

### **Why study ICT on a vocational course?**

If you are interested in a career in ICT or Computing and would like to know as much as possible about the practical side of ICT, and also learn the theory behind it, then this is the course for you. These courses contain a package of qualifications that will prepare you for employment or further study in ICT.

### **How are the courses structured?**

The OCR National Certificate level 2 is a combination of modules including creating websites and multimedia applications as well as standard software applications such as Databases, Spreadsheets and Desk Top Publishing. You will complete 8 hours of study each week so really need a keen interest in the subject. This is a 1 year course.

The BTEC National certificate is a 2 year course and is spread across 8 hours a week so is ideal for anyone wanting to go into IT as a career. It is modular based and each module has been chosen to ensure any student wanting a career as a technician, network engineer or programmer is well equipped for the world of work. It includes hardware, systems analysis and programming.

## **ICT IT at Level 3**

### **Is this course right for me?**

Do you enjoy learning how computers work?

Do you like coursework, and can you motivate yourself to hit deadlines on time?

Would you like a career in IT or Computing?

### **The BTEC Certificate for IT Practitioners**

This course consists of 12 units which include hardware, web design and installing software. Assessment is by portfolio units (coursework). It is equal in value to two A levels.

### **What are the entry requirements?**

You must have at least 4 GCSE grade C's in at least three different subjects to take the ICT Vocational Level 3. If you want to be able to take one AS level subject alongside your vocational course, you will need 5 grade C's in at least four different subjects, to include English or Maths.

## **ICT Vocational at Level 2**

### **Is this course right for me?**

Do you prefer coursework to exams?

Are you interested in working in IT in the future?

Do you want work experience as well as qualifications?

### **The OCR Level 2 Certificate in ICT**

This course consists of six units, one of which is compulsory: IT skills for work.

In addition you will study five optional units chosen from a package of twenty four options.

All units are portfolio based and either internally marked by your teachers or externally assessed by the exam board. There are no formal exams.

Possible units may include animation, images for the world wide web, and web design.

### **What are the entry requirements?**

You will need a keen interest in ICT/Computing as most of your week at college will be studying ICT. In addition you will need at least two grade Ds and three Es at GCSE level. In at least three different subjects. You should also have a preference for coursework. This course differs from the OCR First award in ICT in that it is full time.

# **Information & Communication Technology**

**Vocational Course  
alongside Advanced IT  
(Level 3) &  
OCR National certificate  
(Level 2)**