

## The Wolf Report - what does it mean for you?

**Professor Alison Wolf** was asked by the Education Secretary Michael Gove to conduct a review into **vocational education for 14- to 19-year-olds**. Her report was published on 3 March 2011, and is available for you to download from the Department for Education website:

### [Review of Vocational Education - The Wolf Report](#)

Alison Wolf's review importantly recognises that **high-quality vocational qualifications can offer a valued and legitimate path to both higher education and employment**. For example, there is clear evidence that BTECs help young people to earn more, and progress to further study or a job. Achieving a BTEC National can boost an individual's lifetime earnings by up to £92,000, while a BTEC First can increase lifetime earnings by up to £42,000. It is therefore essential that our education system is flexible enough to enable students to learn in ways that are appropriate to them as individuals and allow them to flourish and reach their full potential.

The review also identifies a variation in quality and suggests that **only rigorous vocational qualifications which add real value to young people's education should be recognised in school league tables** going forward. This is a goal we fully support and look forward to working with the government to deliver.

Professor Wolf is right to call for more high-quality apprenticeships for young people, such as the **BTEC Apprenticeships** we offer with BT and many other employers in the UK. We have worked closely with employers and training providers to develop our BTEC Apprenticeship programme to help them train the workforce of the future. We want our Apprenticeships to be seen as the gold standard qualification for entry into the workplace.

Our Policy team have also produced a special edition of our popular Policy Watch newsletter focused on Making Sense of The Wolf Report. You can download it [here](#).

Following the publication of Professor Alison Wolf's Review into Vocational Education, we have been collating some **common questions from our customers**. You can find our responses to these below.

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