

BTEC National Diploma in 3D Design

Your course is made up of units. Some units are internally assessed through assignments set and marked by your tutors; others form part of the Final Major Project. The Final Major Project consists of a Project Proposal, which you complete and which is sent to the External Examiner, and a Final Major Project, which you complete before the Examiner's Visit.

As you complete each internally assessed unit your tutor will tell you what grade you have achieved - Pass, Merit or Distinction. To ensure that your internally assessed work has been marked fairly Edexcel checks samples of tutors' marking. This process usually takes place in February and the grades given for your internally assessed units can change as a result.

Edexcel will confirm your final grades for the externally assessed units when the external visit has taken place.

When you have completed all the units of the course you will receive three overall grades for your qualification – again Pass, Merit or Distinction. These are the grades that will be shown on your certificate and that you should give when you apply for higher education or employment.

To calculate your overall grades, points are allocated to the grades you have achieved for internally and externally assessed units as follows:

For each unit	
Pass	2 points
Merit	4 points
Distinction	6 points

The points are added together to give your final grades as follows:

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Points	Grades
86-108	DDD
74-84	DDM
70-72	DMM
60-68	MMM
54-58	MMP
44-52	MPP
36-42	PPP

