

BTEC INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY 2016/17 (Extended Certificate Level 3)



Opportunities

Students studying Information Communication Technology are taught by subject specialists.

These teachers are able to enhance educational experiences of students from personal experiences gained in private sector employment.

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Living within the Digital Era.....

- Develop a range of skills including independent learning, research, and analysis skills.
- Develop use of software using advanced tools and experience a range of software including Adobe suite.

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

Business and commerce rely heavily on information systems and business environment in which that development take place.

This qualification provides a balance of business and information technology and responds to industry needs, enhancing your employment prospects. It is very much a practical course. You will study a combination of computing and business-oriented units.

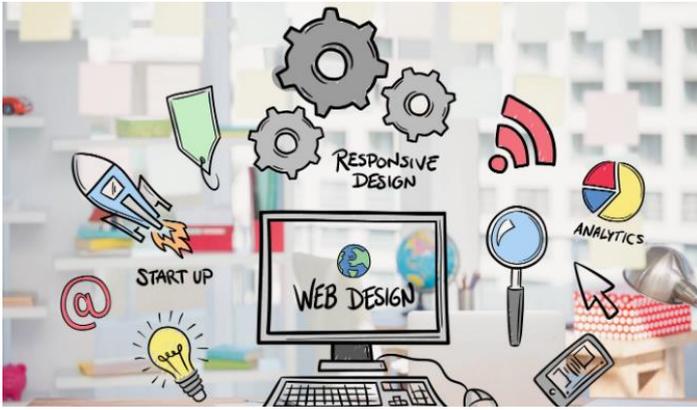
You learn to use current technology to analyse business problems and develop effective solutions in social media communications, application of database use and web publishing.

The qualification is designed to be studied over two years and is equivalent in size to three A Levels. It fully meets entry requirements for progression to an HNC or HND or a degree course in IT and related areas such as: Information Technology Management, Business Information Technology, IT Management for Business. Some of our pupils have progressed to study Computer Science courses at degree level.

I think it's fair to say that personal computers have become the most empowering tool we've ever created. They're tools of communication, they're tools of creativity and they can be shaped by the user.

Bill Gates





What will I study?

Year 12

- Unit 3 - Using Social Media in Business
- Unit 2 - Creating Systems to Manage Information

Year 13

- Unit 6 - Website Development
- Unit 1 - Information Technology Systems

How will I be assessed?

2x Pieces of Coursework (Unit 3, Unit 6)
 1x Controlled Assessment (Unit 2)
 1x Examination (Unit 1)

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Students would need to demonstrate an aptitude and passion for the subject. Due to the course containing high level of practical elements and coursework, students are required to be able to work to deadlines as well as undertake independent study.

What can the course lead on to?

With a track record built over 30 years of learner success, BTEC Nationals are widely recognised by industry and higher education as the signature vocational qualification at Level 3.

They provide progression to the workplace either directly or via study at a higher level.

Proof comes from YouGov research, which shows that 62% of large companies have recruited employees with BTEC qualifications.

What's more, well over 100,000 BTEC students apply to UK universities every year and their BTEC Nationals are accepted by UK universities and higher education institutes for relevant degree programmes either on their own or in combination with A Levels.

Past students have used the course to access workplace apprenticeships as well as undertaken degree courses in both ICT and Computer Science fields of study.



Qualification Summary

Title: **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology**

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Qualification number: **601/7575/8**

Guided learning hours: **360**

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