

Technology



ICT is part of the curriculum throughout the school. It is taught as a discrete subject in Years 7-9, and Computer Science is an option both at GCSE and A-Level.

The policy at QEH is to establish substantial ICT facilities around the school. It is viewed as a tool to be used throughout the curriculum, and the widespread availability of such resources through departmental clusters helps us to maintain this aim. Pupils therefore have access to ICT and the network in lessons without the need to travel to the ICT suite.

There are Smart boards or InterWrite pads installed in all relevant teaching rooms, helping logical links between subjects via technology and preparing pupils for the world beyond school. All PCs have filtered and monitored internet access and run the latest industry standard Microsoft software. Pupils have the opportunity to use digital cameras, scanners and computer interface hardware together with an interactive whiteboard and projector.

QEH is also fortunate in having the latest ICT facilities located close to allied subjects including electronics and design technology.

Design technology in resistant materials is also an option at QEH. All pupils take DT in Years 7 and 8 and the subject is a popular choice in Year 9. Here, as well as in ICT, the accent is on a practical, 'hands-on' approach which is well-suited to learning styles. For this reason, as for subjects such as music, it is taught in half classes.