V Level
Digital Systems and Data

Course objectives	This new-for-2027 qualification will help you develop knowledge, understanding and skills related to digital systems that are relevant to a wide range of higher education courses or careers.
Main qualifications	• Level 3 V Level
Awarding Body	• OCR
Duration/ Lessons per week	• 10 x 1 hour lessons over a two week timetable
Entry requirements	• Previous study of computer science at GCSE or CNAT IT would be advantageous but is not essential. • A sound interest in IT and/or computing. • Grade 5 in Maths.
Progression opportunities	• The Digital Systems and Data V Level is one of the first new qualifications of this type, due to be offered from September 2027. It is designed to provide the skills and knowledge to move into higher education, an apprenticeship or career in a wide range of fields involving Information Technology, such as Networks, Cybersecurity or Artificial Intelligence.

Course Content	• This is a vocational course that has a significant proportion of hands-on content.
	• You will have the opportunity to apply what you learn to practical, real-life contexts, such as:
	  ○ preparing, analysing and presenting data to support conclusions and decision making.
	  ○ applying cyber security practices to identify potential risks and protect digital systems.
	  ○ configuring digital systems or designing digital solutions to meet user needs and organisational requirements.

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Course Modules

Unit	Title	Assessment	
F015	Digital systems and security	Exam	Mandatory
F016	Digital solution design and communication	Exam	Mandatory
F017	Application of data analytics	Non-exam assessment	Mandatory
F018	Application of cyber security	Non-exam assessment	Mandatory
F019	Implementing digital systems	Non-exam assessment	Optional
F020	Developing digital systems	Non-exam assessment	Optional

Class Assessment

A range of methods will be used to assess your work throughout the course including;

- Practical and written assignments
- Time-constrained assessments
- Coursework
- Final grade is based on
  - Non-exam Assessment (60%)
  - Theory exam (40%)

Grades / UCAS

- V Levels will be graded A* to E.
- Additionally there is a P grade for a basic pass.
- Grades will carry the weight as A Level grades.

Costs

- TBA

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Please note that this qualification is still under development and awaiting final accreditation by Ofqual. The information in this document has been produced from the draft course specification that was published in November 2026. There may be some further refinements to these details before the course starts in September 2027.