

## **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in IT**

### **Overview:**

Exam Board: Edexcel

### **Content:**

The course provides pupils with a foothold in the real IT world. Pupils are required to demonstrate a range of skills including independent learning, research and analysis skills. They will develop their use of software by using advanced tools on programs and experience a range of software from Microsoft to the Adobe suite. Independence is a key skill which they will develop to pursue a career in IT.

Units include:

- Fundamentals of IT
- Database development
- Website Development
- Social Media

### **Entry Requirements:**

5 GCSEs at 4/5 grade. GCSE 5 or BTEC Level 2 Merit in ICT, other candidates on an individual basis.

You must have good time management, organisation and an ability to work independently in order to succeed on this course.

### **How Assessed:**

The BTEC IT course has 4 modules which students will study. This will involve an externally marked written exam paper, an externally marked timed assessment (IT based) and two pieces of coursework.

- Unit 1: Information Technology Systems – Externally marked exam paper (Jan Y13)
- Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information – Externally marked time assessment (May Y12)
- Unit 3: Using Social Media in Business – Internally marked assignments (Completed Y12)
- Unit 6: Website Development - Internally marked assignments (Completed Y13)

### **Progression:**

The course is an ideal choice for students wishing to progress their studies further in higher education or for students looking for further qualifications to help them gain employment. BTEC level 3 courses offer the equivalent UCAS points as A-Level subjects.

**Is there anything else I need to know?**

Students should have a keen interest in IT and be willing to work on extended projects and coursework.

**Where can I find out more?**

You can find out more by speaking with Mr Kay, Mr Healey, Mrs Ali, Mr Benton, Miss Deal or Mr Green who would be happy to discuss your suitability for the course/course content in more detail.