WJEC ICT course details (GCSE Equivalent)

Qualification: WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in ICT (Technical Award)
Exam board: WJEC
Exam code: 5539 (WJEC Qualification Code)
Title (for any/all GCSE papers that will be sat in the summer GCSE series:

Unit Number	Entry Code	Unit Title	Structure	Assessment	GLH
1	5539U1	ICT in Society	Mandatory	External	48
2	5539U2	ICT in Context	Mandatory	Internal	72

DfE Qualification: Type Technical Award
Ofqual QN: 603/7018/X

Who is this for?
WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Awards (Technical Awards) provide learners with opportunities to study
vocational subjects alongside GCSEs and other general and vocational qualifications as part of a broad
programme of study.

They are primarily designed for learners aged 14-16 and offer an experience that focuses on applied
learning, i.e., acquiring and applying knowledge, skills and understanding through purposeful tasks set
in sector or subject contexts that have many of the characteristics of real work.
Level 1/2 Vocational Awards (Technical Awards) available in 9 subject areas, listed below, meet Ofqual and DfE requirements for the KS4 performance table qualifications.

• Construction and the Built Environment
• Engineering
• Global Business Communication (French, German, Spanish)
• Health and Social Care
• Hospitality and Catering

- ICT
- Performing Arts
- Retail Business
- Sport and Coaching Principles

Qualification Objective

The Vocational Award in ICT has been designed to support learners in schools who want to learn
about this vocational sector and the potential it can offer them for their careers or further study. It is most suitable as a foundation for further study. This further study would provide learners with the opportunity to develop a range of specialist and general skills that would support their progression to employment.

Subject content

Unit 1 allows learners to explore the wide range of uses of hardware, application and specialist software in society. Learners will investigate how information technology is used in a range of contexts, including business and organisations, education and home use of information technology.

Unit 2 introduces learners to a broad working knowledge of databases, spreadsheets, automated documents and images and enables learners to apply their knowledge and understanding to solve
problems in vocational settings.