

# Pre-entry Transition to Brunel: Supporting BTEC students

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# What is HeadStart?

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- HeadStart is a weeklong induction scheme on campus designed to support Widening Participation (for example low income and disabled students) and students who have a non traditional route to University such as students who have been in care or through the clearing process
- HeadStart week was created in 2008 to ease the transition for students with a lack of experience in Higher Education
- In 2017, 2671 students were offered a place on HeadStart with 108 students attending and 82 students attending 3 or more days

# What Happens?

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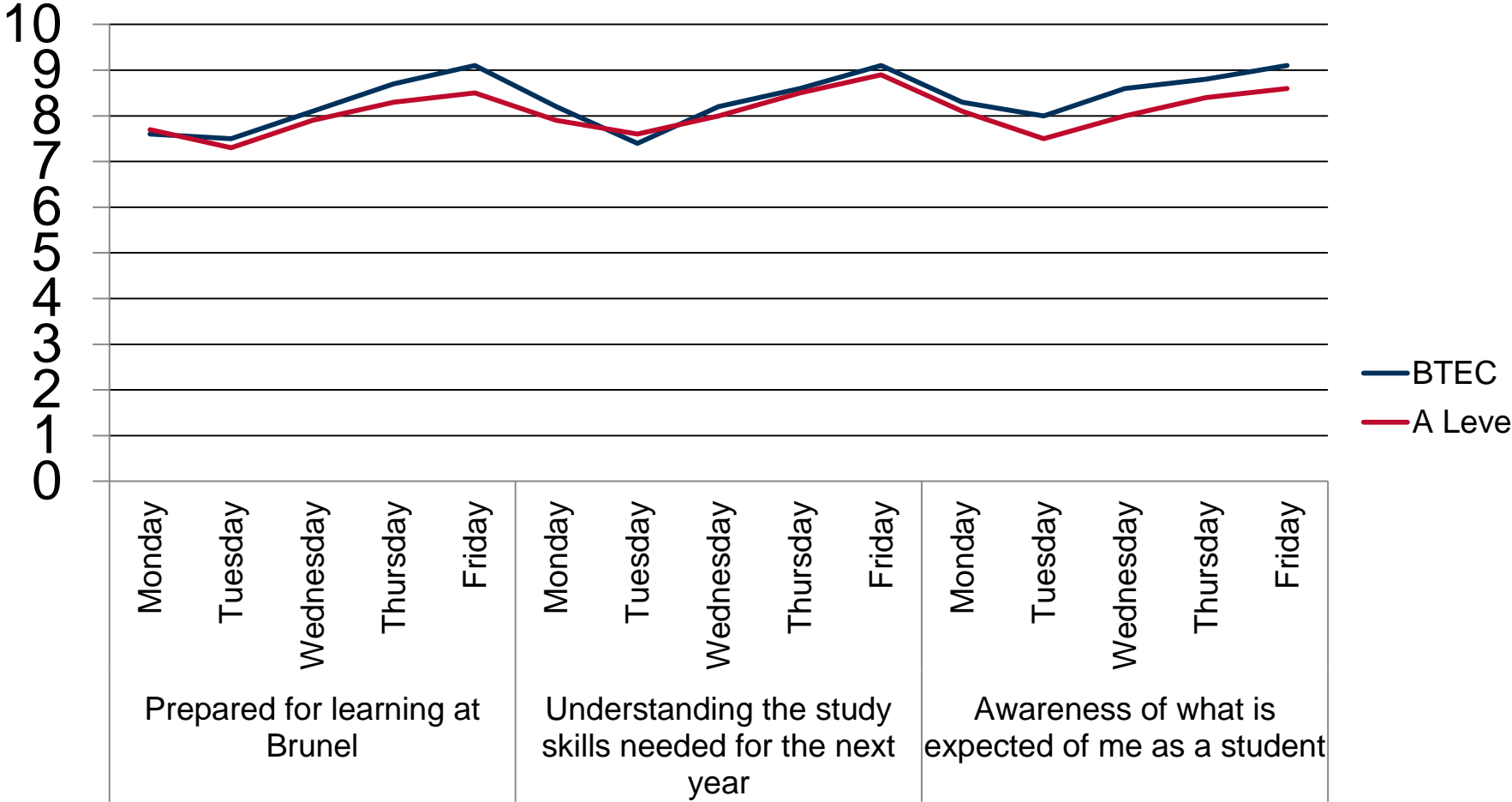
# Method - what were we looking for?

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- Over the course of HeadStart week students were surveyed daily in order to gauge learning, how they felt about the week and offer improvements
- The questionnaires they were given on each day had a quantitative and qualitative element
- After HeadStart week, four students were asked to take part in two separate case studies at week 6 and week 23 to see whether there was any longer term impact of HeadStart

# Results - Quantitative

## Comparing quantitative BTEC and A Level responses to HeadStart Evaluations



# Results- Case Studies

## Student A - BTEC Mature Learner

"HeadStart week provided me with an amazing foundation to begin my first term at university"

"Having met so many new people, this enabled me to meet their friends and so forth. This opened up a plethora of connections I made."

## Student B - BTEC first year student

"I am glad that signed up to do HeadStart week as I know that if I didn't then I would have  
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# Thank you for Listening!

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## Any Questions?

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