

School of ICT, Computer Science, Technology and Vocational Education.

The technology, ICT and Vocational departments are thriving and engaging parts of the school that have developed substantially in recent years. We are part of a wider learning experience consisting of Product Design, Textiles, Graphics, Food Technology, Computer Science and ICT. Construction and Hairdressing are offered at KS4 & KS5.

The department consists of 2 main classrooms and 4 additional rooms. The rooms consist of a workshop area, a textiles and electronics area with technician's workshop, two ICT/Computer Science rooms, a construction centre and a hair and beauty salon.

At KS3, technology is taught on rotation, each class usually having access to a minimum 10 week experience where they take part in skills' building and practical techniques. New schemes of work have recently been implemented to allow for a broader range of topics, however, there is scope for new ideas to be brought in through collaborative planning. ICT & Computer Science are optional subjects but are delivered at KS3 to all students. This year, Hairdressing has been offered in KS4 which has proved popular. There are currently 2 Construction classes at KS4 and these are following the BTEC Level 2 course in Construction and the Built Environment.

At KS4, students currently follow the Edexcel GCSE Graphics specification, BTEC First Award in L2 Engineering and BTEC First award in ICT. Results are excellent with 100% of students achieving A - C grades at BTEC First L2 Award. We deliver the WJEC in Hospitality and Catering and OCR GCSE in Computer Science. At KS5 we currently run, VCTC in Hospitality and Catering, Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Construction and Building Crafts and the BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT. These also have outstanding results which are shown by our students moving on to study Catering and IT at various universities. We have also had students gaining apprenticeships in construction related trades.