

BTEC Nationals in IT

Step into your future

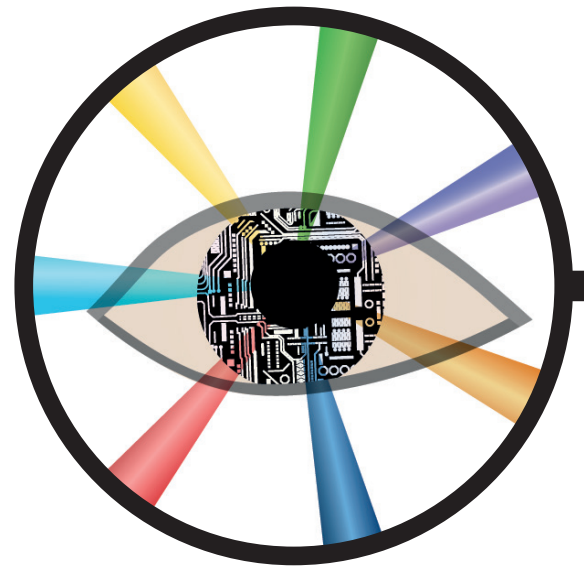
Why choose a BTEC National in IT?

The digital age has opened up a world of exciting new opportunities and careers in the IT sector. According to data by the Office of National Statistics, the number of digital businesses in the UK grew nearly twice as much as other types of business between 2010 and 2015. The speed of this surge means there is a major digital skills gap and an urgent need for skilled candidates to enter the IT sector.

A BTEC National in IT will provide you with a clear pathway to higher education, and give you the skills you need to progress into a digital future, whether that be working in IT, or the Gaming industry, as a Project Manager or a Social Media guru.

BTEC Nationals are:

- Level 3 qualifications designed to provide you with the core knowledge and study skills you will need to progress to higher education or employment.
- The most widely recognised skills-based qualification for admission to higher education.
- Equivalent in standard to A levels.
- Available in 5 different sizes: ranging from smaller courses designed for study alongside other level 3 qualifications, like A levels, to the Extended Diploma, equivalent in size to 3 A levels.
- Valid for UCAS points - see **BTEC Nationals Guide** for full details.



BTEC National	No. of A levels equivalent in size to:	GLH
Certificate	0.5	180
Extended Certificate	1	360
Foundation Diploma	1.5	510
Diploma	2	720
Extended Diploma	3	1080

What you'll learn:

Depending on the size of qualification you choose, topics you could study include:

- Information Technology Systems
- Using Social Media in Business
- IT Project Management
- The Internet of Things
- Cloud Storage and Collaboration Tools
- Computer Games Development

What you will gain:



Hands-on experience of real-world scenarios



Core knowledge and understanding of the sector



Confidence in applying your knowledge



Stronger study and research skills



Transferable employability skills



Evidence to support future academic/job applications

Where you can go next:

Higher Education

- 4 out of 5 of BTEC students go on to receive a 1st or 2nd class degree.*
- In 2015, over 25% of the students entering university in England did so with a BTEC.**

Employment

According to The Graduate Report 2016 (High Fliers):

- The number of entry-level positions available for graduates in IT has more than doubled over the last 10 years (2006-2016)
- IT roles are number 1 in the list of roles most frequently required by top employers
- Graduate starting salaries in IT expected to be the same as the national median of £30,000 in 2016

Case studies



Jordan Tucker

Our BTEC IT Student of the Year 2016, Jordan is planning to study Computer Science at the University of Exeter after completing his BTEC. And after coming 1st in the World Skills Regional Finals in Website Design, he is well on track for success!



Labinot Krasniqi

Labinot completed his BTEC Extended Diploma in ICT at Westminster Academy, and went on to study a BSc in Computer Science at King's College London. He was our BTEC IT Student of the Year in 2015 and runner up in the BAFTA Young Games Creator Awards 2013.



Mehreen Rana

BTEC IT Student of the Year in 2013, Mehreen is in the final year of her BSc Computing degree at Kingston University. She also continues to lead the 'Women in IT' initiative she set up whilst completing her BTEC National at Nescot College.

Did you know...?

90% of BTEC students are employed full time after graduating.***

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