

OCR National Level 3 ICT

What does the course involve?

The course builds upon the OCR work done in Years 10 and 11, looking at how businesses and individuals use and benefit from Information Technology. Some parts of the work will start from similar points, but will work in much more detail. As with the Level 2 award, there are **no exams** in this qualification. All your assessment will be based on the 6 projects you will complete over the 2 years of the course.

What course units will I take?

Unit 1 - Digital Business Communication

Unit 2 - Collaborative Working

Unit 3 - Problem Solving

Unit 4 - Creating a digital showcase

...are compulsory units. In Year 12 you will do 1,2 and 4. In Year 13 we will do unit 3 and also 2 more units from a list of 25 possible choices. We will decide on which units the classes would like to do when we have seen the interests and skills of the individuals in the classes.

What qualifications do I need?

To study ICT at Level 3, it is essential you have at least passed the OCR Level 2 which you will have studied in Years 10 and 11. A merit is preferable, but students with a pass may be considered. If you are coming from another school or college which did different qualifications at GCSE, this should not be a problem if you have the equivalent of a C or above.

What can I do after the course?

The course is designed to help you understand and use information technology in a more productive and professional way. It is very useful if you are thinking of going into higher education, where our reliance on IT grows exponentially in recent years, and some of the techniques you will learn will help you to research and present whatever subject you pursue.

It is also highly valuable for people looking to get jobs, as almost all employment today requires some kind of ability with computers, and employers will value any newcomer with computing expertise.