

The Future of Level 3





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The Future of Level 3

In July 2021, the Government completed a review and consultation that impacts Level 3 BTECs and other vocational qualifications in England.

The main proposal is to introduce a choice between T levels and A levels at Level 3, where most young people pursue one of these routes at the age of 16. Alongside this the DfE recognise that in certain areas there is a clear role for alternative qualifications to T Levels and A levels such as BTECs, and these qualifications will run alongside A levels and T Levels.

Please be reassured that BTECs can continue to be studied with confidence in 2022/23 and 2023/24 and only some BTEC qualifications will be affected in 2024/25. Students will be funded until completion for any courses they start. We are working through the implications for each of our BTEC qualifications in all sector suites and we will update all our centres where there are any changes to content, availability, and funding for BTECs.



Get involved

There are so many ways that you, your parents and your peers can get involved with influencing the reforms at 16+.

- ➔ **Get involved in #ProtectStudentChoice and sign the petition**
- ➔ **Use the petition toolkit**

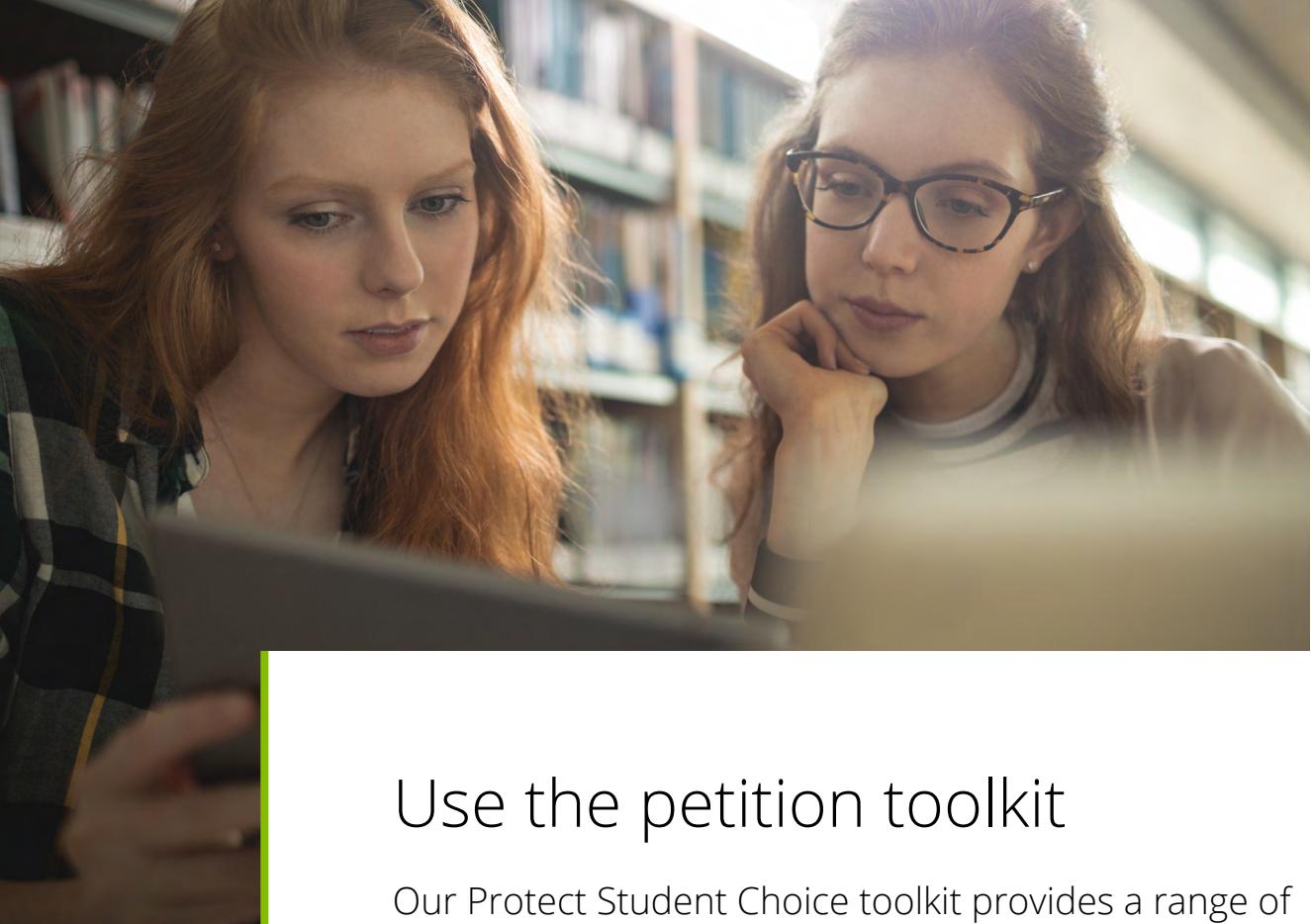


Get involved in #ProtectStudentChoice and sign the petition

Protect student choice: do not withdraw funding for BTEC qualifications

Reverse the plan to withdraw funding for most applied general qualifications such as BTECs and guarantee they will continue to play a major role in the qualifications landscape. Students should not be forced to choose between studying A levels or T levels from the age of 16.

 **Sign here**



Use the petition toolkit

Our Protect Student Choice toolkit provides a range of ways for you to show your support for the campaign.

This could be by signing the petition, supporting the campaign on social media, sending your local MP a letter, sharing with colleagues or all the above.

Every signature, tweet and letter shows we are united in the campaign to protect student choice and give everyone the best chance of success with their education.

The toolkit includes these campaign resources:

- ➔ **Letter to your local MP**
- ➔ **Social media examples and assets**
- ➔ **Poster**
- ➔ **Checklist**

Letter to your local MP

Dear Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms [ENTER MP NAME] MP,

