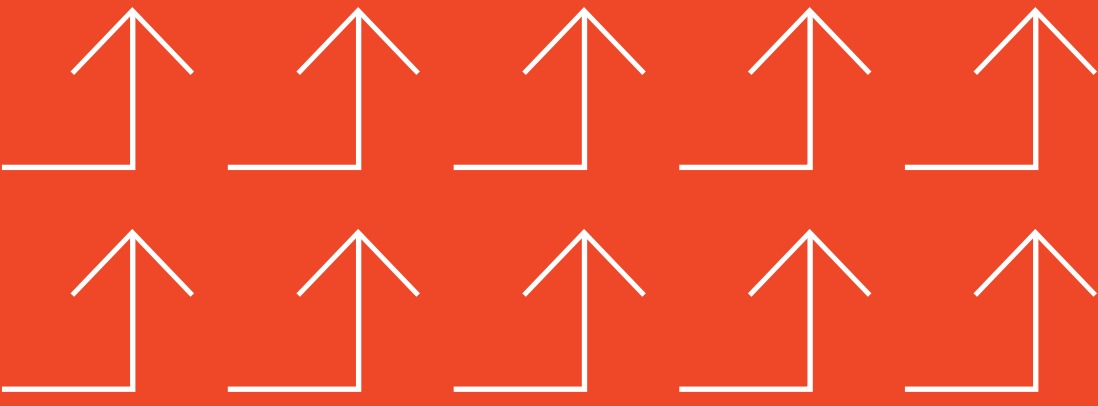




T-LEVELS



**THE NEXT *LEVEL* QUALIFICATION
GUIDE FOR PARENTS**



Issued by Dudley College of Technology

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T LEVELS ARE A NEW NATIONAL QUALIFICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ACROSS ENGLAND FROM SEPTEMBER 2021. HOWEVER, IN SOME AREAS OF THE COUNTRY LEARNERS WILL BE ABLE TO STUDY FOR THESE QUALIFICATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2020.

Dudley is one of these areas as Dudley College of Technology has been chosen to pilot the first group of T Levels in three curriculum areas of: Construction, Digital and Education and Childcare.

The "T" in T Levels stands for Technical, the idea behind these qualifications is that they will introduce a new system of technical education to provide a high quality technical option alongside an academic option for students aged 16 to 19.

The table below shows the UCAS tariff allocation for T Levels, and how it compares to the allocation for A levels.

UCAS tariff points	T Level overall grade	A Level
168	Distinction*	A*A*A*
144	Distinction	AAA
120	Merit	BBB
96	Pass (C or above on the core)	CCC
72	Pass (D or E on the core)	DDD

T Levels will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 A levels. T Levels will combine classroom theory, practical learning and a 3-month industry placement to make sure learners have real experience of the workplace. The 2-year T Level courses have been developed in collaboration with

employers and businesses so that the content will meet the needs of industry and prepare learners for work.

From September 2019 T Levels will be available in three pilot areas of childcare (education pathway), digital (software applications and design pathway) and construction (building services and engineering pathway).

In 2021, T Levels will become available in a wider range of subjects than the three pilot areas, and will include:

- ↑ Accountancy
- ↑ Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- ↑ Animal Care and Management
- ↑ Building Services
- ↑ Engineering
- ↑ Craft and Design
- ↑ Cultural Heritage and Visitor Attractions
- ↑ Design, Development and Control
- ↑ Design, Surveying and Planning
- ↑ Digital Business Services
- ↑ Digital Production, Design and Development
- ↑ Digital Support Services
- ↑ Education
- ↑ Financial
- ↑ Hair, Beauty and Aesthetics
- ↑ Health
- ↑ Healthcare Science
- ↑ Human Resources
- ↑ Legal
- ↑ Maintenance, Installation and Repair
- ↑ Management and Administration
- ↑ Manufacturing and Process
- ↑ Media, Broadcast and Production
- ↑ Onsite Construction
- ↑ Science.

WHY IS DUDLEY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY CHOOSING T LEVELS?

Dudley College of Technology has been selected by the government to pilot T Levels as it has a proven track record of technical education that includes successfully delivering previous technical qualifications, such as NVQs and BTEC Diplomas.

