

## *GCE AS/A LEVEL APPLIED ICT*

**Entry requirements - 5 grade A\*-C at GCSE (preferably one should be English Language)**

This GCE is a relatively new qualification providing vocationally-related learning. It is equivalent to one A2 qualification. Students study three units (one unit is examined) in the first year of the AS course and a further three units (one more unit is examined) to complete the A2 qualification. Alternatively students can choose to study three units in the first year if they wish to attain only an AS qualification.

Students will develop a range of skills and knowledge of the uses of ICT in the working environment. They will examine the components, functions and applications of information systems within a range of organisations and learn how to use these skills in vocational contexts. The A2 units will allow students to develop and create a website as well as publishing. They will find out about the importance of design, whether for a product or software, and why it must meet the needs of the end user.

Successful completion of the course will allow students to go into a range of IT related jobs in multimedia, communications, software design or engineering, business and administration. Alternatively, students can use this qualification to progress into higher education.