

Access to Level 3

Contact Person: Mrs E Jones

Nailsea Sixth Form is the first school in North Somerset to run an Access to Level 3 course. This course is ideal for Post 16 students who aspire to take on a Level 3 course, but aren't quite ready yet. The programme involves a series of courses which will allow students to build a firm platform, whilst being given help and guidance towards what is the right next steps for them, be it staying on at Nailsea School, attending college or doing an apprenticeship.

In years 2 and 3 you will have the opportunity to study your chosen A level/level 3 qualifications.

What is it?

- It's the perfect bridge to Level 3 courses such as A Levels, BTEC and more!
- It will give your Level 2 grades a boost to advance you on your journey.
- It will introduce you to new subjects you've not tried before such as Film Studies.
- It will give you some time to think about what you do next.
- It will encourage you to learn independently, in preparation for future studies.
- You'll get to know the Nailsea Sixth Form team—who can advise you on your future Level 3 courses.

Course Outline

In 1 year you will study the following:

- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Work Skills – an exciting course designed to prepare students for the world of work, enable them to understand their strengths and give them key skills to achieve their next steps, equivalent to 4 GCSEs.
- Level 2 Project—an independent project chosen and designed by the student in a topic that interests them, equivalent to 1 GCSE.
- GCSE Film Studies
- Re-sit GCSE Maths and English Language to achieve a 4 – if required.
- Voluntary work – a weekly placement with a charity or setting of the student's choice.
- A work experience placement of at least a week.

The qualifications required to join access to level 3 are a minimum of 4 grade 2 or above at GCSE or equivalent.

A Post 16 course to take **you** and your ambitions to the **next** level. This **one year** course will equip you with 6 GCSEs and the tools and confidence you need to take up a **Level 3** course. For a further 2 years at Nailsea 6th Form.

Progression

After completing the one-year Access to Level 3 course you will be equipped to move on to level 3 courses here at Nailsea, or other educational settings, apprenticeships or careers needing level 2 qualifications.