

BTEC Sport FAQs

Is BTEC Sport easier than GCSE PE?

No, they are equivalent qualifications (BTEC Sport = 1 GCSE). One is not easier than the other; they are just assessed in different ways. GCSE PE has a higher percentage of exams, whereas BTEC has more coursework. For the practical sport, BTEC is more about participating in your two sports and assessing your performance, whereas GCSE is purely about being marked on how effective you are at those sports.

What are the grades in BTEC?

The grades range from a level 1 pass (equivalent to a GCSE 3), a level 2 pass (GCSE 4/5), a level 2 merit (GCSE 6), level 2 distinction (GCSE 7) and a level 2 distinction* (GSCE 8/9).

How are you assessed in BTEC?

BTEC Sport is split into four units. Three of these are coursework (75%) and one unit is an exam (25%). You complete two units in year 10 (practical sport and fitness for sport and exercise) and two in year 11 (applying the principles of personal training and leading sports activities).

Can you retake any assessments?

Yes, which is a real positive of the BTEC course. For each piece of coursework you submit, it gets marked, you receive feedback, then you get 15 working days to improve and re-submit your coursework. Likewise for the exam, you sit it first in year 10, then get the chance to re-take it in year 11. You are guaranteed the grade you got the first time, it only will be used if you score higher. For example, if you got a pass first time you have that 'in the bank', you can then push to try and achieve a merit or distinction. If you do worse, you will use your original grade.

How many sports do you need for practical sport?

For BTEC Sport you need 2 sports. These can be either team or individual sports, you can have two team or two individual sports or a mixture of the two. You will then be videoed taking part in your sports in school.

What sport can you choose from?

You can use any sports that have a national governing body.

What if I don't have two sports?

We can help you find your two sports, from the range of sports that we can offer at St Bart's. As stated before, it is less about how good you are, more about participating in the activities and then analysing your performance.

Do I need to play my two sports outside of school?

You do not have to play these outside of school. We use lesson time to gather the video evidence of your sports on site. However, if you do play your sports outside, you can use videos of you playing to aid your evidence.

Can you progress onto 6th form using BTEC Sport?

Absolutely! You can then study either A level PE or Level 3 BTEC Sport after studying the Level 2 BTEC Sport in years 10 and 11.

For any questions not answered here, please feel free to email Mr Sullivan (gsullivan@stbarts.co.uk).