



CIDA Certificate of Digital Applications

Student Guide

Exam Board:
Edexcel

What will I study in CIDA?

CIDA stands for Certificate in Digital Applications. It consists of **two Units**. Each unit is the equivalent of one GCSE. There are four possible units to choose from are:

Unit 1 Using ICT (Compulsory)

Unit 2 Multimedia (Optional)

Unit 3 Graphics (Optional)

Unit 4 ICT in Enterprise/Games Authoring (Optional)

What will the CIDA lessons be like?

Much of your time will be spent at a computer. All of the work you produce for the course will be in digital format and kept in an eportfolio. This is what you will be assessed on. The majority of the lessons will involve you working independently on coursework.

How is the course assessed?

CIDA is **100% coursework**. You have to complete two units. Each unit is assessed via a summative project in which you bring together the knowledge, skills and understanding you have acquired throughout the unit into one substantial piece of work. This is marked by the teacher and externally moderated.



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How will I be assessed in lessons?

As CIDA is all coursework you will constantly be given short deadlines and receive feedback on your work throughout the course. As the course is paperless you will submit your work and receive feedback via Moodle.

Why should I study CIDA?

Digital media plays an increasingly important part in our everyday lives and in the world of work. With CIDA you'll learn how to manage and present your work and how to use a variety of software. Skills in digital applications provide a wide range of career options, as well as a route into further and higher education.

What course/career can CIDA lead on to?

We live in the Information Age and ICT is a skill that is no longer optional for many careers hence its interest for interested students. After completing CIDA you will have the option of completing any AS/A2 ICT course. Then lead onto a degree and career in ICT. You will have a wide range of options. If you find that this is the area you want to pursue, you can go on to a wide range of AS and A level courses.

What are the results like in CIDA?

CIDA is a relatively new qualification with outstanding results. Over the last two years it has been 99% A* - C.