

Sports Scientist

Job Role:

Work with sports coaches and sports therapists to improve the performance of individuals and teams.

Work with hospitals and doctors to help people improve their health through exercise.

Take part in research projects.

Offer advice on the design and manufacture of sports equipment.



Average Salary:

£18,000 – Starter

£40,000 – Experienced

£60,000+ – Expert



How can School Benefit this Career?

- By attending extra curricular clubs in either Sport or Science.
- Choosing BTEC sport as an option in Year 10.
- Working really hard in Science, particularly Biology.
- Work experience placements in a Sports Science laboratory at a local University.

Qualifications Needed:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- You'll need a degree in sport science, or a degree in a related subject.
- Postgraduate qualification in sports science.

Sports Journalist

Job Role:

Preparing for an event by researching clubs or players.

Taking direction from a producer.

Interviewing sports professionals.

Working with experts who give their opinion or statistics.

Updating your website, blog or social media feed.

Average Salary:

£13,000 – Starter

£50,000 – Experienced

£80,000+ – Expert



Qualifications Needed:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- A degree in journalism, sports journalism or sports business and broadcasting.
- Advanced apprenticeship as a junior journalist.

How can School Benefit this Career?

- By attending extra curricular clubs that involve media and reporting.
- Choosing Media Studies as a pathway into this career as well as focusing well in your English lessons.
- Reporting on school fixtures or asking local clubs to become their match reporter.



Sports Analyst

Job Role:

Filming and Coding sport matches.

Providing post-match analysis in the form of video and a statistical reports.

Preparing coaching team and players for the upcoming games by presenting video and analysis of the opposition.

Direct involvement in the evaluation of prospective recruitment targets from an analytical perspective.

Average Salary:

£20,000 – Starter

£30,000 – Experienced

£50,000+ – Expert



How can School Benefit this Career?

- Observing fixtures and analysing performances.
- Choosing BTEC sport and/or Computer Science for options in Year 10 as well as focusing on your English and Maths.
- Attend a Computer Science extra curricular club.

Qualifications Needed:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and Maths.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- 2:1 degree in Sport and Exercise Science.

Sportswear and Brand Designer

Job Role:

Developing ideas and making initial sketches or outline plans.

Deciding on suitable materials or resources.

Using computer design software to produce detailed blueprints.

Making samples or working models, known as prototypes as well as testing and refining designs.

Average Salary:

£19,000 – Starter

£30,000 – Experienced

£50,000+ – Expert



How can School Benefit this Career?

- Focusing on achieving a high grade in Art and Design and Technology, including Product Design.
- Attending any extra curricular activities that involve designing and creating products.
- Work experience placements in a design studio.

Qualifications Needed:

- Foundation Degree in design, product design or engineering.
- Apprenticeship on product design and development.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and Maths.



Sports Coach

Job Role:

Plan fun, engaging coaching activities, sessions and programmes in a safe environment.

Give feedback on performance and help to improve technique.

Work on developing more advanced techniques and tactics.

Support performers at events and competitions.



Average Salary:

£14,000 – Starter

£25,000 – Experienced

£35,000+ – Expert



How can School Benefit this Career?

- By attending extra curricular clubs in sports.
- Offering to lead parts of your P.E lessons.
- Choosing BTEC sport as an option in Year 10 as one unit in the course is focused on Sports Leadership.

Qualifications Needed:

- Foundation or higher degree in: Sports coaching, Sports Science, Sports Studies or Physical Education.
- Coaching awards in your chosen sport.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths.



Fitness Centre Manager

Job Role:

Arranging leisure activity timetables.

Recruiting, scheduling and managing staff.

Controlling budgets.

Taking responsibility for health and safety.

Visiting organisations, like local authorities, to promote your Centre.



Average Salary:

£18,000 – Starter

£25,000 – Experienced

£35,000+ – Expert



How can School Benefit this Career?

- Choosing BTEC Sport as an option in Year 10 as Unit 1 focuses on Fitness for Sport & Exercise.
- Choosing Business Studies for GCSE/BTEC to progress into a managerial role.
- Work experience placements in a fitness or leisure centre.

Qualifications Needed:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and Maths.
- Level 3 Diploma in Leisure Management
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport.
- Job experience as a Fitness Centre instructor.



Umpire or Referee

Job Role:

Inspecting the pitch, pitch markings and equipment is safe to use.

Checking you have everything you need for the game, like stopwatches, cards and radio communications (at top levels).

Meeting with team managers.

Briefing your assistants on which signals to use and what to do in particular situations.

Average Salary:

£20 - £30 per match – Starter

Up to £15,000 – Experienced

£25,000+ - Expert



How can School Benefit this Career?

- Volunteer refereeing at extra curricular sports clubs.
- Choosing BTEC Sport to gain knowledge of the rules and regulations in lots of different sports. Unit 2 of BTEC Sport focuses on the practical application of different sports.
- Doing leadership in lessons when it is possible.

Qualifications Needed:

Refereeing courses in your relevant sport.

- **Level Four** - Refereeing in a senior amateur league at county level.
- **Level Three** - Semi-Professional league level.
- **Level Two** - Nationwide Conference and FA Premier Reserve League level.
- **Level One** - Top of the domestic tree - Level One refs are on the National List of Referees.



PE Teacher

Job Role:

You will:

- Prepare lessons and teaching materials
- Teach and coach a range of sports and physical activities to pupils of different ages and abilities
- Manage class behaviour, motivate and encourage all pupils to take part
- Work with learning support assistants to help pupils with special educational needs and disabilities
- Set and mark assignments and prepare pupils for exams
- Attend meetings and training

Average Salary:

£17,500 – Starter

Up to £40,500 – Experienced



How can School Benefit this Career?

- Volunteer to lead at any extra curricular sports clubs.
- Choosing BTEC Sport to gain knowledge of the rules and regulations in lots of different sports. Unit 2 of BTEC Sport focuses on the practical application of different sports.
- Doing leadership in lessons whenever possible.
- Study hard in English and Maths to achieve a grade 5 or above at GCSE level.

Qualifications Needed:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and Maths
- GCSE science at grade 9 to 4 (A* to C) for primary school teaching
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study
- Literacy & Numeracy Skills Based Tests
- Post-graduate Certificate in Education