WHO SHOULD STUDY FOR A T LEVEL?

T Levels are ideal for learners who are moving on from their GCSE studies and who would enjoy a practical approach to their studies that includes a 3-month industry placement with an employer.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A T LEVEL AND AN APPRENTICESHIP?

T Levels will include about 20% of the time being spent on a work placement, with 80% being spent in the classroom. This differs to an Apprenticeship which is typically 80% in employment and 20% in the classroom.

WILL LEARNERS STUDYING ON A T LEVEL RECEIVE A WAGE?

No, learners are not employed by an employer when studying on a T Level they are simply on a work placement with them.

WILL THERE BE ANY SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORT COSTS WHEN LEARNERS ARE ON WORK PLACEMENT?

Dudley College of Technology has designated funding to support industry placements which can be used to support travel costs. Find out more by speaking to our student finance team, or by coming to the next open day.

WHY CHOOSE AN UNPAID T LEVEL OVER A PAID APPRENTICESHIP?

T Levels and Apprenticeships are different. A T Level gives the opportunity to continue studies and get a much broader idea of what it's like to work in a certain sector, with the opportunity to specialise later. Apprenticeships are paid, work-based training for those who know what occupation they wish to pursue.

CAN LEARNERS GO TO UNIVERSITY AFTER STUDYING FOR A T LEVEL?

Yes, they can, T Levels will prepare learners to progress into a skilled job, but they can also choose to take further technical training, such as a Higher Apprenticeship or degree, if they don't want to move straight into a job.

OPEN DAYS:

Saturday 19th October 2019 10am - 2pm

Saturday 18th January 2020 10am - 2pm

Saturday 14th March 2020 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 10th June 2020 4pm - 7pm





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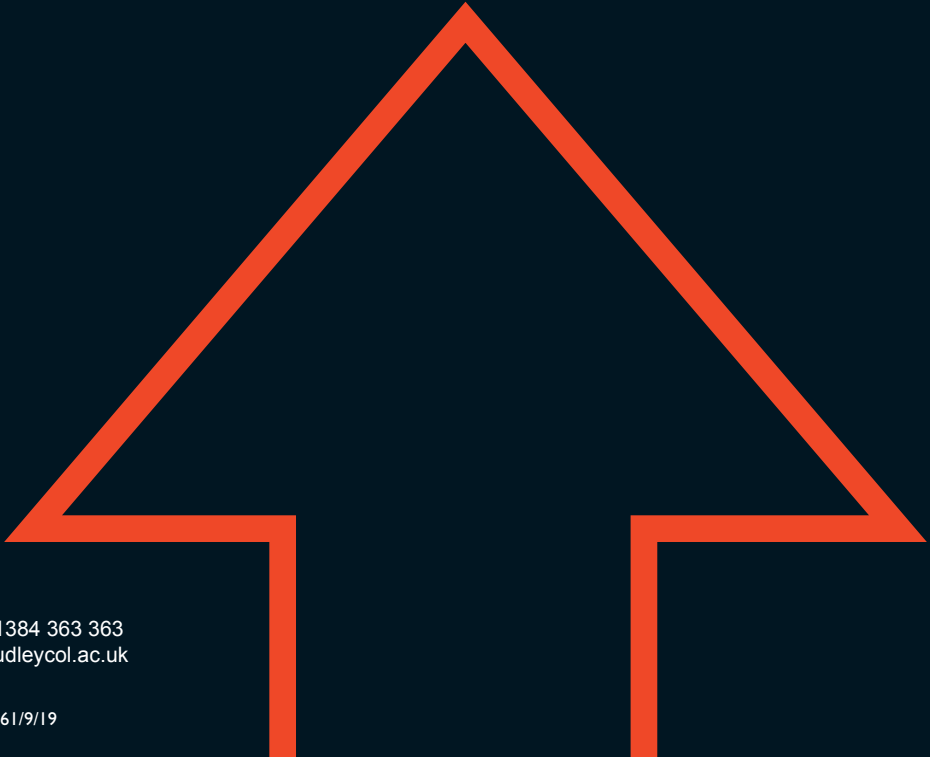


FIND OUT MORE!

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW T LEVELS CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv3zpEAm3sk&feature=youtu.be



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