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The Baker Award

STUDENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE BAKER AWARD?

Lord Baker has given his name to an Award for Technical Education, for which UTC students (such as you) are eligible. The Award recognises achievement in 14-19 technical education supported by real-world projects, challenges and links with employers.

The Award is offered at three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each is based on a combination of qualifications, work experience and wider abilities (which we call “competencies”) such as communication skills, problem solving and taking responsibility. These competencies will be demonstrated during the course of your next academic year through your participation in team challenges and projects. Such abilities are difficult to test through exams, but are very important in adult life: employers see them as extremely valuable.

At the end of Key Stage 4, Bronze and Silver Awards are based on achievements in GCSEs and level 1 or 2 technical qualifications (eg. BTECs and OCR Nationals). The Gold Award is based on A Levels and/or Level 3 technical qualifications.

Every successful candidate receives a certificate bearing the crest of Lord Baker.

This will be a very real advantage when you apply for jobs or places on higher level courses. The Award provides clear evidence of your excellent technical education, in terms of both qualifications achieved and wider abilities. Holders of the Award will be able to take their certificates to interviews and impress prospective employers.

Furthermore, The Baker Award will be a badge of excellence, because it will only ever be available to students who follow a rigorous technical curriculum, supported by projects, challenges and leading employers.

Over the coming months, you will have the chance to assess your own competencies by looking back at projects and challenges throughout your time at a UTC. You will then be interviewed, first by someone from your UTC and then by someone from outside the UTC such as someone from a local business.

The main purpose of these interviews is to provide evidence for The Baker Award. However, they also provide useful practice for the future – particularly for job interviews.

BRONZE AWARD

Is awarded to students who have:

- Been awarded an approved level 1 or 2 technical qualification
- Achieved grade A* to G or 9-1 passes in at least four GCSEs and

Evidence that they:-

- Have achieved the bronze level competencies
- Can describe what they have learned as a result of taking part in a team project
- Have completed at least one week's work experience, either as a single block or spread over a longer period
- Have clear plans for what they will do next



SILVER AWARD

Is awarded to students who have:

- Been awarded one or more approved level 2 technical qualifications
- Achieved grade A* to C or 9-4 passes in at least five GCSEs including English and Maths

Evidence that they:-

- Have achieved the silver level competencies
- Are able to describe what they have learned as a result of taking part in team projects and how they tackled a problem during a team project
- Have completed at least two weeks' work experience, either as a single block or spread over a longer period
- Have clear plans for what they will do next and can describe the options and careers open to them in future



GOLD AWARD

Is awarded to students who have:

- Completed a two-year programme of learning which emphasises practical and applied forms of learning, including strong links with employers

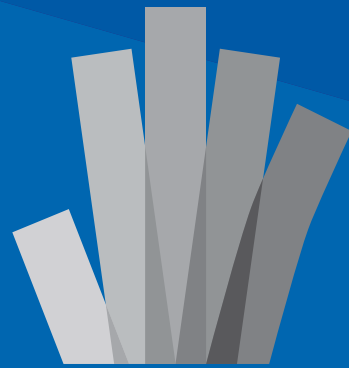


Been awarded at least:-

- A Level 3 technical qualification equivalent in size to three A Levels or
- A Level 3 technical qualification equivalent in size to two A Levels and a full A Level or
- Three full A Levels, at least two of which must be in science, engineering or technology

Evidence that they:-

- Have achieved the gold level competencies
- Are able to describe what they have learned as a result of taking part in team projects and how they tackled a problem during a team project
- Have made a formal presentation to an adult audience
- Have completed at least two weeks' work experience, either as a single block or spread over a longer period
- Have clear plans for what they will do next and can describe the options and careers open to them in future



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