn about the different components of fitness, methods of training, how to carry out various different fitness tests and how to determine exercise intensity.

- **Practical Sport (coursework):** students participate in two sports, analysing their performances and setting future targets and training methods.
- **Introduction to Personal Training (coursework):** Students will design, implement and evaluate a personal fitness training programme. They will also learn about the musculoskeletal system and cardiorespiratory system and the effects on the body during fitness training.
- **The mind and Sports Performance (coursework):** This unit looks at concepts influencing the mind in sporting situations and explores the possible effects on sports performance. Students will learn about personality, arousal, anxiety, motivation and self-confidence.

Educational Experiences

Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

BTEC Level 2 Award in Sport students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of course related experiences. In the last couple of years, these have included:

- A visit to the Spectrum Leisure Centre, Guildford, where students had the opportunity to research health and safety issues to support study of the 'Injury in Sport' unit of their course.



Assessment

This course is a combination of external assessment and coursework, so you must enjoy written work. The assessment methods are varied and range from posters to practical assessments. One unit will be externally assessed, with three coursework units.

Students will begin to work on their analytical skills, through self-analysis, which they will build upon if they choose to continue to study sport at Level 3.

The exam board for this BTEC Level 2 is Pearson BTEC.

Entry Requirements

Students need a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above (and a satisfactory school reference). If they have not already achieved Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English they will be required to re-take them.

Students must be interested in and committed to a wide range of sports and also be keen to study sport in-depth. Students should be willing to take part in practical activities and be able to work with others.

Public Services

BTEC Level 2 Award in Public Services



Can you imagine yourself working with the general public? Are you interested in a career in the Police, Fire or Ambulance Services, Armed Services or local authorities?

If the answer is 'yes' to any of the questions above then you should consider this course.

These units will help to develop the skills and interests required for a career in the Public Services. Within the practical element of the course students will participate in different kinds of fitness testing and take part in a number of different team building activities and communication tasks.

What goes well with this course?

- Sport
- Business
- Health & Social Care

Progression

The course could lead to further study on a BTEC Level 3 Course, or lead to employment in the Public Services.

Course Content

The course covers a wide range of topics including:

- The Role and Work of the Public Services
- Working Skills in the Public Service Sector
- Public Services and Community Protection
- Health, Fitness and Lifestyle for the Public Services
- The course has practical elements but is generally theory based

Educational Experiences

Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

BTEC Level 2 Award Public Services students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of course related experiences. In the last couple of years, these have included:

- Royal Marine Fitness Testing
- An Army Team Building Day
- Visit to Reigate Fire Station

Assessment

This course is assessed through an external exam, internal assessment and coursework tasks, which might include writing reports, individual or group presentations or practical tasks.

The exam board for this BTEC Level 2 Award is Pearson BTEC.

Entry Requirements

In order to study this course, students will need to have a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above.

Students will enjoy this course if they like to:

- Complete coursework
- Participate in practical tasks to enhance learning
- Participate in physical activities and enjoy the outdoor environment
- Complete independent research

Students should have a keen interest in working within the Public Services and enjoy communicating through speaking and working independently or as part of a team. Students should also be willing to take an active part in group discussions and make a meaningful contribution in class.

Travel & Tourism

BTEC Level 2 Award in Travel & Tourism

The BTEC Level 2 Award will give students a broad background in Travel and Tourism so that they can progress to further education, training or employment.

The course is vocational, involving personal research, investigation into real life travel and tourism activities and educational visits.

What goes well with this course?

This course can be combined with GCSE subjects and other BTEC Level 2 courses.

Progression

This qualification shows that students can apply concepts and interpret practical situations. A Merit or above will provide them with a strong grounding for further study at Reigate College. Many students progress onto the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Travel & Tourism, or other A Level and BTEC subjects.

Course Content

The course covers a wide range of Travel and Tourism topics and includes:

- The UK Travel and Tourism Sector
- UK Travel and Tourism Destinations
- Factors affecting Worldwide Travel and Tourism
- The Travel and Tourism Customer Experience

Educational Experiences

Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

BTEC Level 2 Award in Travel & Tourism students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of course related experiences. In the last couple of years, these have included:

- A visit to the Butlins Resort, Bognor Regis
- A visit to Boxhill and Denbies wine estate
- A visit to Greenwich Observatory

Assessment

The BTEC Level 2 Award is a one-year, practical course, assessed by coursework and external assessment and graded Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*.

The exam board for the BTEC Level 2 Award in Travel & Tourism is Pearson BTEC.

Entry Requirements

In order to study this course, students will need a minimum of four GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 3 or above.

Students will enjoy this course if they:


- have an enthusiastic approach to Travel and Tourism
- are determined to succeed
- enjoy written and spoken communication
- can plan their own learning and meet deadlines
- enjoy problem solving and the use of information technology


Students will work regularly with others, and will use numbers to present and interpret statistics.





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