

BTEC Level 1/ Level 2 First Award in Information and Creative Technology

What is the BTEC First Award in Information & Creative Technology?

- is a qualification equivalent to one GCSE
- has two core units and two optional units
- has 25 per cent of the qualification that is externally assessed by Edexcel in the form of an online examination.

The BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Award in ICT has been developed for students who may wish to seek employment within the ICT Sector. It is an opportunity for learners to gain a nationally recognised, vocationally specific qualification to enter employment in the IT sector. BTEC qualifications are recognised by both employers and education institutions.

What units will I be studying and how are they assessed?

The course is made up of four units (two core units and two optional).

Unit No	Name of Unit	Method of Assessment	No of Guided Learning Hours
1	The Online World	External Computer Based Examination	30
3	A Digital Portfolio	Internal – Portfolio	30
10	Database Development	Internal – Portfolio	60

This course is 75% coursework-based portfolio that is completed during class time. The examination (unit 1 is assessed by an online examination), is also taught during class time. Sample assessment material is available online and pupils will be able to access this in school and at home.

What is needed in order to study this course?

- Due to the continual assessment of the course, excellent attendance is vital.
- An interest in the course is also vital as the course content is considerable with assessments being carried out continually throughout the course duration.
- Good organisational skills. This course requires you to keep an organised and well presented file. Presentation skills are part of the assessed work.

What way is the course graded?

Grade	What it means	GCSE Equivalent
D*	Distinction*	A*
D	Distinction	A
M	Merit	B
P	Pass	C
P1	Pass (Level 1)	D-G

A pupil who has scored highly across all units, can be awarded a Distinction*, should their aggregate scores be of a high enough standard. (In broad terms, a distinction should be attained across all units).