

COWLEY LANGUAGE COLLEGE

Course / Subject Title: The Diploma in ICT (Level 2)

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Comments from Teaching Staff

This is a new and exciting qualification for years 10 and 11 called 'The Diploma' and is worth the equivalent of 7 GCSEs grade A* - C. It is a high level qualification which is only available through Cowley but may involve students from other St Helens schools.

Places will be limited and students will be selected to see if they are suitable for the course.

Course Description

You will study ICT for 2 whole days per week. Most of this time will study out of school either in the workplace or at another organisation such as one of the City Learning Centres at Rainhill or Haydock. One of the employers will be Sankey Valley Park where you will work with the Rangers to help develop the ICT in their visitors centre. This may involve helping them manage their project, website, making leaflets and posters, making signs and maps to help visitors find their way around etc. It may also involve looking at introducing new technologies such as wireless cameras in bird and bat boxes, badger dens etc. It may also involve using the local Public House as a business to provide refreshments and services for visitors.

Assessment

There are 7 units of work plus an ICT Project. One of the units has an exam and the others are coursework based and marked by your teacher. There will be a minimum of 10 days work experience.

Skills Developed

To be prepared to work hard, be sensible, and respect other adults who may be helping you.

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Progression Routes at Cowley

An advanced course in ICT or related subject e.g. Level 3 Diploma (equivalent of 3 A Levels) or BTEC National Award (equivalent of 1 A Level); BTEC National Certificate (equivalent of 2 A Levels); BTEC National Diploma (equivalent of 3 A Levels).

Careers

Most careers today will require you to have ICT skills. You can go into a variety of ICT related jobs or work within a business environment.