



# PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL

## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology

### Overview:

This qualification is designed for learners who are interested in an introduction into the study of creating IT systems to manage and share information alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in IT.

Learners will develop a common core of IT knowledge and study areas such as the relationship between hardware and software that form an IT system, managing and processing data to support business, and using IT to communicate and share information. They will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in IT systems, systems management, and social media in business. This will enable learners to progress to further study in the IT sector or other sectors.

Learners will study four units:

- Unit 1: Information Technology Systems
- Unit 2: Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Unit 3: Using Social Media in Business
- Unit 6: Website Development

### Expectations:

Today's BTEC Nationals are demanding, as you would expect of any applied learning qualification in the UK. You will have to choose and complete a range of units, be organised, take some assessments that the exam board will set and mark, and keep a portfolio of your assignments. Level 3 BTEC is not an easy option!

### Extra-Curricular Activities / Independent Learning Opportunities:

You will possibly need some supplementary course books. You really must have access to a computer at home and have at least an Office suite of packages available, which includes a Word Processor (e.g. Word), a Spreadsheet (e.g. Excel) and a Presentations package (e.g. PowerPoint). It would also be helpful to have a Database (e.g. Access).

### Career Pathways:

When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications, including BTEC Higher Nationals or A Levels in complementary or contrasting subjects, such as mathematics, physics, science, arts or technology, the qualification gives learners the opportunity to progress to a degree in an information technology discipline or a degree where information technology related skills and knowledge may be advantageous. This qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses. As the content is equivalent in size to one A Level, higher education representatives have confirmed that it is appropriate to allow learners to choose their optional units from a wide range so that they can explore their own choice of areas for further study. Some university courses may require the achievement of specific units and learners should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes with specific higher education providers.