



# BTEC LEVEL 3 IT

A practical approach to study.

This IT course is designed to provide students with a highly specialist and vocational qualification that gives learners the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need to prepare for employment and higher education. Students will study 3 mandatory units and 1 optional unit.

## Mandatory Units

- Information Technology Systems (examination)
- Creating Systems to Manage Information (task set marked by the board)
- Using Social Media in Business (set and marked by your teacher)

## Optional Units

- Data Modelling (set and marked by your teacher)
- Website Development (set and marked by your teacher)

## Why choose BTEC IT?

If you prefer coursework modules on a vocational interactive course then this is for you. You can work at your own pace gaining qualifications and skills that prospective employers and further education providers are looking for. This course also provides learners with a more balanced experience compared to older BTEC courses as there will be an examination and a pre-defined set task to study towards. In today's world, IT skills are required in many areas of employment. BTEC IT can improve your skills and help make you employable in many different industries.

## Qualification

BTEC

(equivalent to 1 A-Level)

## Start Date

September 2020

## Finish Date

June 2022

## How will I be assessed?

- Unit 1 (33%) Information Technology Systems (examination) will be a two hour exam supervised and taken in controlled conditions.
- Unit 2 (25%) Creating Systems to Manage Information (task set marked by the board) will be a ten hour task arranged over a number of sessions. You will create an online database and record all this in a 'Test Log and Evaluation' document.
- Unit 3 (25%) Using Social Media in Business (coursework): You will be given an assignment brief and carry out set tasks, creating evidence to support a work-related scenario.
- Optional Unit (17%) (coursework): You will be given an assignment brief and carry out set tasks, creating evidence to support a work-related scenario.

## Future opportunities

BTEC Nationals in IT provide a well-established route into a variety of specialist Higher Education (HE) courses in this sector, when taken alongside other qualifications appropriate for the desired course of study. UCAS has reviewed the qualification to assess its value for access to higher education and has allocated UCAS points.

BTEC qualifications are recognised by Russell Group universities such as Manchester and Liverpool as students are learning independent learning, research and analysis skills which both future employers and higher education institutions are looking for. This vocational qualification uses both practical and written assessments which mean students can showcase their learning and achievements when they take their next step, whether that's supporting applications to higher education courses or potential employers.

## Entry Requirements

EITHER  
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths  
AND  
Grade 5 in GCSE English  
OR  
Grade 4 in GCSE Maths  
AND  
Grade 4 in GCSE English  
AND  
a pass grade (i.e. for GCSE  
qualifications, a grade 4) in a level  
2 IT or Computer Science  
qualification