



Pearson

**BTEC First Award in Sport**

**PARENT HANDBOOK**

**2018-2019**

## BTEC First Award in Sport

### What is a BTEC First Award?

BTEC Firsts in Sport can help you take your first steps towards a career in sport and fitness. You will learn essential skills such as training for personal fitness, encouraging sports participation, and organising and leading events and activities.

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- Encourage personal development through practical participation and performance in a range of sports and exercise activities
- Give learners a wider understanding and appreciation of health-related fitness, sports and exercise through a selection of optional specialist units.
- Encourage learners to develop their people, communication, planning and team-working skills by having the opportunity to select from optional units available in the qualification structure.
- Provide education and training for sport, leisure and recreation employees
- Give opportunities for sport, leisure and recreation employees to achieve a nationally recognised level 1 or level 2 vocationally specific qualification
- Give full-time learners the opportunity to progress to other vocational qualifications, such as the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sport or Sport and Exercise Sciences, or on to GCE AS or A level, and, in due course, to enter employment in the sport and active leisure sector.
- Give learners the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

## Course Structure

Your child's course is made up of 4 units which consist of 30 guided learning hours (GLH) each. Unit 1 is externally assessed through an online exam, the remaining units are internally assessed through assignments set and marked by your tutors.

In **Year 10 and 11** your child will study the following units:

**Year 10:** Unit 1 – Fitness for sport and exercise  
Unit 2 – Practical sports performance

**Year 11:** Unit 4 – The sports performer in action  
Unit 6 – Leading sports activities.

As your child completes each unit their tutor will tell them what grade they have achieved - Pass, Merit or Distinction. To ensure that their assessed work has been marked fairly, Edexcel checks samples of tutors' marking. This process usually takes place between January and May; the grades for your assessed units can change as a result.

When your child has completed all the units of the course they will receive an overall grade for the qualification – Pass, Merit or Distinction. This is the grade that will be shown on the certificate and that your child should give when they apply for employment or when progressing to another course.

To calculate their overall grade, points are allocated to the grades they have achieved for each unit studied:

Size of unit (GLH)	Pass	Merit	Distinction
30	12	18	24

The points are added together to give their final grade as follows:

### **Calculation of qualification grade**

<b>Award (120 GLH)</b>	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Minimum points required</b>
U	0
Level 1	24
Level 2 Pass	48
Level 2 Merit	66
Level 2 Distinction	84

24 points across core units is required to achieve any level 2 grade.

## Course Planner

No.	Year	Module	Delivery Period	Exam Date
1.	10	Unit 1: Fitness for sport and exercise	September-December	Dec 2017
2.	10	Unit 2: Practical sports performance	January- July	
3.	11	Unit 4: The sports performer in action	September-December	
4.	11	Unit 6: Leading sports activities	January- May	

## Unit Guidance

For each unit your child will be given assignment sheets and guidelines. The assignment will usually be split into 2 or 3 tasks to make the work more manageable. Each task will give them the opportunity to achieve certain grading criteria set out in the Edexcel specification e.g. P1, P2, M1, and D1.

- In order to achieve a Pass, you must complete ALL the Pass criteria.
- In order to achieve a Merit, you must complete ALL the Pass and ALL the Merit criteria.
- In order to achieve a Distinction, you must complete ALL the pass, All the Merit and ALL the Distinction criteria.

For each unit, the assignment brief and guidelines will include the unit abstract, learning outcomes, unit content, key skills (where applicable) and the grading criteria for each unit.

## Homework

Homework will be set for pupils to complete parts of their assignments. Pupils will be expected to meet all deadlines throughout the year, therefore it is essential that homework is completed on time.

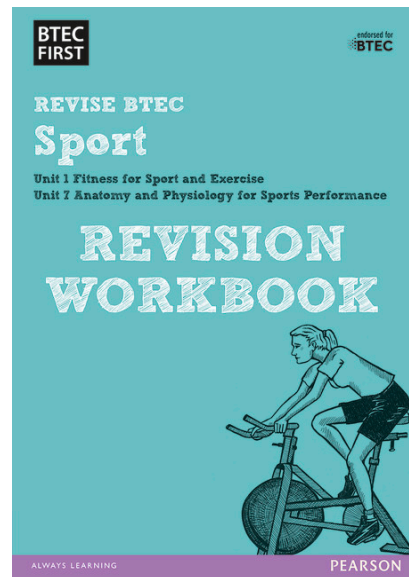
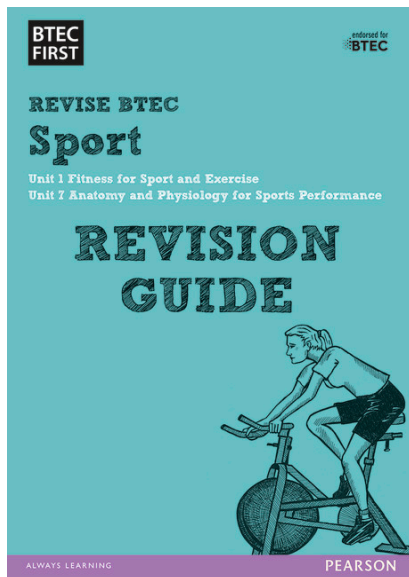
# Key Dates

## Assignment Deadline Dates Year 11

Unit 4 Learning Aim A Deadline - 12/10/2018  
Unit 4 Learning Aim B Deadline - 23/11/2018  
Unit 6 Learning Aim A Deadline - 18/1/2019  
Unit 6 Learning Aim B Deadline - 8/3/2019  
Unit 6 Learning Aim C Deadline - 3/5/2019

## Unit 1 Examination Resits

Resits will be sat in December 2018 for those pupils who are yet to gain a level 2 pass in their exam entries thus far.



These revision guides can be purchased for approximately £6 directly from Pearson or through other websites. They are the recommended revision guides for Unit 1. You will not need to buy these if your child has already passed the Unit 1 examination.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Mr Swingler (Head of PE) on 01214217979.