I am writing to you as a parent of a young person who currently studies/is hoping to study BTEC in the future/a person who is studying or hoping to study BTEC in the future/a person who has previously studied a BTEC and values the opportunities it's given me. I would like to bring to your attention to the government's current review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and its potential impact on learners, schools, and colleges within your constituency.

As you may be aware, the government is currently consulting on its review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 (A level equivalent). This is putting BTEC and career/vocational qualifications at risk. The large numbers of learners taking BTECs mean that this risk is particularly acute with these qualifications. As a part of the current consultation process, organisations (including Ofqual, AoC and SFCA) have also cautioned against pressing ahead too quickly.

BTECs are taken by almost 1m learners a year in schools and colleges around the country. These courses not only support the career progression of young people within your constituency, but they also provide a talent pipeline to local employers, and it is important to ensure opportunities remain that reflect the breadth of knowledge, skills and behaviours needed across industry.

I am writing to you and requesting that you address the proposed changes to qualifications at level 3 on behalf of your constituents and highlight how BTECs and other career-focused qualifications provide vital progression pathways for so many young people within your constituency.

Best wishes,

[ENTER YOUR NAME]

Social media

These are some examples of tweets that have already been posted in support of the campaign, you can share them too! Make sure you link to the petition and use the hashtag #ProtectStudentChoice

#ProtectStudentChoice Please sign the petition to make sure we protect BTECs and not limit students' learning opportunities <http://protectstudentchoice.org>

Sign the petition to #ProtectStudentChoice urging the government to reconsider restricting students' choice of qualifications at the age of 16. <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/592642>

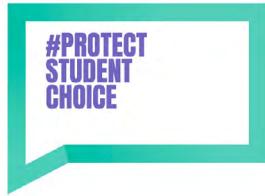
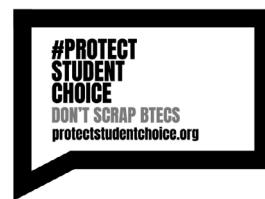
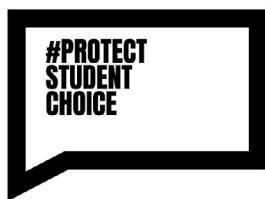
#ProtectStudentChoice and sign the petition to protect BTECs. <http://protectstudentchoice.org>

Removing BTECs will reduce the number of viable pathways for students post-GCSEs. #ProtectStudentChoice so AGQs continue to play a key role in the future qualifications landscape. Sign the petition at <http://protectstudentchoice.org>

Support the @SFCA_info campaign to #ProtectStudentChoice. Removing BTECs will leave many students without a viable pathway after their GCSEs; help safeguard the future of these vital qualifications and sign the petition now. <http://protectstudentchoice.org>

