

# BTEC Level 2 Award

## ICT (Information & Creative Technology)

### What is a BTEC Award?

A BTEC Award is a practical, work-related course. Students learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations and activities. Learners do best when they can apply their own knowledge, skills and enthusiasm to a subject. It is often the case that learners are already motivated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. The course provides a good basis to go onto more advanced work-related qualifications.

The BTEC Level 2 First Award (NQF) qualification provides learners with:

- an understanding and knowledge of how organisations in the information technology and creative technology industries operate
- the key skills required to work in these industries
- key concepts and principles related to the world of information and creative technologies



### What is a BTEC Award equivalent to?

By successfully completing this course, students will gain the equivalent of One GCSE grade A - C.

### What will I study?

You will study a total of 4 units of work, 3 of which are course work based.

- **Unit 1:** The Online World (Exam)
- **Unit 3:** A Digital Portfolio (Coursework)
- **Unit 4:** Creating Digital Animation (Coursework)
- **Unit 6:** Creating Digital Graphics (Coursework)



### What are the entry requirements?

Above everything students will need to be enthusiastic and highly motivated in order to be successful on this course. Students will need to be prepared to carry out independent research in order to assist them in the completion of set assignments.

All BTEC coursework will need to be presented using ICT and will be electronically submitted.

## **Progression after the Course:**

You can study Level 3 in Information Technology:

- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma = 6 Units equivalent to 1 A Level
- Apprenticeships in IT, ICT or Creative Industries
- Employment in an IT setting such as junior level positions in a wide variety of career areas, including Technicians, Web Designers, Help Desk Support, Graphic Designers and Database Administrators.

## **Assessment:**

The new BTEC Level 2 Firsts in I&CT include externally assessed units in all 3 sizes of qualification, comprising up to 25% of total assessment for the Award (120 GLH), 25% for the Certificate (240 GLH) and 16% for the Extended Certificate (360 GLH).

**For more information contact Mr Bunn or Mr Ridley. Take a look at the Edexcel website <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/information-and-creative-technology>**