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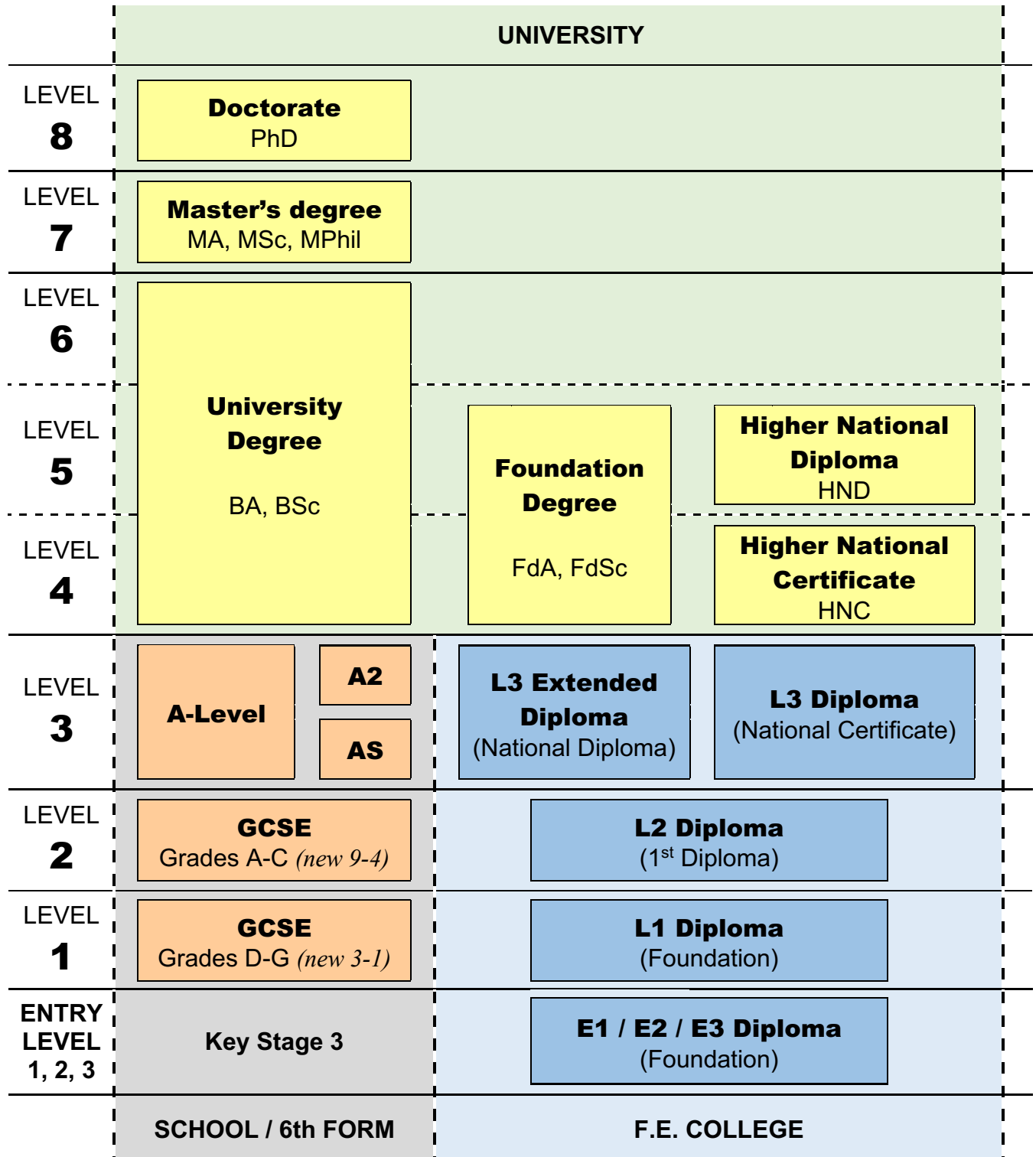


