

# Real Skills for the Real World

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma  
at Aspen



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# Welcome Note from Head of Secondary

At Aspen Heights British School, our Sixth Form vision is rooted in care, aspiration and belief in every student's potential. We are proud to offer the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma — a focused and future-facing pathway that combines academic depth with meaningful, real-world application.

In Years 12 and 13 (ages 16–18), students following the BTEC pathway engage in a two-year programme designed to develop specialist expertise, independent thinking and professional confidence. Through applied projects, industry-relevant scenarios and continuous assessment, students gain not only subject knowledge, but the practical skills and resilience required to succeed beyond school.

The BTEC qualification is recognised by universities and employers internationally and provides strong preparation for higher education, professional training and career progression. It equips students with organisation, initiative, collaboration and problem-solving abilities that are highly valued in today's dynamic world.

Our dedicated team offers personalised guidance, academic mentoring and wellbeing support throughout the Sixth Form journey. At Aspen Heights, we believe education is not simply about choosing a pathway — it is about discovering strengths, building confidence and preparing for a purposeful and successful future.

We look forward to supporting each student as they turn their ambitions into action.



**Andrew Durcan**  
Head Teacher of Secondary

# Turn Your Strengths Into Your Future

At Aspen Heights British School, our BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma offers a focused, career-aligned pathway for students who thrive through applied learning.

Equivalent in size to three A Levels, this internationally recognised qualification allows students to specialise deeply in one subject area while developing the skills, independence and professionalism required for university and beyond

For students who want their learning to feel purposeful, practical and connected to the real world, BTEC provides a powerful route forward.



### Did you know?

BTEC is taught globally in **70 countries** and **90% of BTEC** learners are employed full time after graduation



# What is the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma?

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is:

- A globally recognised qualification
- Equivalent to three A Levels
- Approved by the UAE Ministry of Education as equivalent to the Grade 12 High School Certificate
- Recognised by universities in the UK, UAE and internationally
- Assessed primarily through coursework and applied projects

Over two years (Years 12–13), students build a substantial portfolio of assessed work that demonstrates subject expertise, analytical thinking and real-world competence.

## Is BTEC Right for You?

The BTEC pathway is well suited to students who:

- Learn best through practical, hands-on experiences
- Prefer continuous assessment over exam-heavy structures
- Want to specialise in a field of interest
- Enjoy project-based learning and real-world application
- Aspire to university, professional training or employment in applied sectors

This pathway rewards consistency, organisation and initiative. Students grow in confidence as they see their progress develop over time.



# BTEC Pathways at Aspen Heights British School

## Specialist Routes. Focused Futures.

At Aspen Heights British School, our BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma pathways combine in-depth subject study with meaningful, real-world application. Students do not simply learn theory. They apply it through practical projects, industry-style scenarios and professional experiences that strengthen both understanding and confidence.

We offer three specialist pathways:



Learning across each pathway is designed to reflect real professional environments. Students analyse authentic case studies, present ideas formally, manage extended projects and develop the organisational and communication skills expected in higher education and the workplace.

By blending classroom learning with applied experiences, we ensure students graduate not only with a respected qualification, but with the practical competence, independence and resilience needed to succeed beyond school.

## Entry Requirements

To ensure students are well prepared for the academic demands of the programme, entry requirements typically include:

- A minimum of 5 GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above
- English and Mathematics at Grade 4 or above
- Subject suitability where relevant
- A meeting with the Sixth Form team

Beyond grades, we consider motivation, interests and long-term aspirations when guiding students towards the most appropriate pathway.



### Did you know?

62% of large companies have hired employees with BTEC qualifications.

# BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

## Understanding Enterprise. Leading with Confidence.

The Business pathway develops a strong understanding of how organisations operate in local, national and global markets.

Students explore:

- Marketing and branding strategies
- Finance and accounting principles
- Human resource management and leadership
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Strategic decision-making and project management

Learning is applied and contextual, often centred around real business scenarios and case studies.



## BTEC Business Journey to Success

### Higher Education Degrees



Management



Marketing

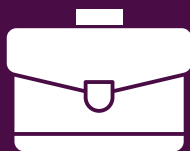


Human Resources



Finance & Economics

### Direct Career Destinations



Management Trainee



Marketing Assistant



HR Officer



Junior Finance

# BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Information Technology

## Building Digital Solutions for a Connected World.

The IT pathway equips students with practical and analytical skills required in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Students study:

- Computer systems and networking
- Cybersecurity and data management
- Software development principles
- Website and application design
- Digital project planning and problem-solving

The course blends technical understanding with applied digital project work.



