

Summary Comparison of Level 3 Courses at UHS			
Course	T Level	BTEC	A Level
Structure	Equivalent to three A Levels, you take one T Level as your programme of study.	Equivalent to either one or two A Levels (depending on the subject), can be taken with other BTECs or A Levels*.	Single subjects, that can be taken in combinations of three or four*.
Grading and assessment	All modular assessments are externally set. Assessments in Year 12 and Year 13 count towards your final grades. The industry placement is also a compulsory part of the course.	Modular assessments throughout Year 12 and Year 13 all count towards your final grade. A combination of exams, controlled assessments and coursework that are either internally or externally assessed (depending on the unit in question).	Terminal assessment at the end of Year 13. Subjects have three exam papers and may include coursework and/or non-examined assessments. All of Year 12 and Year 13 content is graded at the end of Year 13.
Industry placement	Yes, minimum of 45 days in industry to work on a project that is important to the employer. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your employability skills and stand out from your peers when applying for jobs and apprenticeships in the future.	No	No
Equal emphasis on practical skills development and subject content	Yes	Yes	No – much greater emphasis on learning content and examination skills
Digital skills development to prepare learners for the labour market	Yes	Some	Some
UCAS points for university	Yes	Yes	Yes
Progression onto an apprenticeship	Yes	Yes	Yes
Progression onto skilled employment	Yes	Less likely	Less likely
Level 2 transition route available in Y12	Yes	Yes	No

*Dependent on meeting the pathway and subject entry requirements.