



What is IBCP? - Stands for International Baccalaureate Career Programme.

Why haven't I heard of it before? - This is a relatively new qualification which is aimed at students who would like a post-16 course which is more closely related to the work they might do later than purely academic A Levels or the IB Diploma.

How long is the IBCP? - this is a two year course.

What does it involve? - The Programme is a qualification made up of three components:

- **Career Related Study**
 - *BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care* (equivalent to two full A levels)
This includes **Work Experience** – and will be in blocks throughout your two year course related to Health and Social Care.
 - *BTEC Level 3 Engineering* (equivalent to two full A levels)
 - *BTEC Level 3 Sports and Outdoor Education* (equivalent to two full A levels)
- **IB Courses** – here you have to take two courses from the International Baccalaureate programme at a minimum of standard level. Often students will do one standard and one higher course.
- **Core** – this includes three elements:
 - *Approaches to Learning*
 - *Service Learning*
 - *Reflective Project* – based on your career related studies

How will I be assessed? - The majority of assessment will be a combination of examinations, coursework, portfolio work and the reflective project. This means you will have a lot of support to ensure that work can be redrafted to get you the best marks possible. Your work in Approaches to Learning will also support you in developing excellent study skills; this will help to support you to move on to University, Further Education or employment.

Do these qualifications count? Yes!

- The IBCP and its parts (career related study, courses and core) are all recognised and fully accredited
- The UCAS Tariff converts awarded grades into university entry points
- Both the BTEC and IB courses are well known to universities.

Will universities understand the IBCP? - Yes!

Will employers understand the IBCP? -

Probably not as many as we might like because this is a new qualification but in addition to your certificates we will provide you with a document to explain the IBCP to present to any employer at interview. In addition at any point when you apply for a job (even after you have left Dallam) you can contact us and we will write to the potential employer explaining the IBCP, pointing them to the appropriate websites to show what a strong qualification it is. BUT remember that IBCP includes BTEC which all employers know and value.

IBCP and apprenticeships

Many employers are now keen to employ young people on to apprenticeships at 18, rather than 16. The IBCP would be an excellent way of preparing yourself for an apprenticeship post-18.

What grades do I need to get on to the IBCP course?

The IBCP is appropriate for a wide range of abilities. The lower entry criteria reflect the fact that there is less of an emphasis on written exams and therefore it is more accessible to those students who thrive on coursework assessment. You will have a minimum of 5 grade 4s at GCSE. Ideally you will have a grade 5 in Maths and English. However your commitment to hard work, determination to complete assignments etc. will be just as important.

How can I find out more? -

Speak to the Sixth Form staff.

The IBCP Programme

We have set a **minimum** of 8 students for the course to run.

Career Related Study	Diploma Programmes standard or higher dependant on ability	IB Core
<p>Health & Social Care</p> <p>Engineering</p> <p>Outdoor Education</p>	<p>Choose two subjects from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Geography ■ Psychology ■ Business Management ■ History ■ Art ■ Music ■ Biology ■ Chemistry ■ Physics 	<p>Students from different career related studies will be taught together for this part of the course.</p> <p>They will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Approaches to Learning ■ Service Learning ■ Reflective

- Students will be timetabled for 20 periods a week
- Where a student has not yet passed their English and or maths at GCSE there is a requirement that they attend lessons for a re-sit
- The course will also include blocks of Career Placement (work experience) in an activity linked to the Career Related Study.