

BTEC National Diploma

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The BTEC level 3 in Information and Communication Technology is a practical and challenging two-year programme of study, equivalent to two A levels. The course covers general subject areas as well as more specialised areas such as programming and cyber security. The course sits between the BTEC level 3 Extended Diploma (3 A levels) and the BTEC level 3 Extended Certificate (1 A level) and is ideally suited to those students that have a particular IT career in mind. It can be combined with another A level (or equivalent) subject to create a pathway which could lead to a possible future career in the ICT sector whilst giving students the chance to pursue their passion for the subject area.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry. You do not need to have studied Computer Science at GCSE or BTEC Information and Communication Technology. However, if you have studied these courses we would expect you to have obtained at least a grade 4 or Merit, (please refer to the Entry Requirements section for further details).

How will I be assessed?

Learners on the course will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, supervised assessments and course work.

What will I study?

Information Technology systems, Creating Systems to Manage Information, Using Social Media in Business, Programming, IT Project Management, Cyber security and Incident Management and Website Development are just some of the areas that will be covered.

Where will this course lead me?

When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications, including BTEC Higher Nationals or A Levels in complementary or contrasting subjects, the qualification gives learners the opportunity to progress to a degree in an information technology or a degree where information technology related skills and knowledge may be advantageous.