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# **PRINCIPAL'S GUIDE**

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**Your University Technical College is eligible to take part in The Baker Award for Technical Education. Awards will be based on qualifications achieved by your students at the end of Years 11 and 13, completion of work experience, project based learning and individual interviews.**

# QUALIFICATIONS

## Key Stage 4

### Level 1 and 2 technical qualifications

To achieve the Bronze Award, students must achieve at least one 120 glh technical qualification at level 1 or 2. To achieve the Silver Award, students must achieve one or more level 2 technical qualifications which require (individually or cumulatively) at least 240 guided learning hours.

A level 1 and 2 “technical qualification” means a qualification other than a GCSE that has been approved for inclusion in Key Stage 4 performance tables.

### GCSEs

To achieve the Bronze Award, students must also achieve at least four GCSE passes at grades A\* to G or 9-1.

To achieve the Silver Award, students must also achieve at least four GCSE passes at grades A\* to C or 9-4, including English and maths.

## Post-16

### Level 3 qualifications

To achieve the Gold Award, students must achieve at least:

- a level 3 technical qualification equivalent to three A levels or
- a level 3 technical qualification equivalent to two A levels and a full A level or
- a level 3 technical qualification equivalent to one A level and two full A levels or
- three full A levels, at least two of which must be in science, engineering or technology

A “technical qualification” means a level 3 technical or vocational qualification that is at least the size of an A level (180 glh per year): for example, a Subsidiary Diploma (180 glh), Diploma (360 glh) or Extended Diploma (540 glh).

Note: post-16 students will be considered for a Bronze or Silver Award if they fall short of the qualification requirements for the Gold Award, provided they have followed a two-year post-16 programme of study at your UTC and achieve the required standard against the competency framework.

If you have any post-16 students whose highest qualification aim is at level 2, please contact the UTC Hub team ([hello@utchub.com](mailto:hello@utchub.com)).

# TEAM PROJECTS & WORK EXPERIENCE

**To achieve the Bronze Award, students must:**

- Be able to describe at interview what they have learned as a result of taking part in a team project
- Have completed at least one week's work experience

**To achieve the Silver Award, students must:**

- Have kept a record of at least two team projects
- Be able to describe at interview:
  - What they have learned as a result of taking part in team projects
  - How they tackled a problem during a team project
  - Have completed at least two weeks' work experience

**To achieve the Gold Award, students must:**

- Have kept a record of at least two team projects
- Be able to describe at interview
  - What they have learned as a result of taking part in team projects
  - How they tackled a problem during a team project
  - Have completed at least two weeks' work experience

**“Team projects” must:**

- Be devised and delivered in partnership with one or more employers or a university
- Last between 2 and 8 weeks
- Require students to work in teams of between 2 and 6 people
- Involve a range of skills and abilities including inquiry/research, solving problems and delivering a defined outcome (eg the production of components, completing a complex laboratory experiment, producing a video, making a team presentation to employers, etc)

“Work experience” can be completed either as a single block of one or two weeks or spread over a longer period (eg one day a week for 5/10 weeks).

	Yes	No
Do all KS4 students take part in at least two team projects?		
Do all post-16 students take part in at least two team projects?		
Do all KS4 students complete at least one week’s work experience?		
Do some or all KS4 students complete at least two weeks’ work experience?		
Do all post-16 students complete at least two weeks’ work experience?		

If you answer “no” to any of these questions, please contact the UTC Hub team ([hello@utchub.com](mailto:hello@utchub.com))

Additional Information: Students will be asked about team projects during interviews for **The Baker Award**. Interviewers will need information about all projects likely to be mentioned by your students.



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