



BROOKHURST
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS
Dedicated to Excellence



BTEC

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Our School

Brookhurst International Schools is a coeducational, progressive, multicultural, value based day and boarding school in East Africa. We offer the highest standard of the British curriculum education from early years to sixth form. We are notable among Kenya's international schools for providing a wholesome education for the last 15+ Years.

The schools foster environments that encourages our students to be the best they can be. We hold our students to the highest standards as we invest tremendously in their academic journeys whilst at Brookhurst. Every student houses within themselves their individual dreams, ambitions and aspirations, it is our job to help them achieve them.

Our Vision

To attain the highest standards of education and extracurricular programs, equipping our graduates with the skills and abilities necessary to positively transform the world for the benefit of humanity and the environment.

Our Mission

To promote the highest standards of education and extracurricular programs that empower our students to realize their full potential in a friendly and supportive environment.



Welcome from the Head of BTEC

Welcome to Brookhurst International Schools and our amazing BTEC pathways. The BTEC (British & Technology Education Council) level 3 diploma and subsidiary diplomas are sixth form qualifications that have been beloved since their introduction to our sixth form 4 years ago.

BTEC is an applied learning, flexible qualification in which knowledge, skills and understanding are acquired through a coursework based portfolio system where evidence is gathered for each unit of study. The nature of the qualification and learning makes BTEC attractive to students, employers and universities abroad; and as a highly respected qualification, it represents a viable and clear path to higher education

Brookhurst's BTEC pathways enable our sixth form students to study a selection of BTEC level 3 courses. BTEC courses at Brookhurst are:

- Level 3 Business Diploma
- Level 3 Creative Digital Media
- Level 3 IT Extended Diploma

If you enjoy applied learning through practical work related activities in and out of the classroom; are interested in a career or course in one of our subject areas; or are looking for a qualification that is assessed through assignments rather than examinations; then BTEC may be the best choice for you.

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ABOUT BTEC

BTEC stands for the Business and Technology Education Council. BTECs are specialist work-related qualifications. Brookhurst International School offers Pearson's accredited BTEC courses that are suited to those who want a more practical learning experience. BTECs are designed for students interested in a particular industry but who are not yet sure what career they'd like to do. A student could study a BTEC at Level 2 or 3, either alongside academic qualifications or as part of a wider program (such as an apprenticeship). You can also study a BTEC as a standalone course. BTEC diplomas take between 20-24 months of study.

- Practical, real world approach to learning
- Recognized qualification by schools, colleges, universities and employers
- Assessment happens throughout the course
- Progress to further education, training and employment

Three distinction* grades at BTEC are equivalent to 3 A*s at A Level and attract the same UCAS points. Please note, our BTEC Business course is equivalent to 2 A Levels. Students typically take another A Level alongside this course. The courses comprise of mandatory and optional units, which can be built to form different levels of the qualification. Each unit is assessed through the completion of assignments that are designed by the teacher and call on a range of evidence types. Nearly all universities accept BTECs.

BTEC Courses At Brookhurst

- Level 3 Business Diploma
- Level 3 Creative Digital Media Diploma
- Level 3 IT Extended Diploma

Entry Requirements

A total of 5 GCSEs, with grades A* - G including Mathematics and English. A student should have attained a minimum grade of C in Mathematics and English. Resits are arranged for those who will have not attained these minimum grades.

Key Facts About BTEC

1. Yearly, BTEC serves 1 MILLION learners and are recognized in more than 70 countries worldwide.
2. BTEC qualifications are accepted by multiple universities globally.
3. 95% of universities accept BTEC level 3 diploma as equivalent to A-level.
4. The BTEC qualification enables students to become occupationally ready to take up employment in business, immediately after the qualification.
5. Offers a non-examination – 100% coursework- pathway through the sixth form.
6. 4 out of the 5 BTEC qualified students who gain university entry graduate with a 1st or 2nd degree (London School of Economics Report).



Myth Busting About BTEC

Here Are the Facts

Myth 1: You have to have an A-Level if you want to go to university

Fact: You can go to university whether you study A-Level or BTEC. The BTEC level 3 diploma is equivalent to 2 A-Levels and a BTEC subsidiary diploma is equivalent to 1 A-Level. They carry the same UCAS points as A-Levels. Depending on what you want to study the BTEC may be preferred by some universities as it indicates your level of passion for the subject based on the time you have devoted to studying it.

