

Subject	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Information Technology
<p>Course Summary</p> <p>Information Technology (IT) involves the use of computers in industry, commerce, the arts and elsewhere. IT includes aspects of IT systems architecture, human factors, project management and the general ability to use computers. Increasingly businesses are implementing IT strategies to manage and process data both to support many business processes and to deliver new opportunities.</p> <p>Students will study the relationship between hardware and software, managing and communicating information and data across three mandatory units: Information Technology Systems; Creating Systems to Manage Information and Using Social Media in Business. Students select an additional unit of study on either data modelling or website development to complete the qualification.</p>	
<p>Where might it lead</p> <p>The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by HE providers as contributing to the admission requirements to a wide range of degree courses, if taken alongside other qualifications as part of a two-year programme of learning. The qualification can be taken as part of a broad study programme, leaving progression options fully open.</p> <p>The qualification, when studied with other level 3 qualifications, is aimed at progression to higher education. However, it also enables students to develop the 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, content developer, web developer or business analyst.</p>	
Assessment Criteria	<p>Learners will apply their learning through practical assessments in the form of internally assessed assignments and externally assessed tasks and written exams. Of the 360 guided learning hours, the course is split as follows:</p> <p>Mandatory modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology Systems (assessed by written exam) – 120 GLH • Creating systems to manage information (assessed by task) – 90 GLH • Using social media in business (assessed by assignment) – 90 GLH <p>Optional modules, one of:</p> <p>Data modelling (assessed by assignment) – 60 GLH</p> <p>Website development (assessed by assignment) – 60 GLH</p>
Exam Board	Pearson
Subject GCSE grade requirement (in addition to a minimum of 4 GCSE's at C/4 or above inc Maths and English)	Please discuss with a member of the team.
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