

Year 9 Options

Information Guide



GCSE BTEC Digital Information Technology

Why choose Digital Information Technology (DIT)?

Here's why

Computer technology continues to advance rapidly and the way that technology is consumed has also been changing at a fast pace over recent years. Businesses today require an ever-increasing number of technologically-aware individuals and this qualification is intended to help you develop the skills you will need in the future across a wide range of job roles. Be ready for tomorrow's world.

Qualification

Equivalent to one GCSE, the BTEC DIT Tech award is a qualification that will help students develop the knowledge and skills needed to go on to further education in IT or computing.

The course includes 3 components - 2 of which are coursework based and are internally assessed. The final component is externally assessed in the form of an examination.

You will be awarded a Distinction*, Distinction, Merit or Pass at Level 2. Students could also be awarded a Level 1 Merit or Pass if not successful at Level 2.

Key Information

GCSE Awarding Body: Edexcel

GCSE Specific Unit Content:

Two internally assessed coursework units (60%):

Component 1 involves planning, designing and create a computer user interface for a specific purpose.

Component 2 looks at characteristics of data information, and how they are used in business to help make decisions. The project involves creating a dashboard to present and draw conclusions from a set of information.

Component 3 is an externally set exam (40%), which focuses on how organisations use digital technology, how technology has changed the way organisations work, and current issues.

After Leaving School

Progression Opportunities:

The course will develop your skills and knowledge to progress onto further IT qualifications, including BTEC Level 3 and A-level.

Potential Careers from DIT:

A qualification in BTEC DIT is suitable for careers in web development, gaming, IT, engineering and focuses on the IT skills required in these business sectors. It is a worthwhile course if you are thinking about a career in the IT industry or in careers which involve use of IT, an area currently experiencing a major skills shortage.

Contact

If you require any further information about this GCSE BTEC, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Parker for a discussion. I am more than happy to talk you through it further, and answer any questions you may have:
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