## BTEC IT Journey to Success

### Higher Education Degrees



Computer Science



Information Technology



Software Engineering



Cyber Security



Data Science



Artificial Intelligence

### Direct Career Destinations



Software Developer



IT Support Technician



Cyber Security Analyst



Data Analyst



Web Developer

# BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport

## Performance. Science. Leadership.

The Sport pathway combines academic theory with practical application in sport and physical performance.

Students engage with:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Sports psychology
- Coaching and leadership principles
- Fitness training and performance analysis
- Health, wellbeing and sport science

Students develop both scientific understanding and applied coaching insight.

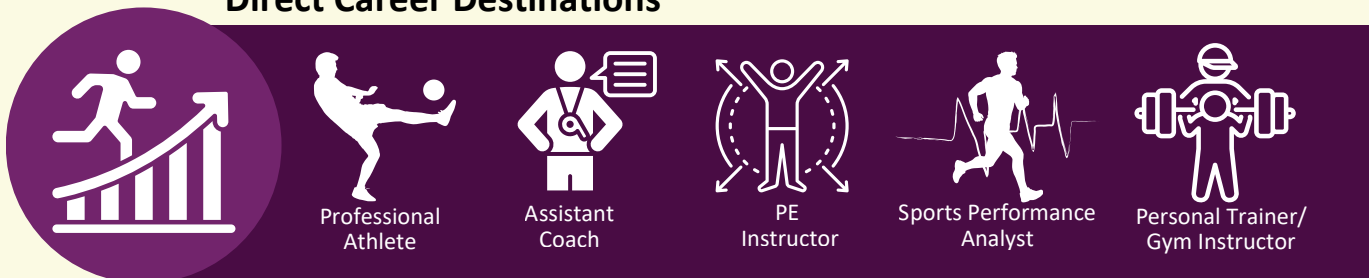


## BTEC IT Journey to Success

### Higher Education Degrees



### Direct Career Destinations



# Assessment & Learning Approach

BTEC at Aspen Heights is designed to feel connected and purposeful.

Students benefit from:

- Industry-style project work
- Presentation and communication training
- Leadership and collaboration opportunities
- Career and university preparation
- Applied learning in authentic contexts

This approach allows students to:

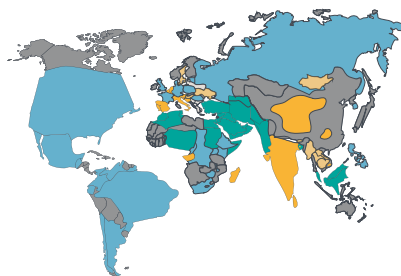
- Demonstrate progress over time
- Build strong organisational and research skills
- Receive regular feedback
- Develop confidence through applied success

Grading Structure:

- Distinction\* (D\*)
- Distinction (D)
- Merit (M)
- Pass (P)

Instead of relying on final exams alone, your progress is measured across the two years. You receive structured feedback and have opportunities to improve your work — helping you build resilience and consistency.

## University Recognition and UAE Equivalency



The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma:

- Is recognised by universities in the UK, UAE, Europe and internationally
- Is approved by the UAE Ministry of Education as equivalent to the Grade 12 High School Certificate
- Supports progression into a wide range of academic and professional pathways

Entry requirements vary by university and programme. Our Sixth Form team supports you in understanding specific course criteria and building a strong application profile.

Many degree pathways welcome BTEC students, particularly in applied fields such as Business, IT, Sport Science and related disciplines.

# Support and Progression at Aspen

## Personalised Guidance. Clear Pathways

As a BTEC student at Aspen, you receive



# Exploring Future Pathways through BTEC



## A Note by Jamie Leigh Smith – Careers Counsellor

At Aspen Heights British School, we recognise that every student's pathway is personal. As they move through Sixth Form, we encourage them to look ahead with clarity and confidence — identifying their strengths, interests and long-term ambitions. Future pathways are not simply about selecting a university course or job title. They are about building direction, purpose and professional readiness.

Through the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma and our dedicated Careers Guidance programme, students are supported in making informed, realistic and aspirational decisions about their next steps. Whether they plan to progress to university, higher apprenticeships, professional training or employment, the BTEC pathway equips them with specialist knowledge and applied skills that align with real-world expectations.

Project-based learning, presentations, industry-style assignments and independent research help students develop organisation, communication and problem-solving skills that employers and universities value highly. Alongside this, personalised guidance ensures students understand entry requirements, progression routes and the opportunities available within their chosen field.

Our aim is to ensure that every BTEC student leaves Aspen not only with a respected qualification, but with the confidence, competence and clarity to pursue a future that reflects their ambitions and strengths.





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