

Year 12 Information Technology

Course title: BTEC Level 3 AAQ in Information Technology	Exam board: Edexcel	Specification code:
How will students be assessed?		
Mandatory - Units 1, 2, 3 & 4 Unit 1: Information Technology Systems – Yr 12 external assessment – May 2026 first assessed 33.3% Unit 2: Cyber Security and Incident Management – Yr 13 external assessment Jan 2027 33.3% Unit 3: Website development Yr 13 16.7%% Unit 4: Relational database development – Yr 12 internal assessment 16.7%		

Half term	Key content
1	Unit 1 Information Technology Systems Learning Aim A – Explore the concepts and implications of the use of, and relationships among devices that form IT systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A1 Functions and use of digital devices, and the notation used to represent the design of IT systems - A2 Peripheral devices and media - A3 Computer software in an IT system Review and recap of summer transition work and purpose of Databases Case studies and exam style questions, construction of revision resources
2	Unit 1 Information Technology Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A4 Choosing IT systems, - A5 Emerging technologies Learning Aim B: Transmitting data – Connectivity, networks, issues relating to transmission of data Learning Aim C : Operating online, Online systems, Online communities Unit 4 Relational Database Management – Introduction & Learning aim A: Understand how the principles of relational database models, data storage and normalisation are used to create effective relational database solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relational database management systems - Manipulating data structures and data in relational databases
3	Unit 1 Information Technology Systems Learning Aim D: Protecting data and information, Threats to data, information, and systems, Protecting data

	<p>Learning Aim E; Impact of using IT systems, Online services, Using and manipulating data</p> <p>February Mock Exam</p> <p>Unit 4 Relational Database Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A3 Normalisation - A4 Preliminary scoping of a relational database solution in response to a client brief <p>Learning aim B: Design a relational database solution to meet client Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relational database design techniques and processes - Design documentation <p>Practical database software skills</p> <p>Start preparation of internal Assessment and Assessment Brief</p>
4	<p>Unit 1 Information Technology Systems</p> <p>F: Issues Moral and ethical issues, Legal issues</p> <p>Pre-Easter full paper Mock exam</p> <p>Unit 4 Relational Database Management</p> <p>Reviewing and refining designs</p> <p>Learning aim C: Develop a relational database solution to meet client requirements</p> <p>Producing a database solution using appropriate software</p> <p>Testing the database solution</p>
5	<p>Unit 4 Relational Database Management</p> <p>Reviewing the database solution</p> <p>Optimising the database solution</p> <p>Unit 4 Relational Database Management 15 hour Assessment Brief</p> <p>Unit 1: Information Technology Systems - Revision - Exam May 2026</p>
6	<p>Submission of Assessment brief</p> <p>Start Unit 2 Cyber Security and incident management: Learning Aim A</p>