

Mounts Bay Academy

Guide to T Levels

What Are They?

Nationally recognised qualification equivalent to 3 A levels.

They offer a mixture of on the job experience during a work placement of at least 45 days as well as classroom learning. Students will receive an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*

Started in 2020 they provide a pathway onto skilled employment, university or a higher apprenticeship. Designed by employers and to the same standard as apprenticeships so that students will develop the technical knowledge in that industry.

Students will also have to meet the minimum requirements for Maths and English to achieve their T Level, as well as the work placement and any additional mandatory requirements.

More Universities welcome T levels however there are a few that do not, so it is essential that you check entry requirements before making your final choice.

Latest statistics show 59% increase in students opting for T levels at college.

<https://support.tlevels.gov.uk/hc/en-gb/articles/25130056060434-T-Level-update-March-2025>

T Levels on offer in the local FE colleges:

Digital Production, Design & Development

Construction

Early Years Education, Childcare & Assisting Teaching -

Business Management & Administration -

Digital Support and Services -

Health

Science

Finance, Media and Legal



What makes T Levels Different? Experience with a real employer in a real workplace allows you to apply the skills and knowledge you learn in the classroom to the job, giving you a taste of the world of work you expect once you complete your studies

Qualifications Required for T Levels

You will need a minimum of 4 GCSE's at grade 4 or above to include English and Maths and Science may be required for some courses eg: Construction.

It is worth noting that majority of universities welcome T Levels and UCAS points will be allocated to these qualifications.

All qualifications at Level 3 are worth UCAS points for university courses, referred to as the UCAS Tariff. Please see further info on <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>

UCAS points	T Level Grading	A LEVEL equivalent	BTEC Extended Diploma equivalent
= 168	Distinction*	A*A*A*	D*D*D*
= 144	Distinction	AAA	DDD
= 120	Merit	BBB	DDM = 128
96 (C+ on the core)	Pass	CCC	MMM
72 (D / E on the core)	Pass	DDD	MMP = 80

Further Guidance to help your T Level Choices

Cornwall College: <https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/t-levels/>

Truro and Penwith College:

<https://www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/what-to-study/further-education/t-levels>

UCAS Guide to T Levels:

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/qualifications-you-can-take/t-levels>

National Careers Service:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices/t-levels>

Career Pilot:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/vocational-qualifications/types-of-vocational-qualifications/t-levels#link-3>

