

CURRICULUM OFFER

Subject	ICT
Intent	Our vision is for all students to leave CSS with the computing and technological tools required for day-to-day life. We aim to develop all students to their full potential through innovative teaching and the use of engaging activities. By offering a variety of courses tailored to each individual student, we support them in achieving at least one ICT qualification by the end of Year 11, thus enabling progression onto their next steps into College or apprenticeship. We place high levels of importance on raising the confidence and aspirations of our students, helping them to overcome any preconceptions or difficulties with ICT and instilling a love of the subject along the way.
Implementation	<p>Students receive two 50 minute lessons at the Fairview and Langdon Hills Centres. All lessons are structured in the same way, including all or most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starter, main and ongoing plenaries • Modelling of concepts and processes • Assessment opportunities: self-assessment/peer assessment/teacher assessment • Engaging differentiated resources • Interactive activities and games • The opportunity for application to examination-style questions • Links to literacy and numeracy, embedded within tasks • Links to the real world, including scenarios relevant to our students
Impact	<p>In our increasingly technological world, it is more important than ever for our students to be competent and confident using a variety of technological resources. Our aim is for all students to leave CSS with an ICT-related qualification ranging from Entry Level to Level 2. All these qualifications demonstrate the ability to apply the skills learnt and provide access to a range of next steps following CSS.</p> <p>The ECDL Level 2 allows students access onto a number of Level 2 courses, and some Level 3 courses in conjunction with other qualifications. The Functional Skills ICT Level 1 allows students access onto a number of Level 1 courses, and some Level 2 courses in conjunction with other qualifications. All levels of ICT qualification studied at CSS will support with an application for a job or apprenticeship.</p>
Accreditations	<p>Digital Employability Entry Level 2 Functional Skills Level 1 ECDL Level 2</p> <p>Students working towards all levels of the Prince's Trust Award complete the 'Digital Skills' unit of the course in their ICT lessons.</p> <p>In addition, students will complete relevant Duke of York badges to work towards the awards at Bronze or Silver level.</p>

Enrichment opportunities	Possible trips include: Bletchley Park Science Museum National Museum of Computing GCHQ talks STEM trail at Colchester Zoo
Safeguarding	Students are exposed to a number of topics that lend themselves to discussions around staying safe, particularly e-safety and GDPR.