

IT - Level 3 National Extended Diploma

This course focuses on developing your IT skills to enable you to progress to Higher Education in IT.

In the first year, you will work towards the National Foundation Diploma, studying 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.

Extended Diplomas have two one-year programmes. You need to finish the first year before moving on to the second.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course consists of two separate qualifications. In your first year of study, you will work towards the Level 3 Foundation Diploma. Following successful completion of this qualification, you will be able to progress to the Extended Diploma. Our Extended Diplomas offer equivalent UCAS points to studying 3 A Levels.

In the first year, topics covered include:

- Information technology systems
- Creating systems to manage information
- Using social media in business
- Programming

In addition, you can choose two of the following:

- Data modelling
- Website development
- Mobile apps development
- Computer games development

In the second year, topics covered can include:

- IT project management
- Cyber security and incident management
- IT service delivery

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In addition, you can choose six further topics, such as:

- Data modelling
- 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?

You will need:

- Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language or Maths or an equivalent Level 2 qualification at Merit 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?

AGED 16-18

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.

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WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

This course will help you to move on to higher level courses, such as a Bachelor of Science, or to pursue employment in the industry.

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