



BTEC Level 3 Information Technology Qualifications

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

If you have a keen interest in computers, in how they work and what they are used for, then BTEC Level 3 IT is the right course for you. You can take this qualification studying a varying number of units, either 3 - BTEC Certificate, 6 - BTEC Subsidiary Diploma, 12 - BTEC Diploma or 18 - BTEC Extended Diploma. If your career plans are a little uncertain BTEC Level 3 IT is a nationally recognised qualification, which goes well with many degrees and careers.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

All students will study Communication and Employability Skills for IT and Computer Systems. A number of units are studied which may include Maintaining Computer Systems, Digital Graphics, Computer Animation, Event Driven Programming, Communication Technologies, Website Production, Computer Systems Architecture, Database Design, Client Side Customisation of Web Pages, Controlling Systems Using IT and Developing Computer Games.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are no exams. All work is internally marked and then moderated by BTEC. Assignments are criteria based and when sufficient criteria have been achieved, a Pass, Merit or Distinction can be awarded for the unit. The unit grades are then added up and an overall course grade awarded. All units must be passed.

WHAT SKILLS AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

You need to have an interest in computers as the course will form the major part of your timetable. No prior knowledge is assumed but a desire to learn and absorb new information is a great advantage. You will learn and develop a variety of skills such as programming, web design, graphics, animation, team work and practical computer maintenance.

A minimum grade D in Maths and English is required together with an ability or interest in ICT.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

Many IT students go on to study IT or similar subjects in Higher Education. Alternatively this qualification will equip you with a broad range of technical skills which are suitable for employment. This course enables the students to feel confident and have in depth experience with a wide and varied range of technological solutions.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

The Curriculum Area organises lots of extra activities for students including trips and visits to local industries and Universities. You will be able to take part in enrichment activities such as Flash Animation techniques, Google Sketchup methods and events organised by the University of Salford and Queen Mary University of London. You will be able to take part in other enrichment activities such as designing robots, creating websites and computer games.