

# Level 3 BTEC Course in Applied Science

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**Introduction:** Level 3 BTEC Applied Science is an assignments based course without exams. Students are introduced to a science topic during class lessons and then required to complete assignments on the topic both in lessons and at home. Universities consider the Level 3 BTEC to be equivalent to A-levels for University Admissions.

**Assignments:** each assignment is based around a workplace situation (scenario). The assignment is broken into Tasks. The tasks are of increasing levels of difficulty. Completing the tasks to the required criteria leads to the student achieving a Pass, Merit or Distinction grade for that assignment.

**Deadlines:** The assignments have strict deadlines. Students must comply with these or agree an extension with their teacher. Extensions are only granted under exceptional circumstances. One resubmission is allowed, again with strict deadlines.

**Assessment:** Each completed assignment will be assessed using strict grade criteria. These are provided as part of the assignment brief. They should be studied closely by students.

**Marking:** The assignments will be assessed by the class teacher, but they will be moderated internally by other teachers and externally by Edexcel.

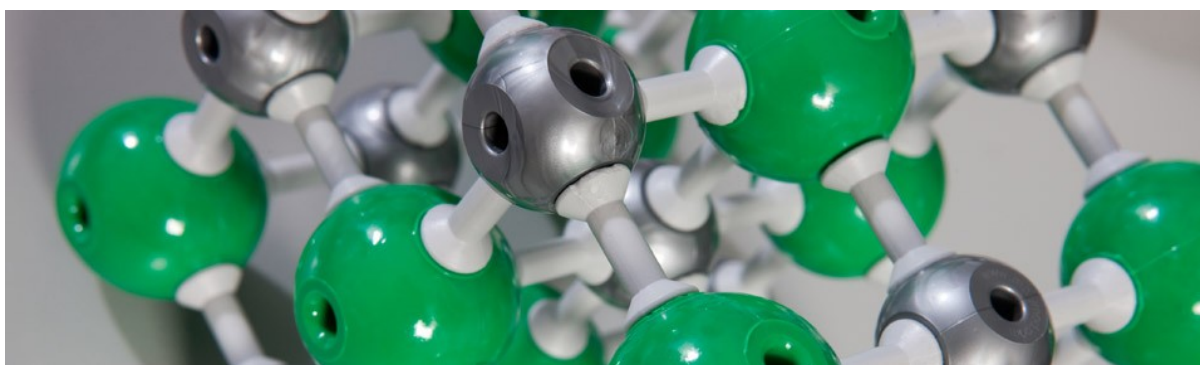
**Grading:** Each assignment will be graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction. To achieve a Unit grade of Pass all assignments must be at Pass or higher. To achieve a Unit grade of Merit all assignments must be at Merit or higher. To achieve a Unit grade of Distinction all assignments must be at Distinction level.

**Correspondence with A-levels:** For university admissions a Distinction is equivalent to an A; Merit is equivalent to a C; Pass is equivalent to a D.

**Assistance in completing tasks:** Teachers are not allowed to give specific advice on how to improve student's work. They can give advice on methods and answer questions from students on the topic.

**Feedback:** You will either be told you have met the assessment criteria or that you have not. For a resubmission teachers cannot explain how to meet the criteria, they can only direct you to re-read and address the unmet criteria.





**Submission Deadlines for Certificate:**

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 4
Assignment 1	1/10/2015	1/10/2015	1/10/2015
Assignment 2	1/11/2015	1/11/2015	21/10/2015
Assignment 3	1/12/2015	1/12/2015	14/11/2015
Assignment 4	1/1/2016	1/2/2016	

**Submission Deadlines for Subsidiary Diploma:**

	Unit 11	Unit 20	Unit 22
Assignment 1	1/2/2016	1/3/2016	14/12/2016
Assignment 2	1/3/2016	1/4/2016	14/1/2016
Assignment 3	1/4/2016	1/5/2016	14/2/2016
Assignment 4	1/5/2016	1/6/2016	14/3/2016
Assignment 5	1/6/2016		14/4/2016
Assignment 6			14/5/2016
Assignment 7			14/6/2016

**Submission Deadlines for Diploma Part 1:**

	Unit 6/8	Unit 3	Unit 5
Assignment 1	1/10/2016	1/10/2016	1/10/2016
Assignment 2	1/11/2016	1/11/2016	1/11/2016
Assignment 3	1/12/2016	1/12/2016	1/12/2016
Assignment 4	1/2/2017	1/2/2017	1/2/2017

**Submission Deadlines for Diploma Part 2:**

	Unit 13	Unit 15	Unit 18
Assignment 1	1/3/2016	1/3/2016	1/3/2016
Assignment 2	1/4/2016	1/4/2016	1/4/2016
Assignment 3	1/5/2016	1/5/2016	1/5/2016
Assignment 4	1/6/2016	1/6/2016	1/6/2016