Qualification Levels

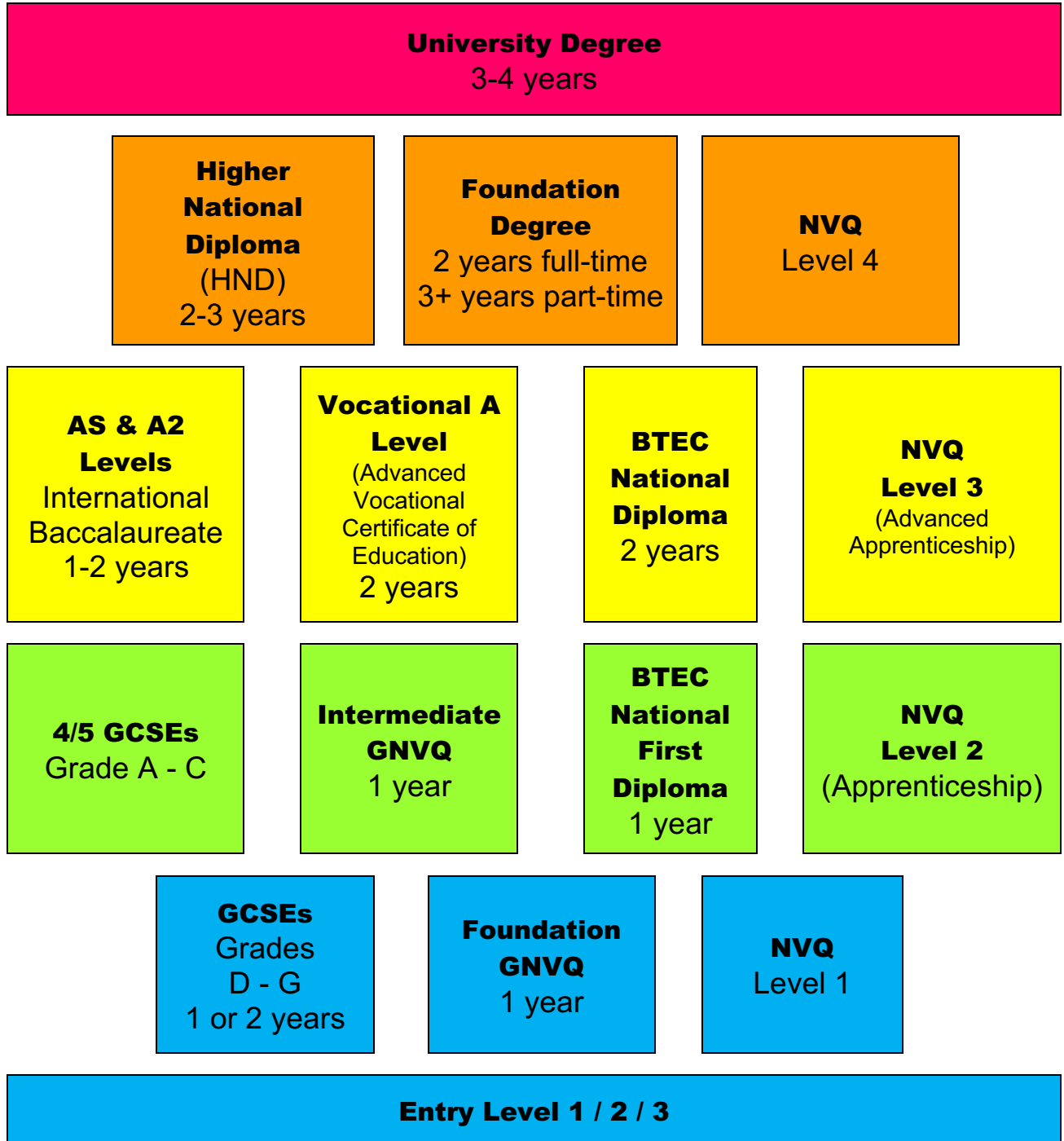
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| Level | General information | Entry Requirements | What Next |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| E1 E2 E3 | You will gain essential skills for life and progression at College | There are generally no formal entry requirements | Continue to improve your skills with higher entry level study, move on to Level 1 or find employment |
| L1 | You will get the fundamental knowledge and skills you need for success at College and in your chosen career | 2 GCSEs or a suitable Entry Level qualification | Progress onto a Level 2 course or find an apprenticeship |
| L2 | This is equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C/9-4, you'll concentrate on your preferred subject and cover all the essentials to progress to employment or next-level study | 3 GCSEs grades A*-D (9-3) or a suitable Level 1 qualification | Step up to a Level 3 course, begin an apprenticeship or find employment/further training in your chosen industry |
| L3 | <p>This level will enable you to fine tune your skills and add specialist knowledge to prepare for a career doing something you love.</p> <p>If you choose to study an Extended Diploma you'll work towards a Level 3 Diploma in your first year and then the Extended Diploma in your second year</p> | <p>4 GCSEs grades A*-C (9-4) or a suitable Level 2 qualification.</p> <p>Some courses will have specific entry requirements</p> | <p>Choose from employment, an advanced apprenticeship or a place at university</p> <p>Level 3 courses are worth the same number of UCAS points as 3 A2 Levels</p> |



New GCSE Grades from 2017 *(Initially only English and Maths grades)*

| New | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|-------------------|--------------|---|-------------|-------|------|---|-----------------|-----|---|
| Old | A* | | A | B | | C | D | E/F | G |
| BTEC (Level 2) | Distinction* | | Distinction | Merit | Pass | | Level 1 Pass | | |

UCAS Tariff Points from 2017

(Some universities require particular grades rather than points)

| AS Level | Grade | Points (2017) | Current Points |
|----------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| | A* | --- | --- |
| | A | 20 | 60 |
| | B | 16 | 50 |
| | C | 12 | 40 |
| | D | 10 | 30 |
| E | 6 | 20 | |

| A Level | Grade | Points (2017) | Current Points |
|---------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| | A* | 56 | 140 |
| | A | 48 | 120 |
| | B | 40 | 100 |
| | C | 32 | 80 |
| | D | 24 | 60 |
| E | 16 | 40 | |

| CERTIFICATE | Grade | Points (2017) | Current Points |
|-------------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| | D* | 28 | 70 |
| | D | 24 | 60 |
| | M | 16 | 40 |
| P | 8 | 20 | |

| SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA | Grade | Points (2017) | Current Points |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| | D* | 56 | 140 |
| | D | 48 | 120 |
| | M | 32 | 80 |
| P | 16 | 40 | |

| DIPLOMA | Grade | Points (2017) | Current Points |
|---------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| | D*D* | 112 | 280 |
| | D*D | 104 | 260 |
| | DD | 96 | 240 |
| | DM | 80 | 200 |
| | MM | 64 | 160 |
| | MP | 48 | 120 |
| | PP | 32 | 80 |

| EXTENDED DIPLOMA | Grade | Points (2017) | Current Points |
|------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| | D*D*D* | 168 | 420 |
| | D*D*D | 160 | 400 |
| | D*DD | 152 | 380 |
| | DDD | 144 | 360 |
| | DDM | 128 | 320 |
| | DMM | 112 | 280 |
| | MMM | 96 | 240 |
| | MMP | 80 | 200 |
| | MPP | 64 | 160 |
| | PPP | 48 | 120 |

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|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| Functional or Key Skills | Level 2 | 10 <i>(with restrictions)</i> | 10 |
| | Level 3 | --- | 20 |

