



Shaftesbury School

BTEC First In Sport Parents Pack

This pack is designed for parents who are keen to learn about the BTEC First Certificate In Sport and support their child's aspirations and learning from home.

Introduction

This is a new and exciting vocational qualification designed by Edexcel, which is equivalent to two GCSE's in Physical Education. The BTEC First In Sport is accredited on the NQF at Level 2 as a work related qualification. This pack aims to inform parents about the qualification by providing all the necessary information. You can also use this pack to support your child's learning by keeping up to date with units covered as we progress through the course.

Advantages of the BTEC First In Sport

- Prepares young people for careers in the sport's sector and industry
- Provides education and training for sports related personnel who are employed in a variety of types of work such as, fitness, coaching and outdoor pursuits
- Motivates learners through on-going assessment and practical learning
- BTEC qualifications are recognised by employers and educational institutes
- Provides a good progression route to post-16 (next level) BTEC Nationals
- Boosts self esteem through practical learning approach

How is the course run and set up

Students complete three units of work. Each unit entails 60 hours of guided learning time. Students will be required to complete a portfolio of work for each of the three units. The subject teacher then marks

this portfolio to PASS, MERIT or DISTINCTION standard. Once the assignment is marked students have the opportunity to revisit and improve weaker aspects before submitting their final piece of work. When all three units are complete, at the end of year 11, the course is complete. There are no examinations on this course. All the work is presented in portfolios, developed by students as they progress. Students will present a portfolio for each of the three units. Each portfolio will have four to five tasks outlined through an assignment brief. This will be given to the students at the start of each unit.

Which units will be covered?

We will cover the following 3 units

1/ (Sept 2006-Feb 2007)

Practical Sport

Students are involved practically in learning new team and individual based sports. Students will learn rules, regulations and how to coach and officiate

2/ (March 2007-Oct 2007)

Planning and Leading Sports Activities

Students will learn through the JSLA (Junior Sports Leader Award) in more depth what it takes to lead and manage sport. They will plan and run a sports festival through the Sports College school links

3/ (Nov 2007-July 2008)

Health, Safety and Injury in Sport

Students will learn about different types of sports injury, first aid and how to manage sport safely. This unit will investigate health and fitness in-depth and will be theory based at times

A copy of each of the three units are enclosed at the back of this pack

How can you assist your child's learning?

We hope you can inspire your child from home and keep up to date with what they are doing. Every learner is different and every child works at a different pace. Some of the guided hours will be for

students to spend time reading and researching at home. You know your child best and what motivates them. Here are some ideas on how you can help. These ideas are taken from educational research journals and were based on real feedback from parents.

- Speak to your child and find out what was covered in class today
- Was any additional work set? If so, can you help with it?
- How is this task being assessed, i.e.; log book, written report etc...
- Can you help them research by reading, saving newspaper articles?
- Spell check written work before they bring it back in to school
- Is a deadline for work on the horizon? If so, is your child on target?
- Read through the unit and assignment brief to make sure they understand what they have to do

What does all the terminology mean?

Any new course brings with it new and strange codes, language etc. We have designed a de-coder to explain a few key words

NQF National Qualifications Framework

The Governments own grid to explain school based awards

Edexcel The exam board that designed offer the course

BTEC The name of the vocational qualification Edexcel offer

First Certificate The level at which the award is based.

Assignment brief An A4 document written by the class teacher explaining each of the tasks and how they will be assessed

Guided Learning The amount of time students will be taught in school. Also, work set to be done at home

Vocational Practical approach to learning where work is all project based with no examinations

Pass The basic level of achievement on each unit (Equiv D/E GCSE)

Merit The next level of achievement on each unit (Equiv B/C GCSE)

Distinction The highest possible level of achievement on each unit
(Equiv A*/A GCSE)

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