

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of subject: IT Cambridge International Introductory Diploma

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course? OCR

Why should I study this course?

Technology related skills are a major factor in the UK's economic and social success and to work in IT you'll need to understand existing and emerging technologies. 92% of job vacancies require candidates with IT user skills. This course will provide you with such skills/experiences. ICT can lead to supporting employment in many areas, especially those that have a strong connection with computer technology. It is also useful preparation for a university course in IT or computing. IT affects all areas of working life so an IT qualification is a must for almost any job.

Who is suitable to study this course? Students who have achieved a Grade 4 in Maths and English

Subject Overview: This qualification is for learners who prefer to study IT in a context that allows them to learn and be assessed in ways that are practical and relevant to the IT sector. This qualification is not just about being able to use computers. Employers have told us that they need people who are able to help them develop their systems or the systems for their customers, use IT as a tool to analyse data and develop applications. Therefore, this qualification is designed to give learners a range of specialist knowledge and transferable skills in the context of applied IT, providing them with the opportunity to enter an apprenticeship, move directly into employment, or progress to a related Higher Education (HE) course.

How is the Course Assessed?

Two exams and coursework in year 12 and 13.