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“It’s not that we use technology, we live technology.” – Godfrey Reggio



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Why choose ICT?

Technology is embedded in every aspect of our lives.

Communication through **technology** is a key skill in all areas of life.

Most jobs require the use of **ICT skills**.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

You will develop a number of skills which are attractive to employer, colleges and universities including:

- Communication
- Coping with rapid changes in technology
- Critical thinking
- Designing, programming, testing and evaluating software systems
- Learning independently
- Numeracy and data handling
- Problem solving
- Research
- Taking on responsibility
- Time management.



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Number of employees in the IT, software and computer services economy of United Kingdom (UK) from 2011 to 2020* (in 1,000s)

(Data <https://www.statista.com/statistics/284968/it-software-and-computer-services-economy-employment-in-the-united-kingdom-uk/>)



Growth in this sector is predicted to continue to grow!

Did you know the computer games industry is bigger than the film and music industries combined?



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What does the course cover?

You will explore the wide range of uses of hardware, application and specialist software in society. You will investigate how information technology is used in a range of contexts, including business and organisations, education and home use of information technology.

You will also be introduced to a broad working knowledge of databases, spreadsheets, automated documents and images. This will enable you to apply your knowledge and understanding to solve problems in vocational settings.



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Vocational Award in ICT course structure:

<u>Unit 1: ICT in Society</u>	<u>Unit 2: ICT in Context</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On-screen examination: 1 hour 20 minutes• 80 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlled assessment: 40 hours• 120 marks
Questions requiring objective responses, short and extended answers, based around applied situations. You will be required to use stimulus material to respond to questions.	An assignment brief will be provided by WJEC which will include a scenario and several tasks available via the WJEC Secure Website.
40%	60%



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Unit 1: ICT in Society

- How IT can be used to fulfil the needs of organisations and individuals.
- How data and information is used and transferred.
- Legal, moral, ethical, cultural and environmental impacts of IT and the need for cybersecurity.

Unit 2: ICT in Context

- Planning, creating, modifying and using databases.
- Planning, creating, modifying and using spreadsheets.
- Planning, creating and modifying an automated document.
- Planning, creating, manipulating and storing images.

**Weighting:
40%**

**Externally
Assessed**

**Weighting:
60%**

**Internally
Assessed**



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How is the course graded?

Level 1 Pass

Level 1 Merit

Level 1 Distinction

Level 1 Distinction*

Level 2 Pass

Level 2 Merit

Level 2 Distinction

Level 2 Distinction*

Where to get more information

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https://www.edugas.co.uk/qualifications/level-1-2-vocational-award-in-ict/#tab_overview

