

T Level Foundation Year: A Stepping Stone to Technical Excellence

The T Level Foundation Year is a one-year, post- GCSE programme designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to progress onto a full T Level course the following academic year in [Digital Software Development](#) or [Media, Broadcast & Production with a Content Creation pathway](#). This preparatory year is specifically aimed at students who are not yet ready to meet the entry requirements for a T Level, but have the potential to succeed with additional support.

Core Purpose and Structure:

The primary goal of the Foundation Year is to provide a structured pathway for students to develop the necessary academic and practical competencies for their chosen T Level route. The programme is tailored to individual needs, focusing on bridging the gap between GCSEs and the rigorous demands of a T Level. The course is a full-time programme of study.

Key Components:

The T Level Foundation Year is comprised of several key components, each designed to provide a holistic learning experience:

- **Developing Technical Knowledge and Skills:** Students are introduced to the core concepts and practical skills relevant to their chosen T Level subject area in either Digital or Media. This provides a solid foundation for the more in-depth study they will undertake in the full T Level programme.
- **English and Maths Qualifications:** A significant focus is placed on achieving a minimum of a Grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths, as these are fundamental for success in both the T Level and future employment. Students will attend Maths and/or English retake classes to support them ahead of the retake exam.
- **Personal Development and Study Skills:** Students receive support in developing crucial study skills, including time management, research, and revision techniques. There is also a focus on personal development to build confidence and resilience.

- **Pastoral Support and Guidance:** Throughout the year, students receive dedicated pastoral support and careers guidance to help them make informed decisions about their future educational and career paths.

Entry Requirements and Progression:

Entry requirements for the T Level Foundation Year typically include a number of GCSEs at Grade 3 or equivalent. Successful completion of the Foundation Year, including achieving the required grades in English and Maths, can often guarantee a place on a corresponding T Level course at the St John Bosco College. This provides a clear and supported progression route for students who may have initially fallen short of the direct entry criteria for a T Level.

In essence, the T Level Foundation Year serves as a vital preparatory stage, offering a supportive and comprehensive curriculum that empowers students to transition smoothly and successfully into their chosen technical education pathway of either Digital Software Development or Media, Broadcast and Production.