

Software Development and Technology Systems Level 3

What can I look forward to in my first year?

The IT course is designed to develop the necessary skills to allow you to progress into a variety of highly skilled areas identified by local employers.

The assessment on the course is a combination of external assessment and internally assessed work. In the first year of your course, you will develop your understanding of IT in a variety of sectors including Programming and Games Development, digital marketing, and database development.

What will my timetable look like?

You will be in college for 3 days a week you will also take part in an Industry Placement during the two days you are not in college classes.

During the college week you will have an hour tutorial session with your Personal Tutor who will help and support you throughout your college life. They will support your individual career path and help to develop in your chosen sector. They will also help with university and job applications to university, C.V's and will keep you informed of any college events or important information.

Do I need to buy any equipment or kit ?

You will be provided with access to your own cloud storage area that you can access in and out of college.

Access to a computer with the Windows/Office Suite will help you when completing your assignment; however, computers are also available for use in the college LRC.

The majority of software used is available free for students.

What will happen in my first week?

During the first week you will get to meet your teachers and make new friends in the group through induction activities. You will be provided with information about the course and how the course and the lessons will be run, and you will also be guided through the assessment process. You will also attend an enrichment fair where you can choose extra-curricular activities that are available around your course which will enhance your CV

Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

Your studies will be supported by textbooks provided to you in class and digital resources that we will share with you.

If you are new to programming in Python or Website Development, we recommend you practice these skills using [sololearn.com](https://www.sololearn.com) and attempt the Python, HTML, CSS and JavaScript courses.

Which modules will I study in my first term ?

Information Systems

Creating Systems to Manage Information

Programming and Games Development

Digital Marketing

