



Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

What is the course all about?

The Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies allows learners to gain theoretical knowledge and a small number of technical skills, related to the hair and beauty sector, not usually acquired through general education. This is a GCSE equivalent qualification.

The level 2 City & Guilds technical qualification forms part of the TechBac – an exciting new programme of study designed to give 14 - 19 year olds the technical and professional skills needed to progress from FE onto an apprenticeship, into university or into the modern jobs market.

The level 1 introduction to the Hair & Beauty sector is designed to build on the learners interest and passion for the hair and beauty industry, covering a wide range of skills from styling, plaiting and twisting to make-up or nail art.

These qualifications are designed for learners who want to prepare for further learning or training in the hair and beauty sector. This is not a GCSE qualification.

The Hairdressing & Beauty (H&B) Therapy Department

The H&B Department at The Shrewsbury Academy consists of Miss Vanessa Coggins, (Head of department, teacher and assessor) who is based at the Cordon Crescent Campus in our newly appointed hair & beauty salon. Mrs Laura Rogers, (IQA for level 1) based at Shrewsbury College. Carl Siciliano (External Verifier for the level 1) from City & Guilds.

When can I choose this option?

During year 9, the GCSE options are chosen and H&B is studied in years 10 and 11. The current timetable allows the learners 5 teaching hours a fortnight.

What will I learn?

You will study how hair and beauty has developed from ancient times to the present day and develop hair styling, make-up and manicure technical skills to produce your own photographic image. You will explore ethics of product testing, effects of ingredients on hair and skin and how disorders of the hair and skin can impact services.

This qualification has three units:

- Exploring the world of hair and beauty
- Science of hair and beauty
- Design in the hair and beauty sector

To achieve the Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies learners must successfully complete both mandatory assessment components. This consist of a synoptic assignment and theory exam. This assignment is externally set, internally marked and externally moderated, this is weighted as 60% of the overall qualification. The Theory exam is externally marked and is weighted as 40% of the overall grade.

This qualification is graded Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction*

What will I be expected to wear?

Learners have an opportunity to purchase a black tunic from the school, or can order their own. If a black tunic is not worn, then it has to be a suitable black top, sensible school uniform of skirt/trousers and sensible shoes. Long hair must be tied back, long nail extensions are not allowed and all jewellery must be removed before a practical session.

What progression routes are available?

During years 10 & 11, we have visits to the hair & beauty department at Shrewsbury College. Here learners get to see what college courses are available to them and to meet the apprenticeship team. Many ex learners of Shrewsbury Academy have gone on to have successful careers within the hair & beauty industry.