

Oakwood Sixth Form Vocational Options

It is essential that we prepare our students to be independent and self-sufficient as possible. We strive to provide them with the skills, knowledge and experience to gain paid employment, supported employment or long term volunteering.

The main qualifications within the Sixth Form are the Vocational Options. **The option you choose will be the qualification and route you take into employment** so please be **realistic** when choosing the right option for you! Is the vocational option you take something you can do as a career?

You will spend 1 day a week completing the qualification over 1 / 2 or 3 years. Ideally your work experience day will be completing voluntary work in your chosen vocational option.

- For example if you chose child care you will have a placement within a nursery or school.

Vocational Options (all students choose one option)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Childcare BTEC Level 1• ASDAN Chef School Food Wise Entry level• iMedia BTEC Level 1 & 2• Sports BTEC Level 1 & Duke of Edinburgh• Retail / Hospitality BTEC Entry / Level 1• Health and Social Care BTEC Entry / Level 1 <p>Please note Entry level is equivalent to pre GCSE and level 1 is equivalent to low level GCSE</p>

Below is an explanation of each option we provide with examples of what students who have completed these options have moved on to.

BETEC Creative iMedia

This flexible course helps you to develop your ICT skills and better understand how new technologies have changed the world by designing and making multimedia products for a range of audiences and purposes. The units are graded from a Pass at Level 1 up to Distinction* at Level 2.

All students will do the following units:

(Exam) Pre-production skills - A written exam paper that will test how much you know about the design process for different types of media.

(Coursework) Creating Digital Graphics - You will use a range of programs and skills to design, make and review digital images for a given purpose and audience.

These units together make up the iMedia Award. You can also add more units and work towards the Certificate.

Other coursework units you can choose include:

- Storytelling with a comic strip
- Creating a multipage website
- Designing a game concept
- Developing digital games
- Creating a digital sound sequence

Vocational Pathways

- Students have gone on to...
- Completed a level 2 / 3 qualification
- Moved on to University
- Completed an internship placement
- Gained employment
- Independent living

BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children

This qualification has been designed to help students gain the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to care for their own children or children in a voluntary capacity, such as babysitting.

Students will learn how to respect and value children as individuals, how to tell stories, plan musical and creative experiences and keep children safe. They will develop their skills in a variety of ways including real life experiences and practical sessions in school and at work experience placements.

It is anticipated that this qualification will be delivered through a wide range of activities; for example, looking at the physical and emotional needs of children, healthy eating, make and play a variety of musical instruments, create picture books, and keeping children safe.

Students will complete units and gain credits which will accumulate towards the required qualification. This is studied as a one and two year course.

Vocational Pathways

Students have gone on to...

- Complete a level 2 in Child Care or Health and Social Care
- Internship
- Gain supported employment
- Employment
- Independent living

BTEC Sport & Active Leisure / Duke of Edinburgh

Pupils will have the opportunity to work towards a BTEC Level 1 Award in Sports and Active Leisure alongside their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Sport and Active Leisure has been developed to give learners the opportunity to:

- Engage in learning which is relevant to them and will provide opportunities to develop a range of sporting skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.
- Achieve a nationally recognised Level 1 vocationally related qualification.
- Progress to employment in sport and active leisure.
- Progress to related general and/or vocational qualifications. In order to achieve this qualification, pupils are required to have some prior knowledge of sports and a strong work ethic.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On Tuesday mornings, all pupils who have chosen the sport option will be working towards a Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Pupils will be working towards their bronze award, unless they completed it in Year 10, then they will be working towards their silver award.

The award is a globally recognised qualification that is fantastic for the holistic development of young people. Sessions through autumn and winter will primarily be practically based, with pupils frequently attending Salford Waters Sports Centre (Kayaking), The National Cycling Centre (BMX) and The Y Club (Multi-Sports) to develop their physical fitness and their sport-specific skills.

In addition to this, pupils will develop the skills required for hiking and camping through spring to enable them to take part in two overnight expeditions. The first will be a one night overnight stay at the start of summer (year 1), whilst the second will be a two night overnight stay at the start of summer (year 2).

Please see the pictures below as an example of activities we have done in the past...

Vocational Pathways

Students have gone on to...

- Completed higher level sports courses
- TA work supporting sports sessions in primary / secondary schools
- Internship

Entry Level Chef School & Food Wise

This course will be delivered by an experienced cook who will guide and prepare students who are interested in working in the hotel, catering and hospitality industry. Students will work towards entry level qualifications such as food hygiene, food handling and customer service qualifications. They will visit restaurant where they will gain hands on experience of working in busy kitchens. They will also work on projects where they will cater for different events that they have organised themselves.

The Food Wise entry level qualification is a hands-on course which helps students develop the essential skills they need to cook simple, nutritious, affordable food. This is about real food, for real life.

This course is fun and practical. It teaches simple cooking skills, and aims to inspire students. It is relevant to modern-day life and using ingredients that are readily available in your average supermarket.

Home Cooking Skills are so much more than a qualification: it's a way to share a critical life skill with as many people as possible. It will arm students with sensible, practical knowledge that they can take into the world and actually use. Whether they're having a party, cooking for mates, feeding their future children or making lunch, they'll be fending for themselves, saving money and using these skills every day for the rest of their lives.

Vocational Pathways

Students have gone on to...

- Moved on to a higher qualification
- Completed an internship
- Gain supported employment
- Employment
- Independent living

BTEC Level 1 Award / Certificate in Retail and Hospitality

The Edexcel BTEC Level 1 Award and Certificate in Retail Knowledge and Hospitality has been developed to give learners the opportunity to:

- Engage in learning which is relevant to them and will provide opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential to successful performance in working life.
- Achieve a nationally recognised Level 1 vocationally - related qualification
- Progress to employment in a particular vocational sector
- Progress onto other related general and /or vocational qualifications

All the content of the qualification relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to support students in progressing to further study in the retail / Hospitality sector. Students will select four from six optional units enabling them to develop an understanding of the business of retail, from customer service, to the retail selling process and stock control to health and safety and the contribution of individuals and teams contribute to business effectiveness in retail. The choice of units available enables the precise nature of the qualification to be tailored to meet the interests and progression aspirations of individual groups of students. Unity's within the hospitality course will focus on, Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry, Serving Food and Drink, Housekeeping and Guest Services, Front Office Operations, Food Safety in Catering

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Students have gone on to...

- Moved on to a higher qualification
- Completed an internship
- Gain supported employment
- Employment
- Independent living

BTEC Entry Level Award in Health and Social Care / Level 1 Award/Certificate/ Diploma in Health and Social Care

The Pearson BTEC Entry Award (Entry 3) and Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Health and Social Care have been developed to give learners the opportunity to engage in learning which is relevant to them and will provide opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life. Students will achieve a nationally recognised Entry or Level 1 vocationally-related qualification.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification? This qualification provides an engaging and relevant introduction to vocational learning, allowing learners to choose units such as; health needs creative activities for children, rights and responsibilities, promoting healthy eating and job opportunities the choice of units available enable the precise nature of the qualification to be tailored to meet the interests and progression aspirations of individual groups of learners. There is an opportunity through the choice of units for learners to develop their research or employability skills alongside their vocational learning.

Vocational Pathways

Students have gone on to...

- Move on to a higher qualifications
- Complete an internship
- Gain supported employment
- Employment
- Independent living

Please can you read through the information regarding the vocational options with your child and discuss. Please indicate **1st/ 2nd** choice next to the option you are interested in. You have a first and second choice.

Options have a limited amount of places so you may not get your first choice.

Student name _____ Parent signed _____

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