



IT - Level 3 Certificate and Diploma

This course focuses on developing your IT skills to enable you to progress to further study in IT. In the first year, you will study the relationship between hardware and software, managing and communicating information and data, and the principles of designing and developing computer programs.

In the second year, you will build upon this knowledge, as well as covering processes to support organisations, relating your studies to the world of work.

If you do not already hold grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent), you will also be able to study one of these as part of your programme.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course consists of two separate qualifications. In your first year of study, you will work towards the Extended Certificate. Following successful completion of this qualification, you will be able to progress to the Diploma - this will give you the equivalent UCAS points to studying 2 A Levels.

Topics covered include:

- information technology systems
- creating systems to manage information
- using social media in business
- programming

Optional topics can include:

- data modelling
- website development
- mobile apps development
- computer games development
- digital 2D and 3D graphics
- IT technology support and management
- software testing
- digital animation and visual effects

WHAT WILL I NEED?

Start Date: 2 September 2024

Duration: 1 Year

Attendance: Full Time

Location: Camden Road Centre

You will need:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language or Maths or an equivalent Level 2 qualification at Merit or Distinction (and Functional Skills in English or Maths at Level 2/GCSE English Language or Maths at grade 4 or above)

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that the course is suitable for them.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The course is assessed in three forms: external, internal and synoptic.

The below units are external assessment examinations and tasks:

- Examinations - Information Technology Systems
- Set Tasks (where you take an assessment during a defined window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task) - Creating Systems to Manage Information

Most of the other units are assessed internally through coursework tasks, such as:

- Writing up the findings of your own research
- Using case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
- Carrying out projects (for which you have choice over the direction and outcomes)
- Demonstrating practical and technical skills using appropriate tools/processes etc.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

SCHOOL LEAVERS

If you will be aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August prior to the start date of your course and you have the legal right to remain in the UK for the duration of your programme then your study with us will be free. Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

ADULTS - LEVEL 3

If you will be aged 19 to 23 prior to the start date of your course, and do not already have a full Level 3 qualification, you may be eligible for a Level 3 entitlement, in which case your study with us will be free. If you are older, or already have a Level 3, we have many other Level 3 courses that are also [free](#) to study. Otherwise, you will have to pay the fees yourself or apply for an [Advanced Learner Loan](#).

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WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

This course will help you to move on to an apprenticeship, or to pursue other employment in IT and related sectors.

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