

Introduction

The specification for ICT in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together with Units 1 and 2 from Year 12, count towards the overall award of the ICT A Level.

Unit 3 (IT3) – this is a written examination of 2 hours 30 minutes

A written paper, presented as a question paper requiring a separate answer booklet. Candidates answer all questions in Section A and one from two in Section B. Quality of Written Communication is assessed in two questions.

The following topic content areas will not be assessed in 2021:

- 4.3.1 Networks – Choosing a network for a company, Network topologies, Wireless networking
- 4.3.5 ICT Security Policies – Prevention of accidental misuse, Prevention of deliberate crimes or misuse
- 4.3.9 Management Information Systems (MIS) – Features of an effective MIS, Understand the flow of information between external and internal components of an MIS, Features of good MIS
- 4.3.10 Systems Development Life Cycle (SDLC) – System Design, System Implementation, System Maintenance, System Evaluation.

Unit 4 (IT4) - this is an NEA (Internal Assessment)

Candidates analyse, design, implement, test and evaluate a solution to a problem of their choice requiring the use of a relational database. This is a substantial piece of work, undertaken over an extended period of time. It is internally assessed and moderated by WJEC

In June 2020 WJEC announced changes to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Removing the submission of NEA grades to WJEC, and the external moderation process, in 2021. This has been reflected in the delivery of this unit to year 13 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Students are now able to complete NEA at home and high levels of control have been removed from this NEA unit.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in ICT

Assessment point 1 = Past paper and exam style questions on networks and the internet completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes. This was completed in the week beginning the 5th October 2020.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper and exam style questions on HCIs, The Internet and Networks completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes. This was completed in the week beginning the 30th November.

Assessment point 3 = An assessment on Networks, the internet, HCIs, Working with ICT, Security Policies. This was timed and monitored by the teacher under **medium control** via remote provision.

Assessment point 4 = Past paper and exam style questions on Networks, the internet, HCIs, Working with ICT, Security Policies and Data and the importance of data completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes. This was completed in the week beginning the 22nd of March.

Assessment point 5 = Past paper and exam style questions on Networks, the internet, HCLs, Working with ICT, Security Policies and relational Database systems completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes. This was completed in the week beginning the 12th April.

Assessment point 6 = Past paper IT3 will be completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes. This will be completed in the week beginning the 10th May. Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess all covered content in both unit 3. This assessment was completed over 3 lessons under **high control**.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in lessons ICT through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources.

Non-Examined Assessment = Completed and partially completed NEA (IT4) will be considered by teachers when determining CDG's.