

Frequently Asked Questions

BTEC Information Technology and T Level Digital

Question: What are some of the key topics I would cover?

Answer: At the different levels, there are a range of topics covered and we have listed them for you below:

- **Level 2:** Website Development, The Online World and Creating a Digital Portfolio.
- **Level 3 Extended Certificate (1 A Level equivalent):** Information Technology Systems, Website Development, Using Social Media in Business and Creating an Access Database.
- **Level 3 Diploma (2 A Levels equivalent):** Programming in Python, Cyber Security, Computer Games Development, and IT Project Management.
- **T Level Digital:** Design, implement and test software. Change, maintain and support software. Create solutions in a social and collaborative environment.

Question: How many other subjects can I choose alongside this one?

Answer: If you take the single option (Extended Certificate) you would then need two other subjects to go alongside BTEC IT Single, as it would be one of your three options.

If you take the double award (Diploma) then you will only need one other subject to go alongside, as BTEC IT Double would be two of your three options.

T Level Digital: The Digital T Level is a new full time Level 3 technical course, equivalent to three A Levels. Leading digital employers have helped to develop the qualification to equip young people with the skills that the industry needs. A key feature of the course is a mandatory industry placement of at least 45 days.

Question: What is the learning style like within this subject?

Answer: Your learning will be through teacher led delivery of key course content, supported by classwork and practical tasks, as well as, completing coursework assignments and controlled assessments.

Question: How will I be assessed?

Answer: The courses have a mix of internal and external assessments depending on the qualification. Below are the details:

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Extended Certificate

- Equivalent in size to one A Level.
- 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external.
- External assessment (58%).
- Real-life, work-based case studies and scenarios, projects and assessments.

Diploma

- Equivalent in size to two A Levels.
- 8 units of which 6 are mandatory and 3 are external.
- External assessment (46%).

For the **Internal Assessments**, students complete assignments and submit by deadlines. Once you have received your feedback, you will have one opportunity to resubmit, (if your teacher feels you are capable of improving your grade without further guidance). Resubmissions to be made within 15 days of receiving the result of your initial submission. If you do not Pass, you can do a retake assignment (retakes can only achieve Pass grade).

T Level Digital

- The core components will be assessed through a project set by employers in the industry and two externally set tests.

Question: What support can I access if I am struggling?

Answer: At Collyer's there is a huge amount of support for all students who choose to study with us. You can attend extra workshop support sessions if you are struggling with specific course content. If you are having difficulty with more general study skills for example you will be referred to study support who can help you to build your skills and confidence outside of the classroom.

Question: Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

Answer: Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements.

Question: Are there normally any trips that I can go on?

Answer: Not normally, but we have taken students in the past to see the Computer Museum, the Science Museum as well as trips to Dubai and Disneyland Paris.

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Question: What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyer's?

Answer: Many of our students progress onto university to do IT/Computing related courses. Some students use their BTEC IT course alongside other A Levels/BTECs to gain extra UCAS points for other subjects, other BTEC IT students progress onto Apprenticeships or Employment.

Most T Level students will progress, from college, straight to work or onto a higher level or degree apprenticeship. However, the qualification does accrue UCAS points and will allow progression to university.