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**Course highlights:**

ICT gives you fantastic opportunities to work with a variety of technologies and offers you choices such as web design, games design or computing, making it engaging and enjoyable to study. The aim is to nurture digital literacy and provide you with up-to-date skills, knowledge and understanding of the rapidly developing digital world around you.

ICT will:

- Improve your confidence in areas such as mobile phone applications, webpage and games design
- Improve your understanding of social networking and its impacts
- Enable you to keep up-to-date with IT and digital developments, at home and in the shops
- Explain how IT can help improve your career options
- Provide you with IT that you can use to solve practical problems

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**Learning styles used:**

- Practical work, e.g. webpage development, multimedia design and creation
- Use of ICT to give presentations to an audience
- Written work (theory) to provide evidence for assessment

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**How is it assessed?**

Pending accreditation of a Level 2 ICT qualification, assessment is likely to:

- Give students the underpinning knowledge and understanding required to use computer systems effectively
- Develop students' knowledge and understanding of the systems they use both at home and at school and explore how these same technologies are used by business organisations.
- Involve the use of a wide range of applications that are commonly used in the workplace, schools and in further and higher education; students are likely to learn how to select the most appropriate software to complete tasks to meet specified business requirements in a variety of contexts

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**Other Information:**

ICT offers an incredible world of opportunities for work both in the technology industries and in supporting roles within other industries.

IT people not only need technical skills and knowledge but also other characteristics, such as an ability to communicate clearly to all levels of business personnel, planning and project management skills and excellent self-motivation, decision-making and problem-solving abilities.

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**Employability Skills and Careers available in Computing:**

This course will equip learners with sound ICT skills for everyday use and provide opportunities to develop, in context, desirable, transferable skills such as planning, research and analysis, working with others and communicating technical concepts effectively.

This course will also be useful in opening doors to diverse career paths such as games design, network management, web and animation development, network security and any other ICT related careers.

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**Course combinations:**

This course complements GCSE Business.

**Due to content overlap, students cannot study both GCSE Computer Science and ICT.**

Please see **Miss Hornett (B5)** to discuss this course.