Myth 2: BTEC is an easy option. Studying A-Levels indicates greater intelligence than studying BTEC.

Fact: BTEC is not an easier qualification, it is however assessed differently. BTEC is considered more accessible as students learn in a way that suits them personally. The concept of being 'an easy option' is due to the fact it is 100% coursework with no examinations.

Myth 3: You should always choose A-Level over BTEC if you have a choice.

Fact: Choosing whether to take A-Level or BTEC depends a lot on what suits you the best. It is not the case that BTEC is a 2nd rate option for students

Where Our Students Are:

A map with a list of universities logos of where our students are currently studying. Highlight the following school:

AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Nairobi• United States International University- Africa• Strathmore University• Catholic University of East Africa• University of Cairo• Nelson Mandela University• University of Pretoria	ASIA & OTHER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAHSA University• Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation• University of Western Australia• Swinburne University• Monash University• Edith Cowan University
EUROPE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt University• Anglia Ruskin University• Karel De Grote University College• EU Business School Auburn University	AMERICA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auburn University• California State University• Iowa State University



Level 3 Business Diploma

Course Title

Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Diploma

Course Content

BTEC diploma in business is a qualification studied over a period of 24 months that is equivalent to 3 A-Levels. BTEC qualification is assessed continuously linking theory to practical exercises. Students will complete a series of projects which cover areas such as marketing, human resources, management, administration finance and retail.

Students will complete a minimum of 5 units over 2 years:

- Exploring business
- Research and plan a marketing campaign
- Business finance
- Managing an event
- Principles of management



Skills Required

The ability to study independently is essential. Students will be expected to undertake significant independent research beyond the classroom in order to support their studies. All assignments are based upon existing businesses and as such the ability to undertake secondary research, make contact with and interview managers of local businesses will be integral to students' success. The ongoing nature of assessment means time management is vital to a student's success on the course.

Assessment

All assessment for this qualification are coursework based and there are no final examinations. Grades are awarded by teachers and BTEC observers check the quality and grading through visits and sampling of work.

Level 3 Creative Digital Media Diploma

Course Title

Level 3 Creative Digital Media Diploma

Course Content

A level 3 creative digital media diploma is a 24-month course that prepares students for a career in the digital media industry. A level 3 creative digital media diploma prepares students for a variety of careers in the digital industry, including: digital marketer, animator, video producer, social media coordinator, games developer and video editor.

Students develop skills in a variety of areas, including:

- Animation: Learn how to create animations
- 3D modeling: develop skills in 3D modeling
- Concept art: Learn how to create concept art
- Digital graphics: Learn how to create digital graphics
- Game design: Learn how to design games
- Software skills: Learn how to use software like Photoshop, Blender and After Effects
- Communication: Develop communication skills
- Problem solving: Learn how to solve problems
- Industry skills: Learn skills needed to work in digital industry

Skills Required

Before entering the industry, creative practitioners need to explore and refine different interrelated creative media practices in order to develop technical and communication skills and build confidence for producing outcomes to meet a need or fulfil a purpose.



Level 3 IT Extended Diploma

Course Title

Level 3 Information Technology Extended Diploma

Course Content

The use of IT is transforming the way we do business, access recreation and enjoy culture. The BTEC Level 3 Diploma will prepare students for careers in the specialist IT world, or for moving on to higher education studies. Students will learn a mixture of business, technical, interpersonal and project skills needed in modern IT and telecommunications roles. The objective of this qualification is to give learners the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in IT. Learners study the relationship between hardware and software, managing and communicating information and data, and the principles of designing and developing digital technologies and processes to support organizations. The additional mandatory unit that this qualification includes is IT Service Delivery (synoptic).

This qualification also includes a choice of optional units, covering areas such as data modelling and analytics, mobile internet technologies, creative technologies and enterprise for IT. This will allow progression to a variety of degrees when combined with other suitable Level 3 qualifications.

Skills Required

Brookhurst International Schools recognizes that there are different streams of learning IT professionals offering distinct pathways including the following:

- “Networking and System Support” for those that want to become network administrators and technicians
- “Software Development” for those that chose to go either the route of web design/development or any job in software development





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