

# BTEC IT at Whitley Bay

## Why Study BTEC IT?

The BTEC in IT uses a combination of assessment styles to give students the confidence to apply their knowledge successfully in the workplace and have the study skills required to continue learning on higher education courses and throughout their career. The range of vocational assessments - both practical and written - mean students can showcase their learning, and achievements, to their full potential when they take their next step; whether that's supporting applications to higher education or potential employers.

## Why choose the IT Department at Whitley Bay High?

We are an extremely successful department with a 92.5% pass rate at grades Distinction Star - Pass with 87.5% of these students achieving Distinction Star - Merit at A Level. We also excel in terms of the relationships that are built between Teachers and Students.

**Course Entry Requirements:** Students are required to achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE English.

***"Teachers are enthusiastic, passionate about their subject and are always there to offer advice and support"***  
***Holly Hudson Year 12 Student***

## What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to give learners the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in data management and social media in business. This will enable learners to progress to further study in the IT sector, or other sectors. Learners will study three mandatory units and one optional unit.

The mandatory units are:

Unit 1: IT Systems

Unit 2: Creating systems to Manage Information

Unit 3: Using Social Media in Business

The Optional Units are:

Unit 5: Data Modelling

Unit 6: Website Development

This qualification can be taken as a double award equivalent to two A-Levels

Unit 1 (Mandatory)	Written exam set and marked by the exam board
Unit 2 (Mandatory)	Task set and marked by the exam board carried out under supervised conditions (10 hours carried out in a timetabled week)
Unit 3 (Mandatory)	Social Media in Business (Two summative assessments)
Unit 5 (optional)	Data Modelling - Students have to design and implement a data model
Unit 6 (optional)	Data Development - Students have to develop a website for a client