



INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

The IAM Intermediate Award in ICT is an interactive online course followed in 3rd Form which allows students to learn at their own pace how to apply skills in Microsoft Office applications correctly in an educational context. Students engage with the courseware to develop their abilities and demonstrate their competency across the curriculum.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- To be an internationally recognized qualification, part of the matrix of ICT qualifications in England and Wales.
- To provide online studies in the fields of computing and IT that are directly relevant to the changing needs of students, universities and employers.
- To provide a programme of online study that is intellectually challenging.
- To develop in students a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes which are essential for career development in the computing and technology sector.
- To support the school with high quality, blended learning IT courseware.
- To support the production of coursework and projects across the curriculum.
- To reduce the burden of terminal assessment on students.
- To provide students with knowledge and skills which are relevant to the QCA Key Skills units.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The IAM Intermediate Award in ICT (online) is designed particularly to meet the needs of senior school students age 13-16 in International and Independent Schools and Colleges. The interactive course equips individuals with the knowledge, understanding and practical skills required for future success in advanced secondary education. Learners can work at their own pace, engaging with the animated tutor and interacting with the courseware. Use of personal laptops is strongly encouraged.

In order to gain the qualification, the student must

- Complete successfully exercises which test skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Each exercise is marked automatically on-line and a successful result is recorded in a database.
- Demonstrate the application of these skills in at least 6 pieces of coursework drawn from the context of their other GCSE studies
- Maintain and administer an online folder of completed exercises and coursework

The teacher supervises the work in hand, advising and demonstrating where necessary, and manages the completed work. Completion usually takes place in the summer of Third Form, but individual students may complete the course sooner or later than this.

The student can monitor his or her progress through a content management system at <http://74.50.120.150/ll-cms/>. The course is designed and administered by [Londonlearning](#). There is a charge of £70 for enrolment in 2011.

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