

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Computing

Get ready for external assessment

Your quick-reference support guide for teachers
and tutors



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Why have we created this guide?

We have created this easy-to-use guide to bring together details of all the support materials and key information you can use to help prepare your learners for the external assessments in the Computing sector, provided at a unit level. You may need your Edexcel Online login details in order to access some of the materials which are listed in the following pages.

We have also included details of forthcoming support.

We would also suggest that you refer to the Instructions for Conducting External Assessments document. This guide provides you with the information you need to carry out external assessments for BTEC Nationals. It takes you through: what you need to do; who's responsible at each stage and; gives additional advice and guidance around best practice. This document can be found [here](#).



What does this guide provide?

This short guide presents all information below at unit level:

- a breakdown of our existing support
- an overview of what additional support is coming up
- an offer to purchase revision guides and workbooks at a discounted rate (limited time available)*
- a list of external assessment dates for summer 2018

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Choose your unit...

Unit 1

Principles of Computer
Science



Unit 2

Fundamentals of Computer
Systems



Unit 3

Planning and Management
of Computing Projects



Unit 4

Software Design and
Development Project



Unit 1: Principles of Computer Science

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Sample assessment support

[Sample Assessment Material](#)

(for learners to sit as mocks)

[Sample Marked Learner Work](#)

(to see how mark schemes are applied)

Past papers & reports

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or a free sample from our student books

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What's coming up (April/May)

- Full-day 'Preparing for external assessment' training events, focusing on all external units for Computing.
- Additional Sample Marked Learner Work from January 2018 series.
- Rich Feedback report at both centre level and learner level
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Unit 2: Fundamentals of Computer Systems

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Unit 3: Planning and Management of Computing Projects

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(guidance on how to run an assessment)

Past tasks & reports (January 2018)

[Task](#)

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Unit 4: Software Design and Development Project

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Key dates for summer 2018

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EXAMS				
Unit	Date	Time	Duration	
31768H Computing - Unit 1: Principles of Computer Science	04/06/2018	AM	2h 00m	
31769H Computing - Unit 2: Fundamentals of Computer Systems	12/06/2018	PM	1h 45m	
SET TASKS				
Unit	Release Date	Window for Supervised period	Submission deadline	Length
31770H Computing - Unit 3: Planning and Management of Computing Projects	Part A: 08/05/2018 Part B: 16/05/2018	Part A: 08/05/2018 - 14/05/2018 Part B: 16/05/2018 - 18/05/2018	25/05/2018	Supervised: Part A: 3 hours Part B: 2 hours
31771H Computing - Unit 4: Software Design and Development Project	30/04/2018	30/04/2018 - 04/05/2018	15/05/2018	Supervised: 6 hours

You should check the official timetable in case of any changes.
The full summer 2018 timetable can be found [here](#)



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Specialist help and advice

You also have access to specialist support and advice from our Computing and IT subject advisor Tim Brady.

Tim will be happy to help with any questions you may have about your BTEC Level 3 Computing and IT qualifications.

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