

BTEC First Certificate in ICT

How will I be taught?

Students taking the BTEC 1st Diploma in ICT will learn to work responsibly and, with the support of staff, are expected to take control of their own learning.

Examples of ways in which you may be asked to learn are:

- Working on your own or part of a team
- Using Moodle to access resources and work independently
- Doing short projects and longer assignments e.g. Case Study
- To explain and implement hardware and software solutions

What will I study?

Each BTEC qualification is made up of parts called units. These tell you what you need to learn, what evidence you have to produce and what you need to do to get a pass for the unit.

There are two types of units:

- ICT Core units
- ICT Specialist units

The BTEC is equivalent in length and standard to two GCSEs. You will study the following units:

- Using ICT to present Information
- Website development
- Database software
- Spreadsheet software

How will I be assessed?

In all units, your work will be collected into a portfolio and assessed as you go along. You will get a grade from Pass to Distinction for each unit. For your overall qualification you will get a Pass, Merit or Distinction from the Edexcel examination board.

Which career areas does it relate to?

Information and Communication Technology is a subject which is becoming more and more central to every type of business. A good foundation in ICT will enable you to follow one of a wide variety of career paths. This will include work in data processing, computing and many other industries, as well as entry into Higher Education.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local college for more information or see the Edexcel website <http://www.edexcel.org.uk>