

## **BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport**

**Exam board: Edexcel Duration: 2 years**

### **COURSE DETAILS/UNITS AND AIMS**

The annual contribution of the sport sector to the UK economy is over £8 billion. This sector has more than 36,000 employers creating work for more than 600,000 full-time and part-time employees, and 5million plus volunteers. A significant proportion of the total volunteer workforce is volunteering in sport, with most of them involved in sports coaching or activity leadership. Despite the prevalence of this sector, a third of the workforce in the sector have either no formal qualifications or are only qualified at level 1. In addition, feedback from employers suggests that skills shortages are responsible for a large proportion of the vacancies in this sector. These factors highlight the importance of formally recognised level 3 qualifications in this sector, such as these BTEC qualifications in Sport.

Recent years have seen bold attempts to regulate the sport sector and the employees and volunteers who work within it. These BTEC qualifications in Sport provide an introduction to the sector for learners looking to build a career in sport, within one of its occupational areas. These areas include careers in exercise and fitness, coaching and leadership and sports development

The 'Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport covers a range of units to allow students to gain and knowledge and understanding which could be used in a variety of sporting careers and contexts. It is equivalent to one GCE A-Level. You will be assessed internally through coursework: Pass/Merit/Distinction. You will complete 7 units, 3 of which are compulsory(U1,2 & 3) and 4 others which have been selected by the course leader. Unit 1 Principles of Anatomy & Physiology, Unit 2: The Physiology of Fitness Unit, Unit 3: Assessing Risk in Sport, Unit 4: Fitness Testing For Sports & Exercise\*, Unit 5: Sports Coaching\* 6: Practical Sports\*, Unit 7: Organising Sport Events\*.

\*These may be subject to change depending on the needs of the students.

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### **SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS PREFERRED**

GCSE PE—Grade C or above. A lower grade may be considered on recommendation from your GCSE PE Teacher.  
BTEC in Sport—Merit or higher. A Pass grade may be considered on recommendation from your BTEC Sport Teacher.

Good Practical Sporting Background – You will be required to practically participate in sports as well as fitness training and you must have an in depth knowledge of at least sports. (If you are unable to participate practically then you would not be suited to this course – Have a look at the other sport courses we have on offer: BTEC Sport and Exercise Science)

Sports Coaching Background – You should have some experience of sports leadership and/or coaching or a keen interest in this area.

Independent learning – The course is entirely coursework based and there is an expectation that you will complete work at home and in study periods as well as during timetabled lessons.

Further Research and Reading – In order to achieve in this course you will be required to develop your knowledge and understanding through further reading.

Organisational skills – It is imperative that you are organised by meeting all deadlines for coursework. Failure to do this could result in failure of the course.

### **CAREER INFORMATION**

University Entry—Higher Education. The majority of universities in the UK recognise BTEC's alongside the traditional A-Level courses.

Employment in the Sports Industry— Sports Leadership, Sports Development, Sports Coaching, Sports Teaching, and Leading/Organising Sporting Events.

A basis to progress to other industry-recognised qualifications.

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