Course Description

Level 3 - V level in Digital Systems and Data

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Digital Systems and Data is for students who are interested in how technology, data and digital systems are used to solve problems and support organisations. You will develop applied skills in working with data, understanding digital systems, recognising cyber security risks, and designing or configuring digital solutions in realistic contexts.

Final course content details will be confirmed once the examination boards have made these available.

The Department for Education subject-content document sets out the national knowledge and skills requirements. The course is intended to develop applied understanding of data and digital systems, with relevant practical skills. Topics may include:

***Data analysis**: collecting, preparing, interpreting and presenting data to support decisions.*

***Cybersecurity**: recognising risks and applying approaches to protect information and systems.*

***Digital systems**: understanding, configuring and checking digital systems against requirements.*

***Digital solution design**: planning and developing digital solutions for user needs.*

The national content distinguishes compulsory and optional applied areas. The awarding organisation's specification will determine the exact unit titles and assessment arrangements.

Assessment

All units are internally assessed and externally moderated, each weighted equally. Assessment is awarded at A*–E, P (Pass) and U (Unclassified), under Ofqual V Level rules

- 60% non-exam assessment
- 40% exam

Study Requirements

Tutorials and resources will be available across the portal and on the internet wherever possible to promote independent working. Coursework will be printed or forwarded by e-mail for assessment.

Entry Criteria

A Merit at OCR Cambridge nationals' level 2 if previously studied. As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria, students must achieve the minimum requirements of at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including both English and Maths.

Exam Board: TBC
Full specification link: TBC once final confirmation has been decided by the department and examination boards.

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