Section B—Options Choice Subjects

ICT (Certificate in Digital Applications)

The course:

This Edexcel CiDA course will prepare pupils for a career in the creative digital industry. The course will engage and enthuse pupils with an interest in digital graphics and will provide pupils with the opportunity to apply creative skills.
Pupils will learn to create and edit images for use in digital products and develop a range of elements to use in websites.

To achieve the award students have to complete two units of work:

Unit 1 - Developing Web Products - This unit looks to provide pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to produce attention-grabbing web products using web-authoring software, multimedia assets and navigation features. Pupils will design, build and test a web product in a practical computer-based examination set by the exam board.

Unit 3 - Artwork and Imaging - Pupils are given a Summative Project Brief (SPB) which is a project set by the exam board for the pupils to complete. They will produce images and artwork using a computer for a specified purpose and audience.

Assessment

Unit 1 - Exam paper - 25%
Units 3 - Coursework - 75%

In order to succeed students will need:

- Commitment to work steadily throughout Key Stage 4
- To produce regular coursework and meeting all deadlines
- Interest in creating ICT products
- To be able to develop products based on feedback from others
- Evaluate their own and others' work
- Desire to succeed in an interesting but demanding course

Where next?:

The Edexcel CiDA Level 2 provides the skills, knowledge and understanding for learners to progress to level 3 qualifications and further study in ICT-related subjects.