

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in IT

The Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology is equivalent in size to one A Level. It is designed for learners who are interested in an introduction to the study of creating IT systems to manage and share information alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in IT.

Learners will develop a common core of IT knowledge and study areas such as the relationship between hardware and software that form an IT system, managing and processing data to support business and using IT to communicate and share information.

Why choose this course?

This course and the qualification you will achieve is equivalent to one A Level and it has been designed to be part of a typical two-year study programme, alongside A Levels. The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to the admission requirements of many relevant courses.

What will I learn?

This course provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare learners for further study or training. The content allows learners to concentrate on the development of their knowledge and understanding of IT

There are four units on this course:

- Information Technology Systems
- Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Using Social Media in Business
- Website Development

Assessment Arrangements

The units are assessed either by external or internal assessment.

- External examinations – all learners take the same assessment at the same time, normally with a written outcome.
- Set tasks internally assessed – learners take the assessment during a defined assignment window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task.

Some external assessments include a period of preparation using set information. External assessments are available twice a year and students may have the opportunity to resit them.

For internally assessed units, assignments will be completed.

Where will it take me?

Successful completion of the course could allow entry into higher education, including Business, IT, Computing and Software Development. This course also enables learners to develop knowledge and skills needed for entry-level roles related to IT, including vocational apprenticeship roles and trainee/entry-level roles such as a social media specialist, web/content developer, or business analyst.

What will I need?

IT is available to students with no previous experience of the subject. We would expect students to have four GCSEs at Grade 4 including English or Maths.

Additional Information

Awarding Body - Pearson