



## Qualification Overview

Qualification types in the UK include:

### Functional Skills;

They are qualifications which allow the learners to acquire practical skills such as English, maths and ICT

### Entry Level Qualifications;

These are intended for learners who do not feel ready yet for the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCE)

Entry Level Qualifications offer the ability to choose between a range of subjects but they focus on a specific subject or area of learning, allowing the learner to develop the basic knowledge and skills either for work or to continue education

### GCSE Qualifications

The GCSEs programmes are taken by 14 to 16-year-old pupils, however, they are also available to adults. The GCSE Qualifications are highly desirable because they are highly valued by both the schools and employers

### A and AS Level Qualifications

These qualifications are intended for learners who want to get a deeper knowledge of a particular subject and are usually studied by students of 16 to 18-years-olds who have completed their GCSEs

### Vocational Qualifications

They are work-related qualifications that are specifically designed to help the learners acquire work-related knowledge and skills. Vocational Qualifications are available at different levels which can be compared to other qualifications. Vocational Qualification Level 3 for instance is equivalent to A Level Qualifications



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Level 8	Doctorate (PhD)		
Level 7	Masters Degree MA, MSc, MPhil		
Level 6	University Degree (BA, BSc)		
Level 5		Foundation Degree (FdA, FdSc)	HND
Level 4			HNC
Level 3	A Level	L3 Extended Diploma	L3 Diploma
Level 2	GCSE Grades 9-5	Level 2 Diploma	
Level 1	GCSE Grades 4-1	Level 1 Diploma	
Entry Level	Key Stage 3	Foundation Diploma	
	School/6 <sup>th</sup> Form	F.E College	