

Parents' guide to coursework – ICT

How much is it worth?	What has to be done?	
<p>This OCR National course is equivalent to 1 or 2 GCSEs. The grades are: Pass = C grade Merit = B grade Distinction = A grade.</p> <p>There is no terminal examination and it is therefore essential that students show evidence of their skills by producing thorough and accurate coursework for all the Units submitted.</p>	<p>Students study 3 Units for the single option and 6 for the double option.. All students start with Unit 1: Skills for Business and then study other Units from a choice. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphics • Animation • Databases • Spread sheets • Web design 	
When is it done?	Can parents help their children?	If the mark is low, can it be re-done or improved?
<p>The course starts at the beginning of the Summer Term of Year 9 so that all students are given a “taste” of what the course offers and how they are expected to perform. Some students are able to work independently and build on the skills they have already mastered in previous lessons. Most students need their skills refreshed and will learn through didactic input at the start of the lessons.</p> <p>One feature which helps students check their progress is the Assessment Tracker which is displayed each lesson, showing clearly what tasks each student needs to complete and where to find the relevant resources.</p> <p>Coursework deadlines are published in advance and written in student diaries. If the deadline is missed, students are asked to stay behind for 1 hour in order to catch up. This is supervised by ICT staff.</p>	<p>Students are able to access their work and all departmental resources via Remote Access, though obviously we need to be assured that the student carried out the work without practical help from parents.</p> <p>For all coursework, adult feedback and proof reading is encouraged. There are assessment marks devoted to this.</p>	<p>Students' work is assessed by their teacher and then a sample is checked by a Visiting Moderator from OCR at a time arranged by the Department.</p> <p>The work is assessed and returned with feedback so that it can be improved. Some lesson time is given to this but students are also expected to complete/improve tasks as homework.</p>