

What is the Foundation Certificate?

The Foundation Certificate is a one-year Level 2 qualification, for students who after their GCSEs, want to progress to level 3 and would benefit from the support and preparation the programme provides to get ready for the next level.

Foundation Certificates provide a broad introduction to the subject, to help inform student choice about the career they want to pursue and which further study option will get them there, including V Levels, T Levels or A Levels.

Foundation Certificates will be available from 2027.

What can you do with a Foundation Certificate?

After completing a Foundation Certificate you can progress to a range of next steps, including V Levels, T Levels and A levels. You will need to meet your provider's entry requirements for these qualifications.

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FROM
AUGUST
2027**



SUBJECTS AVAILABLE IN 2027:

Digital Systems and Data
Education

Guide to the Foundation Certificate

The Foundation Certificate is focused on building strong foundations to support progression into further study.

What to expect from a Foundation Certificate

- **A stepping stone to level 3 study:** prepare for your next step whether that's to progress to V Levels, T Levels, A Levels or other courses.
- **Build relevant knowledge and practical skills:** develop the understanding and skills you need to help you decide on your future study options and career path.
- **Learn through real-world practical activities:** get involved in hands-on, work-related tasks that help you apply what you learn in realistic situations and put theory into practice.
- **A supportive and flexible study programme:** typically one-year, with English and/or maths alongside if needed. You'll take part in enrichment and personal development activities, to build confidence and prepare you for future success.

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