



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



GCSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

With all new style GCSEs the emphasis is on individual attainment. The students are marked on the work they produce. There is one exam and three controlled assessments. Students practice the skills required for the controlled assessments with are undertaken in exam conditions.

2014-15 Timetable

(Please be aware that students do work at different paces and the timetable for the completion of work will be different for individual groups. Timings are for guidance only. There is no mock exam for this subject.

October – December 2014 Completion of Unit 4, 2 & 9 controlled assessments each worth 25% of the final mark.

January, students who joined Carleton late will be completing Unit 7. Other students will be begin the theory for the Unit 1 exam

February the exam board will release the Unit 1 Exam Pre-release case study. This case study will require the students to investigate the topic area of the case study and develop a revision portfolio for the exam.

Early **May**, students will sit the 1½ hour Unit 1 exam.

The grades range from Distinction* down to Pass with L2 and L1 combined. The marks basically equate to GCSE: D*=A*, M2 = B, P2 = C. Below that you drop down to an L1 course: D1 = D, M1 = E, P1 = G.

Assessment Information

Controlled Assessments

The controls for taking the task have been designed to ensure that the task is done by the candidate and is all their own work. Research and preparation may be done outside the centre and materials brought in to refer to during the controlled sessions (both electronic and hard copy). However, teachers must inspect them and be satisfied that the work is the candidates' own. All research materials must be placed in the candidates' submission folders.

Once the work is complete it is then marked by the student's teacher and the marks submitted to the exam board. The marks for each of the units are only available when the GCSE examination results are published in August. Feedback and marks are not allowed to be given back to the students until the official results have been published. Essentially the students need to treat the Controlled Assessment times as final exams.

Homework & Plus 1s

Students have ownership and management of their coursework and marks will be lost if they are not developing their coursework as homework tasks on a continuous basis.

Students have the opportunity to develop material that will contribute to their final grades and preparing for the final exam

What can parents do to help in this subject?

Encourage your child to practice their ICT skills so that they are able to apply them to familiar and unfamiliar situations. Encourage the production of a high standard of work through the consideration of layout, formatting and audience. Encourage your child to attend the Plus 1 sessions.

Encourage your child to proof read their work, checking the content and layout before printing and submitting. Encourage your child to submit all work on time and catch up on all work missed as a result of absence at lunchtime and afterschool sessions.