Social media assets

Download the assets



Print out and use this poster to promote the Protect Student Choice campaign



Protect Student Choice at 16+

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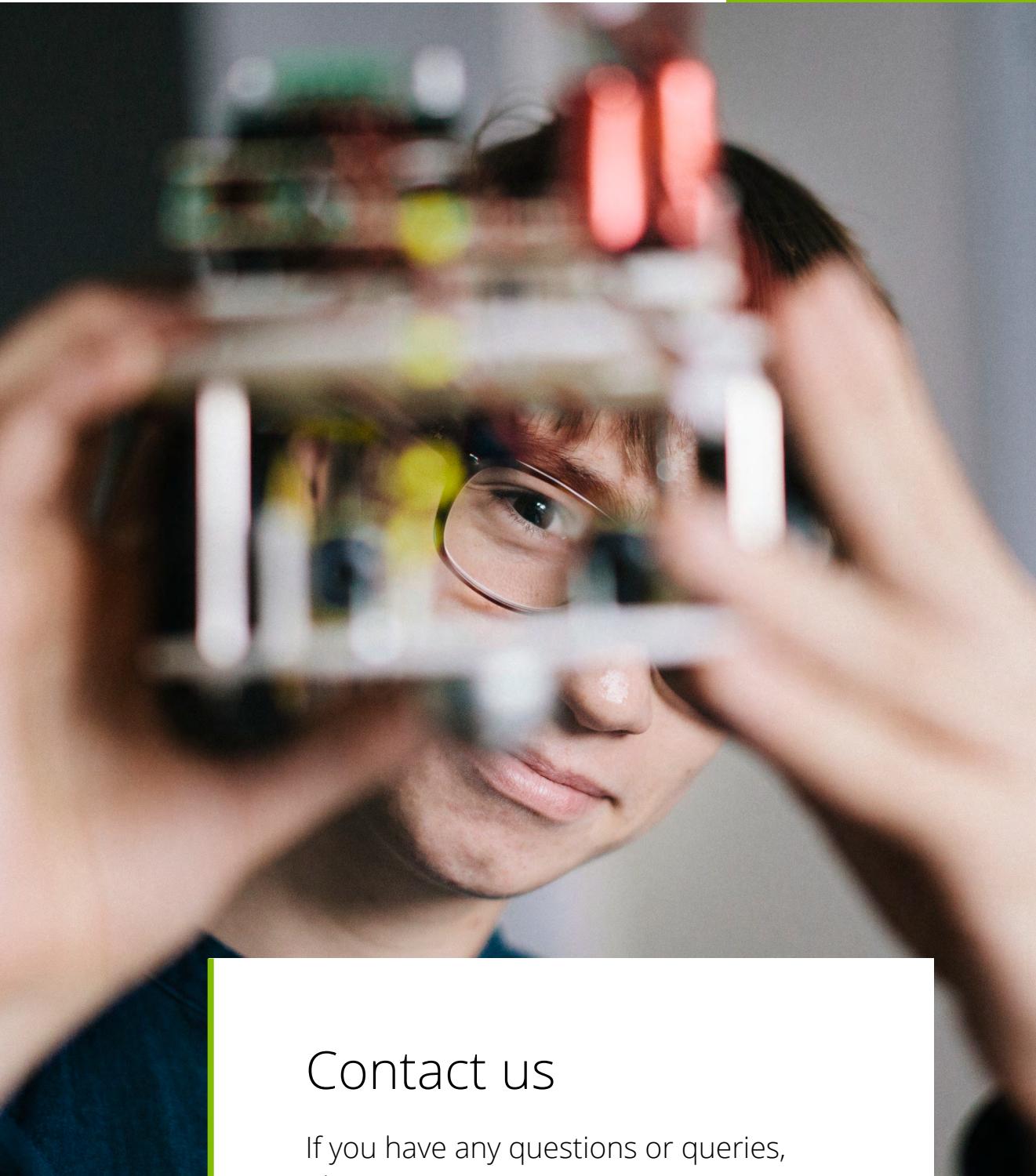


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Campaign checklist

- Sign the [petition](#)
- Promote the [Protect Student Choice petition](#) on social media
- Send the petition to peers and parents with a request to sign and share with their own contacts
- Write to your local MPs, asking them to support the campaign and visit your institution to meet BTEC students
- Contact local employers and universities to ask them to support the campaign





Contact us

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