

IT Cambridge Technical FAQs



What exam board do you use?

We take the OCR Cambridge Technical in IT (Introductory Diploma – Application Developer).

What will I study in this course?

You will complete 5 Units that will give you a broad base of knowledge and skills in the area of application development. You will study the fundamentals of IT, Global Information, App Design, Web Design and Game Design.

How much programming is there?

Very little, this is not a computer science course. However, to achieve professional results in some of the units you will need to apply some programming principles. BUT, this will not require you to program anything from scratch as you can use software that automates some of these processes.

How will I be assessed?

You will have 2 exams and complete 3 units of coursework. The two exams will make up 50% of your final grade with the other 50% coming from your coursework.

What do the exams look like / what type of questions are there?

The exams have a wide range of questions from simpler identify and multiple choice questions to larger 14 mark essay style questions.

Across the two papers all the skills and knowledge will be tested so you will have to work with numbers, memory recall, analysis, problem solving and justify your standpoint on given scenarios.

What do students who have studied this course go on to do?

Past students have gone on to do a range of further study and apprenticeships. We have had students go on to study Computer Science, Game Design, Physics, Maths, Art and undertake apprenticeships as Network technicians.

Is the course difficult?

The best answer is that the course is hard work. With the 3 units of coursework you have to work consistently and have a constant level of commitment to your study or you can fall behind. However, it gives you a degree of control over your outcome as 50% of your grade is completed in the class and at home.

Are there subjects that would be suitable to study alongside IT?

This course uses a wide range of skills including design/artistic skills, technical ICT skill, written communication skills, basic mathematical skills and organisational skills. There is not set group of subjects that would be recommended to study alongside this.

Do I need to have taken Computer Science or the Cambridge National to take this course?

Absolutely not. All you need is a willingness to build your knowledge and skill with ICT. There is no reason you cannot succeed if you did not take an ICT or Computing course at Key Stage 4.

Why should I choose this course?

If you like being creative with technology. If you want to pursue a career in technology. If you want to improve your digital skills. If you want a course that has a larger weighting towards in school assessment. Then this is possibly a course for you.

Who do I contact for further information?

Please contact Mr Rogers (Head of Department) using srogers@plymstockschool.org.uk