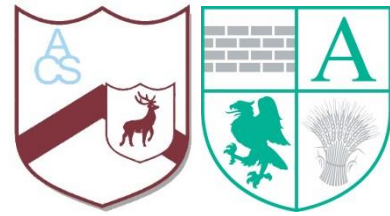


BTEC Extended Certificate in Information Technology (NQF)



Exam Board: Edexcel

Type of qualification: BTEC

Level of Course: 3

Aim of Course

This course will give an underlying in-depth knowledge of various Information Technology topics in a genuine vocational context. It will develop transferable business skills including technical knowledge, practical application, decision-making, problem solving, being creative, analytical and evaluative skills.

For over thirty years, the BTEC has seen more students progressing to higher education than ever before; in 2013, over three times more students started UK higher education courses with a mix of A levels and BTEC Nationals than in 2008. Employers also seek out BTEC-qualified students: four out of five BTEC students who progressed into employment considered BTEC as an important stepping stone towards their dream job.

Course Content:

This course emphasises vocational, practical contexts with a wide range of areas of study.

There are 3 mandatory units which are:

- Information Technology systems
- Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Using Social Media

There is one optional unit to study which would be one of the following, developing an area of interest:

- Data Modelling

or

- Website Development

Mode of Assessment:

Students complete a series of tasks set in a work-related scenario which you can tailor to local industry needs. Students complete, in controlled conditions, a practical task tackling an everyday challenge; some tasks also draw on pre-released information. Students draw on essential information to create written answers to practical questions in exam conditions.