Hair and Beauty

All content of the vocational courses is dictated by the exam boards: VTCT and City & Guilds.

All units for **City & Guilds Levels 1 Award/Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty** Sector use Pass, Merit and Distinction criteria. This qualification consists of two mandatory units and several optional units.

For the Certificate learners must achieve 6 credits from the mandatory units and a minimum of 9 credits from the optional units available.

For the Award learners must achieve 6 credits from the mandatory units and a minimum of 3 credits from the optional units available.

Home Learning in the Level 1 qualification is throughout Year 10 and Year 11. As a department we also offer additional units for Home Learning and after school support if the student desires. Level 1 mandatory units are completed in Year 10 alongside some additional units. Moderation dates are usually in December and July of Year 10 and Year 11.

The **VTCT Level 1/2 Technical Award in the Study of Hair and Beauty** uses a grading model of: Not Yet Achieved, Level 1 Pass, Level 1 Merit, Level 1 Distinction, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction and Level 2 Distinction \* (NYA, L1P, L2P, L1D, L2P, L2M, L2D, L2D\*) which will improve student motivation and provide challenge, distinguish between levels of learner achievement, and ensure sufficient rigour in assessments.

The overall qualification grade is calculated using a rigorous synoptic assessment method. This consists of an externally set and marked assessment by examination (external written exam) and an externally set, internally marked non-exam assessment (synoptic assignment). This will help to ensure the qualification offers a comparable level of challenge to academic qualifications.

Synoptic assessment is at the heart of this qualification. The assessment method will assist learners to make connections between the units, increase level of learner engagement and provide centre staff with the opportunity to adopt a holistic approach to delivering the units. Learners are required on an ongoing basis to apply effectively and integrate appropriate knowledge and understanding from across the breadth of this qualification.

This qualification is designed to use the context of hairdressing and beauty therapy as a vehicle to support learners to develop a broad and comprehensive understanding of the sector and related industries, but, more importantly, of core academic knowledge and study skills that will support progression into post 16 and higher education.

The content of this qualification is designed to engage learners through the context of hair and beauty due to its popularity and aspirational career pathways.

To be awarded the **VTCT Level 1/2 Technical Award in the Study of Hair and Beauty,** learners must achieve a Level 1 Pass grade, or higher in:

* Assessment by examination (external written exam). Year 11. 40% contribution to the overall grade.
* Non exam assessment (synoptic assignment) Year 11, approximately 20 hours in supervised conditions. 60% contribution to the overall grade.
* Students must achieve a Level 1 Pass or higher in the exam and the assignment to achieve this qualification.

This qualification consists of three mandatory units.

* UCO90 – Business and entrepreneurship in the hair and beauty sector
* UCO91 – Anatomy, physiology and cosmetic science
* UCO92 – Design in the hair and beauty sector