

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (iDEA)

INTRODUCTION

The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.

No area of life remains untouched by ICT and the current generation and those that follow need the structure that school ICT provides to complement the skills they will acquire as part of their everyday life. iDEA is the digital and enterprise equivalent of The Duke of Edinburgh Award.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

All students study core ICT. iDEA is an international programme that helps students to develop digital, enterprise and employability skills. Through a series of online units, students can ultimately gain industry recognised awards that can help them stand out from the crowd. The challenges are split into core categories, each with its own series of badges to be achieved - **citizen, worker, maker, entrepreneur and gamer.**

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Students will work through a number of badges in order to reach the iDEA Bronze Award, iDEA Silver Award and iDEA Gold Award.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

iDEA is a core subject which everyone will study. In addition, we offer two specialist qualifications within the options; BTEC Tech Award in Information Technology or GCSE Computer Science. Students should consider opting for these if they have a real interest in the sector or are looking to work in the ICT/Computer Science industry.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about GCSE Computer Science and BTEC Tech Award in Information Technology can be found in the Options section of this booklet or contact Ms Samosa, Assistant Headteacher and Head of ICT and Computer Science.