

Overview of Year 9 ICT Curriculum

In year 9 the students will be commencing their level 2 assessments that could eventually enable them to achieve up to four GCSE's in ICT. This year will be dedicated to the completion of a mandatory unit and an optional unit, in Year 10 these units will be submitted to the exam board and are the equivalent of one GCSE.

Unit 1 - ICT skills for business

By completing this unit pupils will develop the ability to create files in different software packages, including word processing, DTP, spreadsheet, database and presentation software. They will then be able to communicate effectively using email and will search efficiently for information.

Unit 20 - Animation for the web

In this unit pupils will evaluate professional web adverts which will help them when they design and build their own web advert for a business. They will also review their advert to see where improvements could be made.

Mission Maker

Students will also be given the opportunity to use Mission Maker (a piece of games creation software). They will explore how to make an effective game which has logical progression, suitable tasks and includes appropriate media.

Examinations/ Key Assessment

Unit 1 will be complete by the end of the spring half term (2 sections per half term). Unit 20 will be completed by Easter. Students will receive a grade for each section they complete and an overall end of unit grade. At the end of the year they will also receive a National Curriculum level.

Unit 1 and unit 20 grades are Pass (C Grade), Merit (B Grade) and Distinction (A Grade).

How Parents can help

Parents can help by ensuring that complete homework (which is issued weekly). If the student does not have access to a computer or the internet, parents can advise their child that local libraries are well equipped and encourage them to attend the lunch time & after school ICT sessions in school