



Your guide to

OCR GCSE **ICT**



"The Internet? We are not interested in it."

Bill Gates 1993

Where in the world would we be without ICT?

Why OCR GCSE ICT? Let us put you in the picture.

If you're weighing up your GCSE options at the moment, take a minute to consider just what you might gain if you choose our ICT. Read on and let us explain a bit more...

What's in it for me?

This exciting new GCSE ICT that gives you fantastic opportunities to work with a variety of technologies and offers you choices such as web design, games design or computing, making it engaging and enjoyable to study. The qualification has been designed to nurture digital literacy, and provide you with up-to-date skills, knowledge and understanding of the rapidly developing digital world around you.

This new GCSE specification will:

- Improve your confidence in areas such as mobile phone applications, web page design and games design
- Improve your understanding of social networking and its impacts
- Enable you to keep up to date with IT and digital developments, at home and in the shops
- Explain how IT can help improve your career options
- Provide you with IT skills that you can use to solve practical problems
- Allow you to develop technical skills which will give you a foundation for achieving ICT and Computing A Levels.

How could it help with my future?

A GCSE in ICT opens up an incredible world of opportunities for work both in the technology industries and in supporting roles within other industries. IT people not only need technical skills and knowledge but also other characteristics such as an ability to communicate clearly to all levels of business personnel; planning and project management skills; and excellent self-motivation, decision-making and problem-solving abilities.

OCR's GCSE ICT opens doors to diverse career paths such as games design, web and animation development, network management, network security, digital forensics, and mobile application development.

How will my work be assessed?

This GCSE has a combination of exams and controlled assessment. Controlled assessment means coursework you do in a supervised environment, such as your classroom.

You'll have:

- **Two 1-hour written examinations or computer-based tests.** These are each worth 20%, equalling 40% of the total mark.
- **One compulsory controlled assessment unit** testing depth of knowledge and understanding. This is worth 30% of the total mark.
- **A second controlled assessment unit** worth 30% of the total mark. You'll choose one unit from two options

What grades could I get?

You could achieve any grade from A* to G, depending on how you do.

Got any more questions?

If you think this course is right for you, why not have a chat with your ICT teacher?

"There are 10 types of people in this world: those who understand binary and those who don't."

Unknown

