

# **Year 9 Options**

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## Information Guide



# GCSE BTEC Digital Information Technology

# Why choose Digital Information Technology (DIT)?

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## 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

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## **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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