

OCR Level 2 Nationals in ICT - Option

Exam Board: OCR

Syllabus Content:

The OCR National Certificate is designed to:

- stimulate students' creativity and develop real-world, practical skills that will motivate learning across a wide range of subjects.
- develop students' ability to select and use digital applications appropriately and produce high quality outcomes;
- promote the use of digital applications achieving a goal, rather than for their own sake;
- enhance creativity and communication;
- equip students with some of the skills that they will need in the workplace or in further education or training;
- encourage students to reflect critically on their own and others' use of digital applications.

Key features of the OCR qualification within the option curriculum are:

- Worth a further 2, 3 or 4 GCSEs beyond the core work
- All units are internally assessed and externally moderated - no exam
- Evidence is provided by paper portfolio - there is no eportfolio requirement
- 1 compulsory unit (in the core) plus a range of other units
- There are several units which could be taught including: WebPages, desktop publishing, multimedia, products, spreadsheets, digital imaging and any of the half units.

Assessment:

Each unit is assessed via a summative project in which students bring together the knowledge, skills and understanding they have acquired throughout the unit into one substantial piece of work. The aim for all students is to gain a second GCSE in ICT, a smaller number of students to attempt the three GCSEs, and only a few, very well motivated, students attempting all four.

However, we feel that to achieve two, three or four GCSE equivalents, students will have to work hard in lessons and for the three or four GCSEs put in a lot of extra work outside of ICT lessons/homework.

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