Course Information...

...about GCSE ICT

Unit Reference: 5IT01

Unit Reference: 5IT02

Examination Details

Assessment Details

Edexcel 2IT01 Unit 1: 1 hour 30 minutes examination

Unit 2: Controlled Assignment

Course Information

UNIT 1: Living in a Digital World

Overview of content

In this unit, students explore how digital technology impacts on the lives of individuals, organisations and society. Students learn about current and emerging digital technologies and the issues raised by their use in a range of contexts (learning and earning, leisure, shopping and money management, health and well-being, on the move). They develop awareness of the risks that are inherent in using ICT and the features of safe, secure and responsible practice.

Overview of assessment

This unit is assessed through a 1 hour 30 minute examination paper set and marked by Edexcel. The total number of marks available for the examination paper is 80.

UNIT 2: Using Digital Tools

Overview of content

This is a practical unit. Students broaden and enhance their ICT skills and capability. They work with a range of digital tools and techniques to produce effective ICT solutions in a range of contexts. They learn to reflect critically on their own and others' use of ICT and to adopt safe, secure and responsible practice.

Overview of assessment

The unit is internally assessed under controlled conditions.

Students must complete a controlled assessment task provided by Edexcel.

Students must complete the task within 40 hours. Marking of the task is carried out by teachers and moderated by Edexcel against set assessment criteria. The total number of marks available for the controlled assessment task is 80.

"Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself."

Steps to Success...

...in GCSE ICT

1	Ask your teacher for help if you are having problems mastering a specific ICT skill.
2	Attend after school ICT clubs to develop your skills.
3	Read each task in the CAB carefully. Only do what the website asks you to do. Be clear of the marking criteria as you won't be awarded marks for completing tasks which are not stated as required.
4	Be clear about 'who, why, what, where' the tasks will be used for. Marks are also awarded for sense of audience and purpose.
5	In any piece of coursework make sure it is your best work. Show off your skills!
6	Keep your coursework portfolio up-to-date and in the correct order. Add the correct information to each page.
7	Never delete any work. If you run out of disk space remove duplicate files and clean out your email folder. You could also try asking for more disk space.
8	All the work you submit in your e-portfolio should follow the laws of copyright. All materials used in your project should be listed in a sources table.
9	Make sure you have a revision guide or ask your ICT teacher how to get one.
10	Familiarise yourself with revision material on the students shared area.
11	Use the revision guide, BBC Bitesize and www.teach-ICT.com to take notes on these topics
12	Attempt the exam papers in the 'Past paper' section. Make sure you know what topic the question is testing you on.
13	Check you have used technical words in your answers.
14	Check your answers against the given mark scheme.

Useful Resources:

School Intranet which holds details of every lesson and related resources
Online Textbook supplied by the ICT Department
BBC Bitesize
Teach-ICT