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For those interested in sport, we offer two options: the BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport, and the BTEC Diploma in Sport. Both are ideal options for the pupil who wishes to devote either all, or the large majority of their Sixth Form learning to the study of sport. The extended qualification is equivalent to three A levels, and the diploma, two. These courses give pupils a real insight to a wide variety of fascinating issues relating to the sporting world and deals with the principles and practices within the sporting industry. Those pupils who wish to study an additional A level are encouraged to do so and advice can be given on those subjects that are complementary to the courses.

Both levels of BTEC Sport are academic and vocational, and pupils are assessed through externally set tasks and exams and also by projects and assignments. Studying this subject enables pupils to gain an in-depth knowledge of a range of topics that can be vital in improving the sporting performance of both themselves and others.

Fourteen units are explored over two years in the extended qualification and their focus varies between those with a more practical theme such as sports coaching and fitness programming to those that have the scientific focus of anatomy and physiology and sporting injuries. Nine units are covered in the diploma level.

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Studying either the BTEC Diploma or Extended Diploma in Sport at Sixth Form can lead onto a variety of sports-related degree subjects. Sport science undergraduate degrees are popular options, but this qualification also opens the door for a focus on sport psychology, nutrition, sports therapy, coaching and development degrees.

Assessment (Extended Diploma)

From the 14 units:

- 10 will be internally set and assessed. Four units will be externally assessed.
- One will be a written exam of 1 hour and 30 minutes (Unit 1 – Anatomy and physiology).
- Three units will be set as ‘tasks’ by Pearson (Unit 2 – Fitness training and programming for health, sport and wellbeing, Unit 19 – Development and provision of sport and physical activity and Unit 22 – Investigating business in sport and active leisure). Tasks are pre-issued case studies that pupils have a week or two to prepare for, prior to presenting a final written submission in a controlled environment based upon a real-life scenario.

Assessment (Diploma)

From the 9 units;

- 6 will be internally set and assessed. Three units will be externally assessed.
- One will be a written exam of 1 hour and 30 minutes (Unit 1 – Anatomy and physiology).
- Two units will be set as ‘tasks’ by Pearson (Unit 2 – Fitness training and programming for health, sport and wellbeing, and also Unit 22 – Investigating business in sport and active leisure). Tasks are pre-issued case studies that pupils have a week or two to prepare for, prior to presenting a final written submission in a controlled environment based upon a real-life scenario.

These courses are most suited for pupils who are confident that they want to pursue a career in the sports industry, are looking to have the majority/all of their studies based on a sports course, and prefer on-going assessment. Possible careers and degree options include sports journalism, sports science, strength and conditioning, sports development, physiotherapy, sports coaching, sport and business, fitness training, sports marketing, sports therapy and PE teaching.