GCSE ICT Full Course (1185) & Short Course (3185)

Case Study for Summer 2006 examination

Bolsun Community School

Guidance for Teachers

Please find enclosed details of the case study for the 2006 examination. These details outline a context, which will be used to set the questions in section B of the examination.

Centres may make use of these case study details in a variety of ways. The *Planning for delivery* section of the Edexcel GCSE ICT Specification Guide suggests a series of different models for a scheme of work and ways in which the case study may be incorporated.

The case study can be re-visited a number of times during the course and used as a context in which a number of key ICT concepts are taught, providing a means of achieving the Learning Outcomes contained in the specification.

Alternatively, the case study details may be saved until the final term of year 11, after all coursework has been completed. A number of lessons can then be dedicated to discussion of the details provided. One advantage of this approach is that, with the preparatory work taking place in the final term, it should be fresh in candidates' minds during the terminal examination. The case study context can also be used as a means of revising key concepts covered earlier in the course that may also be examined in other sections of the terminal examination.

Teachers need to go through the case study details and identify the range of key ICT concepts that questions could cover. Reference to the list of Learning Outcomes in the specification would be advisable at this stage. Once this has been done plans can be made for the inclusion of these links with the case study throughout the course or for a series of preparation/revision lessons at the end of the course.

Close attention to the table of Learning Outcomes will reveal that not all of those relevant to the case study will be examined in section B of the examination. Nevertheless, it would seem sensible to make use of the opportunity to also address Learning Outcomes that could be examined elsewhere in the terminal examination.

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