



## Information and Communication Technology Policy

### The Principles

#### 1) Aims

- To ensure that every student receives a broad and balanced experience of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- To encourage students to explore the potential use of ICT in supporting their learning in a broad range of areas across the curriculum
- To encourage and support staff in the development and implementation of ICT across the curriculum
- To provide progression and continuity within each student's experience of ICT
- To actively encourage all students to use ICT facilities to support and extend their learning

#### 2) ICT in the National Curriculum (KS3 and KS4)

##### KS3

- Students should be taught to become critical and largely autonomous users of ICT, aware of the ways in which ICT tools and information sources can help them in their work; understand the limitations of such tools and the results they produce; and use the concepts associated with ICT systems and software and the related technical terms.

##### KS4

- Students should be taught to develop greater responsibility for their use of ICT; work competently and effectively with a range of ICT tools and materials, acquiring an understanding of their more advanced features; and reflect critically on their own and others' use of ICT.

#### 3) Curriculum Delivery of ICT

- A discreet ICT course is delivered to all students in Years 7 - 9. Students also make use of ICT as a tool for learning across the curriculum.
- All students in Years 10 and 11 follow the Award in Digital Applications (AiDA) Course. Students who want to study more aspects of ICT can opt for the Certificate in Digital Applications (CiDA) course.
- AS ICT is offered to students in Years 12-13.

### Roles and Responsibilities

- 4) The delivery of ICT is co-ordinated by the Information and Communication Technology Group (ICT Group) under the direction of the Deputy Head Curriculum.

### Monitoring and Evaluation of Policy

- 5) The ICT Group will monitor delivery annually, and make recommendations to the Governors' Curriculum Committee as to changes and enhancements needed.
- 6) The ICT Group will meet regularly as scheduled in the school calendar.