

ICT Level 3 National Diploma

Entry Qualifications

In addition to the standard College entry requirements (see below), this course requires students to have achieved grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

What will I study?

Year 1: You will study the following three mandatory units:

- **Unit 1:** Information Technology Systems
Externally assessed through a 2 hour written examination set and marked by the exam board
- **Unit 2:** Creating Systems to Manage Information
Externally assessed through a task set and marked by Pearson over 5 hours in a one-week period
- **Unit 3:** Using Social Media in Business
Assessed by written assignments

You will study one of the following optional units in year 1:

- **Unit 5:** Data Modelling
Assessed by internal assignment
- **Unit 6:** Website Development
Assessed by internal assignment

Year 2: You will study the following three mandatory units:

- **Unit 4:** Programming
Assessed by written assignments.
- **Unit 9:** I.T. Project Management
Assessed by written assignments
- **Unit 11:** Cyber Security and Incidence Management
Externally assessed by a task set over a 9 hour period and marked by the exam board

You will also study two optional units in year 2.

How will I study?

This course is taught using lectures, demonstrations, practical work, group activity and individual study. Teachers are not only well qualified and experienced but also provide students with a high level of professional support.

How is the course examined?

This National Diploma is assessed by a 5 hour practical exam, a 2 hour written exam and a portfolio. It is graded: Pass, Merit, and Distinction. Students can obtain a Distinction* grade overall.

Where next?

Level 3 courses earn you UCAS points allowing you to take on HND/ HNC or honours degrees.

What does the course combine well with?

Complementary subjects are any other level 3 subjects.

Equivalent

This course is equivalent to two A levels.

College Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs, or equivalent, at grade A* - C or 4 – 9, including English Language, and Maths
