

# LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Subject Area  
Student Type  
Study Mode

Digital & IT  
Students aged 16-18  
Full Time

## What is the course about?

This digital two-year course is equivalent to 3 A Levels and will prepare you for a lucrative career in the fast-paced world of computing, perfect if you wish to pursue a career within the digital sector. It will enable you to build your existing skillset, develop and enhance your technical knowledge, and boost your employability skills, giving you the edge needed to impress in the world of work.

## Why should I choose the course?

This course is ideal for those who have previously studied IT at GCSE or a completed a level 2 vocational qualification and wish to further develop their technical skills in order to progress on to university or employment within the IT industry. You will be taught by a team of tutors who have a wealth of experience in the industry, all offering differing specialisms to enhance your learning. This means the course is taught to current industry standard, and we keep up with latest trends and technologies. You will get to use high-spec Windows PCs supplied with Microsoft 365 software and will become proficient at using programmes such as MS Access, Excel and a range of IDE's such as VS Code and Pycharm.

## What will I learn?

This dynamic course will build your practical skills and covers a wide range of fundamental topics including: IT systems, programming, using social media in business, data modelling, social media, prototyping, global information, website development and mobile technology.

## What will the course lead on to?

Students who successfully complete this course have access to numerous progression pathways including apprenticeships, employment, and further/higher education. Alternatively, you can seek employment within the computing and IT industry. Whether you go into cyber security, IT engineering, or even graphic design, you're sure to find something to put your tech-savvy skills to the test. In this ever-growing world of technology there are abundant career opportunities- with so many choices available you can take your pick!

## Are there any links with industry and university?

On this course, you will have the opportunity to learn from guest speakers such as the Business Development Manager at Siemens, along with software engineers and even app developers with current industry experience. Meeting these guest speakers will provide you with a great industry insight and inspire your next steps. To make sure that you are job ready when you



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finish the course, you will complete a week's work experience with an employer of your choosing. Previous students have worked in IT security at local schools or even computer recycling charities, gaining an understanding of the inner workings of computer systems.

## What support is available?

You will be allocated a progress coach who will provide you with support to help you succeed on your study programme and progress on to your chosen career or progression path. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

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## What are the entry requirements?

You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths, or you will have needed to have successfully completed a level 2 course. If you have not already achieved a grade 4 in your either your GCSE English or maths and you wish to study at level 3, you will be required to work towards this as part of your qualification.

## Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

The college provides specialist IT equipment and software. All students are expected to provide their own basic study equipment such as notebooks, folders, and pens.



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