

Information Technology BTEC National Diploma Level 3

This course is designed for ages 16-19. Or 19+ adults who are retaking GCSE English or maths and wish to develop their knowledge and skills of IT employment sector.

This course is equivalent to 2 A-levels and is made up of 2 qualifications over 2 years.

In your first year of study, you will work towards the Level 3 National Extended Certificate in IT. On successful completion of this course, you will progress to the Level 3 Diploma in IT.

This course supports the development of essential, specialist skills for careers in information technology such as networking, programming, or data management.

IT provides learners with the academic skills to progress to a range of higher education and apprenticeship courses including HNC or BA in computing, network engineering, business management, telecom professionals, infrastructure technician etc.

Through tutorial sessions you will be supported to enhance your employability skills including project management, team work, research, communication and presentation skills alongside your time management.

The course is scheduled over 3.5 days per week and will be a mixture of theory, practical and online lessons.

Progression opportunities

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- Higher education – either a degree or HNC/D in business
- Employment within the IT Sector

Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for this course are:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English and maths or
- Merit in relevant Level 2 qualification
- Interview and assessment

You will have the opportunity to study GCSE maths or English alongside your course so you can progress onto the next

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What will I study?

You will study a wide range of units that will allow you to deepen your understanding of the business sector, these include:
Year 1 topics for this study programme may include:

- Information technology systems
- Creating systems to manage information
- Using social media in business
- Data modelling
- Website development

Year 2 units for this programme may include:

- Programming
- IT project management
- Cyber security and incident management
- Digital animations and effects
- Enterprise in IT

This course is supported by our Create Your Future Programme. An online curriculum, specially tailored to your course and level, to help you develop essential workplace skills, strengthen your independence, boost confidence and increase progression opportunities.

How will I be assessed?

Learners will complete 8 units. Of these, 3 are externally assessed and the others through coursework.

External exam assessment:

- Information Technology Systems
- Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Cyber Security and Incident Management

Internal assessment methods:

- Practical tasks
- Presentations
- Written work
- Group projects
- Research tasks
- Work experience Logs

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All assessments will give you an opportunity to pass at one of the following standards:

- Pass
- Merit
- Distinction
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You will be provided with detailed information on how to achieve the relevant grades before each assessment commences.

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