



Queen Mary's College

FAQs – Information Technology

Q: *What is the main difference between I.T. and Computer Science?*

A: Information Technology is more business focussed. The course uses software and hardware to deal with the collection, retrieval, accessing, recording and organisation of data. Computer Science is about the science, theory and practical programming of computers.

Q: *How is the course assessed?*

A: I.T. is a two year course. Year 1 has one internally assessed unit (coursework), and one externally marked practical database controlled assessment (practical exam). Year 2 has one internally assessed unit (coursework) and one externally marked written theory paper (examination).

Q: *How many hours a week will I be studying in class?*

A: The course is run over 5 hours during a full week, there is a double lesson on 1 day (separated with a break in the middle) and 3 separate 1 hour sessions on 3 other days.

Q: *Which other subjects does I.T. combine well with?*

A: Any other course can be studied alongside I.T. however the most popular combinations are Business, Media, Economics, Maths, Graphics, Geography, Psychology, Law and Sport, it is also possible to study Computer Science/Computing at the same time as I.T.

Q: *What are the entry requirements?*

A: Entry requirements are the normal college requirements that are needed to study courses at Level 3, previous study of I.T. is an advantage but not necessary.

Q: *What do students do after studying I.T.?*

A: A lot go onto university; some to study I.T. on its own or combined with Business, Media or Graphics. Apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships are also popular such as Technicians, Web designers and more recently the use of social media in business.