

Set your own path

Do incredible things with incredible organisations. A Professional Pathway in Business, Healthcare, Applied Science or Sport enables you to combine study with real experience in the work place.

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Preparing you for the professional world

Delivering a presentation. Designing an event. Learning from experienced professionals in industry.

Expect this and more from your school's Professional Pathways course. This two-year course offers outstanding opportunities to combine study with work experience with leading partners in the sector. At the end you'll gain a Level 3 qualification, and the skills and experience to go straight into the corporate world, on to an apprenticeship or off to university.

Ambitious choices

"I like the fact that it's not only about writing and doing essays, but it's also about real world experience. I've gained so many opportunities, connections and skills."

Esther, Year 12, Ark Globe Academy



Professional Pathways is about making ambitious choices. If you're interested in applying your work to real-life scenarios and learn best by doing, then **this is the course for you.**

Careers guidance

Tailored coaching

A bright future



Work experience

Work with businesses to develop key skills: visit their offices, be mentored by their employees, and access work experience opportunities.



Our partners



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Connections

Skills

Opportunities

Professional Pathways

24.6%

of students entered university in 2015-16 with a BTEC. This is the fastest expanding route to higher education.

University

You'll receive expert careers guidance and tailored coaching throughout the programme. You'll also work closely with your teacher to think about your next steps.

Your career starts here...



What you need to know



What qualification will I get?

The Level 3 Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A-Levels and holds the same number of UCAS points.

How will Professional Pathways prepare me for life after school?

You will study a 'work readiness curriculum', which will include opportunities to work with businesses to develop your CV and interview skills. You will also receive regular career insight talks and career mentoring.

How much time is spent in the classroom?

The course is a mix of real experience in the workplace and lessons taught in the classroom. Each week there are 15 hours of teaching time. You'll also be expected to study independently.

Will I have to prepare coursework?

Yes, and there are some exams too. For example, you could be asked to design a marketing brief for a business.

What sort of business will I work with?

Your school has partnered with a high profile employer who you will work with during the two-year course. Professional Pathways partners include NHS Trusts, Russell Group universities and businesses such as CapGemini and Lloyds Banking Group.

How do I enrol for Professional Pathways?

This is part of your school sixth form offer, so you should contact your Head of Sixth Form.

Study

Work

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