

Guide for Parents

Why choose BCoT?

BASINGSTOKE
COLLEGE of
TECHNOLOGY



At BCoT we understand how important it is for your son or daughter to choose the right course and the right college and we do everything we can to help him or her make an informed choice. We also understand that it is an important time for you as parents and that you may have questions about their options yourself. We are here to provide information and support as your child makes one of the most significant choices of their lives – what to study as a foundation for his or her future career.

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– First choice for your career

At BCoT we offer young people real choice – whatever their ability we have a course suitable for students at all levels. We pride ourselves on extensive links with industry and universities and 90% of our students go on to exciting jobs and university programmes directly related to their course.

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– Level 3 programmes or A levels

BCoT offers young people an exciting alternative to A levels which provides the skills, knowledge and attributes for university and employment. Our Level 3 BTEC Extended diplomas provide advanced levels skills by combining practical and theoretical knowledge. These programmes are graded by Pass, Merit or Distinction and carry equivalent UCAS points for entry to university. Courses also provide students with valuable academic skills such as researching, referencing and report writing which have proven to be valuable attributes that universities value (*see graph below*).

We are also extending our Level 3 provision by introducing two new academies in Engineering and Business. This will allow high performing students with As and Bs at GCSE to take linked AS levels to boost their UCAS points.

Building for the future

Let's unravel these qualifications to guide you in helping to make the right choice.

	<p>GCSE grades E-F Level 1</p>	<p>GCSE grades D-E Level 2 BTEC Diplomas NVQs</p>	<p>GCSE grades A-C Level 3 BTEC Extended Diplomas NVQs</p>
<p>No GCSEs or G grades Pre-entry and Entry level courses</p> <p>This gives you a good foundation and lets you try out what you're interested in. It is also a great opportunity to improve your Maths and English skills</p> <p>Allows you to move onto a Level 1 programme or into employment.</p>	<p>This is a great starting point to learn new skills and improve your functional skills in English and Maths along the way.</p> <p>As part of the programme you will be able to undertake work experience and work towards an enterprise passport.</p> <p>Allows you to move onto a Level 2 programme or employment.</p>	<p>Here you are really starting to gain the skills employers want. Building on your basic knowledge you will improve your skills and technical ability. You can also upgrade your English and Maths GCSEs too.</p> <p>As part of the programme you will participate in work experience and can work towards an enterprise passport.</p> <p>Allows you to move onto a Level 3 programme, or gain an Apprenticeship with an employer or into employment.</p>	<p>These courses provide advanced level skills and application, combining practical and theoretical knowledge. They are ideal for those wanting to go to university or higher level employment. Students with GCSE grades A and B can join academy programmes where they can take linked AS levels alongside their main course.</p> <p>As part of the programme you will participate in work experience and you can also work towards an enterprise passport.</p> <p>Allows you the opportunity to move into Higher Education – this could be a Level 4 programme at college or university.</p>

Performance at BCoT

We are proud of our success at BCoT. We have recently introduced a new rating system which shows that a very high proportion of our courses have 100% pass rate along with extremely high levels of satisfaction and positive destinations for students.

Combining work and study at BCoT

The timetable at BCoT means that many students can combine their study with part-time paid work whilst they are at college, giving them financial independence and work experience.

Each student has a personal tutor who will guide and support them throughout their time at BCoT and assist them with the differing demands of their coursework. They will also be given them an Independent Learning Programme (ILP) which allows students to timetable their work most effectively.

Help with Transport to BCoT

Full time students at BCoT are offered travel discounts on a yearly basis with subsidies on buses and trains.

- Rail Passes for 2011/2012: £442.80 per year or £147.60 per term. This discount of 55% is available to all full time students who must travel by train into Basingstoke (regardless of age).

- Bus Passes for 2011/12: A Unirider bus pass can be obtained from Stagecoach with two zones available:
- Zone 1 – Basingstoke students £320 per year (termly passes also available)
- Zone 2 – Students living outside Basingstoke £420 per year ((termly passes also available)

Support for students at BCoT

We offer excellent guidance and support for students at BCoT to help them keep on track and be successful. This support is offered through personal tutors and by our Learner Services team. Our services include help with finance, transport, health and accommodation. Our aim is to provide a safe, caring and supportive environment for young people to develop their personal and social skills, and most importantly, enjoy their time here at BCoT.

BCoT – Here for parents too...

We have set up a specially designated Parent Advice Line to provide parents with detailed information about applying to BCoT, course levels, entry requirements and also information about outcomes and student life.

Parent advice line 01256 306392



You can also follow us on twitter for the latest updates and download the BCoT App to keep up to date with news and developments.

