



# Oakswood College

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## ATHE Level 3 Course Summary

### *Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies*

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## COURSE SUMMARY DOCUMENT

### ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies (60 Credits) Programme:

#### Specification Version 2.0 – Valid from 06/2024

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<i>ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies (60 Credits), Qualification Number 603/6569/9</i>
<b>DURATION OF COURSE:</b>	Average duration 6-9 months. Total Qualification Time is 600 hours, including 360 Guided Learning Hours.
<b>WHEN COURSE IS TAUGHT:</b>	September, January & April intakes  Teaching Blocks: September to December, January to March, April to June, July to September.
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed for learners progressing from Level 2 study, learners returning to education, and learners seeking progression to higher education, employment, higher level apprenticeships or career development.</li> <li>Learners may typically be aged 16/19 and recently in education or training, or aged 19 plus with a more varied profile of achievement and experience.</li> <li>Centres should review each learner’s prior qualifications and experience to confirm they have the foundations to undertake Level 3 study in Information and Digital Technologies.</li> <li>For learners recently in education or training, the typical minimum entry profile is likely to include 5 or more GCSEs at grades C and above or grades 4 and above, other related Level 2 subjects, or equivalent international qualifications.</li> <li>Learners need an appropriate Level 2 standard in English and Mathematics/Numeracy so they can access resources and complete unit assignments.</li> <li>Learners must have an appropriate standard of English. Recommended English standards include IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2, Cambridge English Advanced 162 or above, or Pearson Test of English Academic 42–49.</li> <li>Mature learners may use relevant paid or unpaid work experience, participation or achievement of relevant qualifications, Recognition of Prior Learning, credit transfer or exemptions where applicable.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE OUTLINE:</b>	<p>The ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies is a 60-credit qualification designed to provide learners with a broad foundation in computing, information systems and digital technologies at Level 3. It supports progression to higher education, higher level apprenticeships or employment in the digital sector.</p> <p>The Information and Digital Technologies Diploma introduces learners to current and integrated topics across computer programming, computing mathematics, cyber security, digital technologies, emerging technologies, mobile application development and web development. Learners develop practical and theoretical</p>

approaches to solving problems and finding solutions using information and digital technologies.

The qualification helps learners gain competencies that are relevant to industry standards and supports progression into related fields such as computer science, information systems and digital media. Learners are expected to apply knowledge through internally assessed assignment work, practical tasks, research, problem solving and technology-based activities.

The programme develops underpinning skills, personal qualities and attitudes needed for successful performance in working life, while also providing a platform for continued learning and progression to Level 4 study or other higher-level opportunities.

**PROGRAMME CONTENT - CORE MODULES AND ANY OPTIONAL MODULES:**  
(Including number of credits)

Students complete 7 mandatory units to achieve the 60-credit ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Credits	GLH	Status
A/618/4173	Unit 1 Introduction to Computer Programming	10	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
F/618/4174	Unit 2 Introduction to Computing Mathematics	10	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
J/618/4175	Unit 3 Introduction to Cyber Security	10	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
L/618/4176	Unit 4 Introduction to Digital Technologies	5	30	<b>Mandatory</b>
R/618/4177	Unit 5 Introduction to Emerging Technologies	5	30	<b>Mandatory</b>
Y/618/4178	Unit 6 Introduction to Mobile Application Development	10	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
D/618/4179	Unit 7 Introduction to Web Development	10	60	<b>Mandatory</b>

**WORKLOAD:**  
(Including number of contact hours with College staff and expected hours of self-study)

The ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies is a 60-credit qualification. The Total Qualification Time is 600 hours, and the Total Guided Learning Hours are 360 hours.

TQT includes Guided Learning Hours plus additional non-supervised learning such as preparation, private study, online study, research, work-based learning, portfolio development and assessment activity.

**LENGTH OF THE MODULES:**

*Each module lasts 10 weeks (equivalent to one term) covering 40 contact hours. Two modules are taught per term.*

**THE OVERALL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE MODULES:**  
(for example exams, coursework or practical assignments)

Assessment for each unit is based on achievement of the Learning Outcomes at the standards set by the Assessment Criteria. Learners may achieve Pass, Merit, Distinction or Fail for each unit.

Assessment is completed through submission of internally assessed learner work, subject to external moderation or verification. Assessment methods may include reports, academic papers, case studies, critical reviews, projects and portfolios of evidence.

	Oakwood College uses ATHE assignment briefs and relevant assessment guidance for each unit. Learners complete practical and written tasks linked to programming, computing mathematics, cyber security, digital technologies, emerging technologies, mobile application development and web development.									
<b>AWARD RECEIVED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE:</b>	ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Information and Digital Technologies (60 Credits) Qualification Number 603/6569/9. Awarding Body: ATHE (Awards for Training and Higher Education) UK Ofqual-regulated awarding organisation									
<b>WHERE THE PROGRAMME IS TAUGHT:</b>	<b>Programme Delivery Location and Address:</b>  <b>In-person, on-campus at:</b> Oakwood College Tricorn House 7th Floor 51–53 Hagley Road Birmingham B16 8TP  Modes of delivery may include full-time, blended learning or distance learning.									
<b>STAFF WHO ARE DELIVERING THE TEACHING:</b>	Teaching is delivered by a team of academics and practitioners with expertise in information and digital technologies, computing, programming, cyber security, digital systems, mobile application development, web development and technology-enabled learning.									
<b>THE FEES WHICH STUDENTS CAN EXPECT TO PAY:</b>	Fees: £1,500. Privately paid by the student.									
<b>REASSESSMENT FEES</b>	Reassessment Fees for Each Module: £20 Plus External Verification Fees: £200									
<b>COURSE DEPOSIT:</b>	<i>25% of the tuition fee</i>									
<b>ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME COSTS:</b>	<p><b>These are costs in addition to tuition fees that students may have to pay to complete the course. The figures provided here are indicative estimates of additional costs:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cost item</th> <th>Compulsory / Optional</th> <th>Indicative amount / range per year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Books and other study materials</td> <td><b>Optional</b> (library provides e-access to many core texts)</td> <td>Around <b>£100 per year</b> (minimum average spend typically advised for undergraduate books)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printing and photocopying</td> <td><b>Optional</b> (students choose how much to print)</td> <td><b>£50 per year</b> recommended to cover general printing and final-year project printing/binding</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cost item	Compulsory / Optional	Indicative amount / range per year	Books and other study materials	<b>Optional</b> (library provides e-access to many core texts)	Around <b>£100 per year</b> (minimum average spend typically advised for undergraduate books)	Printing and photocopying	<b>Optional</b> (students choose how much to print)	<b>£50 per year</b> recommended to cover general printing and final-year project printing/binding
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	Stationery and general study supplies	<b>Optional</b>	Approximately <b>£30–£60 per year</b> depending on personal preference
	Optional UK study trips and visits	<b>Optional</b> – only if students choose to participate	Typically, <b>£20–£60 per UK day trip</b> , depending on destination and activity
	IT equipment and internet access	<b>Expected</b> (students must be able to access online resources and VLE)	Highly variable; many students use an existing laptop. Where a new device is needed, a basic study-ready laptop typically costs <b>from £300 upwards</b>
<b>QUERIES:</b>	If you have any questions about this Course Summary Document or the course in general, please contact our Academics team on: <a href="mailto:academicsupport@oakwoodgroup.co.uk">academicsupport@oakwoodgroup.co.uk</a>		