

# IT Level 3 CTEC

Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma 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, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses. 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.

## Support and guidance:

- Students will have 5 hours per week of guided teacher support
- Students will be expected to contribute a further 5 hours per week of independent study
- Students will receive regular feedback on internally assessed work
- Progress is continually monitored against the student target grade
- Additional study time can be offered within the department should a student require further support

## Where can IT take you?

When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications, including BTEC Nationals or A Levels in complementary or contrasting subjects, such as Mathematics, Physics, Science, Arts or Technology, the qualification gives learners the opportunity to progress to a degree in an IT discipline or a degree where IT related skills and knowledge may be advantageous. This qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements for many relevant courses.

## How will students be assessed?

The units will include:

- **Unit 1** - Fundamentals of IT (unit assessed externally)\*
- **Unit 2** - Global Information (unit assessed externally)\*
- **Unit 6** - Application Design (unit assessed internally)
- **Unit 12** - Mobile Technology (unit assessed internally)
- **Unit 13** - Social Media and Digital Marketing (unit assessed internally)

*\*Learners take the assessment during a defined 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 once or twice a year and learners can have only one resit attempt during the programme.*

## Skills required to succeed on course

- The ability to learn independently
- The ability to research actively and methodically
- Reading technical texts
- Effective writing
- Analytical skills
- Creative development

## Entry Requirements

- 5 GCSEs at Level 4/5 or above including English
- BTEC Digital Information Technologies Level 2 Pass or above

