

# Information Technology

## Exam Board: EDEXCEL

The BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma is a practical, work-related course. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. As well as learning about the employment area you have chosen, you develop the skills you need to start a career. It is a 2 year course and equivalent to one 'A' level with no examination at the end of Year 12.

### Minimum Entry Requirements

- A minimum of 6 A\* to C grades at GCSE.
- If you have any queries, please contact Mr K Allen (Head of Faculty).

### Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (equivalent to one A Level)

There are 6 mandatory units:

- Communication and Employability Skills for IT
- Computer Systems
- Systems Analysis and Design
- Software Design and Development
- Information Systems
- IT Technical Support

### How the course is assessed

The course will be assessed through a continuous programme of assignments, class activities, practical tasks, discussions, presentations and written reports. Each assessment will be graded against performance criteria and each unit will be awarded a **Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction\***. If a student fails a module they will need to resubmit their work until they achieve at least a pass. Students cannot progress to the next module until a pass has been achieved in each module.

### UCAS Tariff Points

For the Level 3 BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma, the A Level equivalence is as follows:

<b>A Level</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>BTEC</b>	<b>D*</b>	<b>D</b>		<b>M</b>		<b>P</b>

### Career Opportunities

It provides a suitable foundation for the study of ICT or a related area through a range of higher education courses or vocational courses (e.g. Information Technology, Information Systems, Business Computing) or direct entry into employment. In addition, the course provides a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study for candidates who do not progress to further study in this subject.