

Saint Andrew's International High School

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Welcome to the first edition of the BTEC Newsletter. BTEC is a very practical subject where students work with business organisations. Here are some of the highlights from last term.

Mr. A. White (BTEC Coordinator)



Malawi School is African Trendsetter

Extracts from the Edexcel Newsletter

We are pleased to announce that St Andrew's in Blantyre, Malawi has been approved to offer a Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Business. Principal Gordon Benbow and his team will be offering their students the unique opportunity to take this vocational subject alongside their strong, academic programme. Last year 700 000 students chose a BTEC course from the 300 BTEC titles available worldwide. By offering BTEC, St Andrew's is leading the way in Africa. We wish the staff and students of Malawi all the best in their new endeavour.

BTEC Visits Carlsberg

BTEC Business Studies students visited Carlsberg for discussions and a talk on Carlsberg as a global business. They had a tour of the facility and were able to ask questions to top executives. A lot of the questions focused on Carlsberg and the challenges in the present world-wide economic crisis.

The visit was part of the BTEC Unit 1 called 'Business Purpose'. Information gathered will be used as part of their accredited portfolio work.

The students were a credit to themselves and the school.

BTEC Students Lead on Enterprise Event

As part of the BTEC Business Students Portfolio work the students have to plan, run and evaluate their own event. The students decided to run an enterprise event with Year 6 students in St Andrews Primary School and the Phoenix Primary School.

The theme of the event was based around soap. The Year 6 students had to develop and make a soap. They then had to develop a brand name and come up with a price. The Year 6 students then put together an advert to promote their soap. The winning group got a prize and a certificate.

It was challenging as a teacher to let the students be in charge. I wanted to take over but I did not. The students were outstanding. Their organisational skills and leadership show during the event was fantastic. They had to resolve many problems such as a lack of electricity and the photocopier breaking down. The students resolved all these problems and were a credit to themselves and the school.



New BTEC Courses

Next Year BTEC are going to be running a new BTEC Level 2 Child Development course and an ASDAN work skills course for some Year 10 students next year. Run by Ms W. Suter these new exciting courses yet again demonstrate SAINTS commitment to providing courses suitable for students of all abilities.

BTEC Level 2 Business will also be available for Year 10 students from September 2012. This will be the first BTEC courses available to any Year 10 students in any school in Africa.

BTEC Talks

Mr. White has been in Life Skills lessons and parents evenings of Year 11 and Year 9 students explaining what BTEC is. These are the key points of his talks:

- BTEC is a vocationally Applied Course
- 100% Portfolio Work (we decide the assessment, which could involve presentations, role plays, coursework and work experience)
- No examinations or tests are used as a assessment technique



- A UK qualification which is well respected worldwide and has been around for more than 26 years.
- Continuous Assessment
- Equivalent to 2 GCSE A* - C at Level 2 in years 10 and 11
- Equivalent to 2 'A' levels A* - E at Level 3 in years 12 and 13



- Work with businesses for example Carlsberg and FMB Bank.
- International visits
- Emphasis on independent learning

BTEC Progression Routes

BTEC Level 2 (Equivalent qualification of 2 GCSE A* - C)

After completing any BTEC qualification at Level 2 learners can have access to;

- Moving onto a BTEC Level 3 National Diploma (Equivalent qualification of 2 'A' levels A* - E
- Both BTEC Level 3 National Diploma and A level qualifications are studied along side each other
- Studying A level qualifications on there own
- Work related qualifications and work related training schemes
- Enter employment
- The BTEC Level 2 qualification gives you the same opportunities and selection chances as GCSE's. It is considered no better or worse than any GCSE qualification.



BTEC National Diploma Level 3 (Equivalent qualification of 2 'A' levels)

After completing any BTEC qualification at Level 3, Learners can have access to;

- Moving on to any full University Degree course in a variety of countries including South Africa, UK, New Zealand, Australia, USA and many more
- Access to HND, Foundation Degrees and HNC
- Work related qualifications and work related training schemes at Level 4 or 5
- Enter employment
- The BTEC Level 3 qualification gives you the same opportunities and selection chances as 'A' levels. It is considered no better or worse than A level qualifications.