

## OCR Nationals in ICT

The new OCR Level 2 Nationals in ICT are a challenging yet attainable qualifications which give students hands on experience in a wide-range of career linked skills and meet the expectations of employers.

An OCR National (at Level 2) is a nationally recognised qualification worth up to 4 GCSEs grade (A\* - C). At Chelmer, we aim for core students to achieve one GCSE. Most option students will achieve two GCSEs and some may achieve three GCSEs.

The ICT topics are wide-ranging and provide a solid introduction to all basic aspects of ICT and support pathways to many specialised careers such as advertising, product design etc.

For each qualification, there is one compulsory unit (ICT skills for business), then the other units will vary according to the qualification being followed. The units you are most likely to follow will comprise units on Spreadsheets, Databases, Computer Graphics, Multimedia, Video and Computer Animation, although these may vary.

The key features of the OCR Nationals are:

- You have to do one full compulsory unit (Unit 1 - ICT Skills for Business) and at least one half unit to get the single GCSE equivalent award
- There are a comprehensive range of different units to make up other units to the 2 GCSEs. Your teachers will choose which Units these are likely to be - we try to get the balance right between useful and fun!
- All work is marked by your teachers. A Moderator from the OCR exam board then visits us to check the school is assessing your work correctly and giving you the correct grade.

For students, the OCR Nationals are designed to:

- Make it easy to know what you have to do.
- Be useful in real life.
- Be challenging.
- Be flexible.

### **Qualification Structure**

Unit 1 is the only compulsory unit.

Qualification	Minimum No. of units	GCSE Equivalent
National First Award	1.5	1 GCSE at A*-C
National Award	3	2 GCSEs at A*-C
National First Certificate	4.5	3 GCSEs at A* - C

## ***Lesson Time***

Core groups will have one hour per week of ICT lessons and will be expected to achieve the **National First Award in ICT**. Option groups will have five additional lessons fortnightly and will be expected to achieve the National Award in ICT.

You can obtain the following grades:

**PASS** (equal to grade C)

**MERIT** (equal to grade B)

**DISTINCTION** (equal to grade A/A\*)

### ***The units students will be studying are as follows:***

**Unit 1 - ICT Skills for Business** (Full Unit) you cannot gain a qualification unless you Pass this unit.

**Unit 21 – Computer Graphics** (Half Unit)\*

**Unit 4 – Design and Produce Multimedia Products** (Full Unit)\*

**Unit 23 - CreatingVideo** (Half Unit)\*

\*These may be subject to change.

## **TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COURSE**

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