



# Automotive Engineering

Incorporating the Young Apprenticeship Scheme



## What is the qualification?

The BTEC First Diploma Level 2 in Vehicle Technology. This is a nationally recognised, Vocationally Related Qualification (VRQ) equivalent to 4 GCSE's, which offers students the opportunity to acquire the skills and technical knowledge to give them a firm base to build on a career in the automotive or engineering sectors, or to progress to higher education. In addition you will complete extensive work related learning as a member of the National Young Apprenticeship Scheme.

## What does the course involve?

The course is run in collaboration with the RAC and local businesses and will teach students some of the skills and knowledge needed for the automotive industry. They will learn about the main electrical and mechanical systems found in today's modern vehicles using a combination of approximately 70% theoretical content and 30% practical work. The theoretical content of the course is assessed by the completion of coursework portfolios for each of the assignments. Practical work will be delivered and assessed by an RAC trainer and will be carried out on automotive training hardware and real vehicles. As a Young Apprentice you will complete 50 days of work experience over the course of the 2 year programme and gain additional industry recognised qualifications such as First Aid at Work and CIEH Health and Safety in the Workplace. The skills, knowledge and experience you will gain as a Young Apprentice are highly valued by potential employers.

## Is it suitable for me?

This course is suitable for anyone who is considering a career in the automotive or engineering industries.

## What qualifications do I need?

This course is suitable for those expecting to achieve GCSE grades A\*-C in the core subjects, Maths, English, Science. Your KS3 General Challenge Grade needs to be 5a or above. Your behaviour and attendance records will be taken into consideration when establishing your suitability for the course.





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## How do I apply?

This is a very highly prestigious course with only **22** places available, therefore the application and selection process is rigorous. The process steps and deadline dates are detailed below:

**Step 1** – Complete the 14-19 Education Access to Diplomas / Extra Options Application Form available from your form tutor.

Your school will then complete Section C and forward your application to us.

**Step 2** - You must also write a letter of application, clearly explaining why you should be considered for a place on this course. Your letter must be sent, with the application form to the person and address detailed at the bottom of this information leaflet.

The closing date for all applications is the **24<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Step 3** - If you are shortlisted you will be notified in writing. You will then be required to attend a selection session here at Great Sankey High School RAC Training Centre. You will be required to complete a 60 minute aptitude test and a 15 minute interview led by a manager from the RAC.

**Step 4** - You will be notified in writing if you have been successful and offered a place on the course.

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