Imedia (IT) FAQs

1. **What is the different between this course and the GCSE Computer Science course?**

    The Cambridge Nationals Imedia IT course is a much more hands on IT based course that looks at the project management cycle of research, planning and reviewing. It places great emphasis on working with others and communicating creative concepts. GCSE Computer Science gives you an in-depth insight in how computer technology works and how computers operate by understanding key fundamentals such as computer software, networks and security. It allows you to develop critical thinking, analysis and problem-solving skills through the study of computer.

2. **I am a creative person. Which course is best for me?**

    Creativity is a definite must for the Imedia course. If you enjoy editing graphics and have a real creative flair, then this is the right course for you.

3. **I am wanting to go on to graphic design or web development at University or as an apprenticeship. Is this the right course for me?**

    This course that has been designed to engage and enthuse young people with an interest in creative computing, for example digital graphics and animations, interactive multimedia products and computer games.

4. **Which course is best for me?**

    This really depends on your own skills that are personal to you. If you are creative and enjoy using a computer and computer software to be creative around things like graphic editing, then the Imedia option is most suited to you. However, if you enjoy problem solving, programming in your own time and are good at Maths then the GCSE Computer Science option is the best choice for you.

5. **How is the Cambridge Nationals Imedia course assessed?**

    The qualification is assessed through 4 units which are all equally weighted at 25% each. The two mandatory exam and coursework units are delivered and assessed in Year 10 and the optional coursework units are assessed in Year 11. There is an opportunity for pupils to re-sit their Year 10 exam in Year 11 should they wish to aim for a higher grade.

6. **Who will be teaching Cambridge Nationals Imedia?**

    Mrs Atif, Mr Flerin and Mrs Khan are the teachers teaching this course.

7. **If I am stuck for a last option for my GCSE's, is this a suitable course for me to choose as an option.**

    If you would like an IT based qualification to go alongside your other GCSE's, the Imedia course is the most suitable option as this allows you to gain basic interactive skills which you can transfer to other subject areas and career paths.

8. **What skills are needed for the Cambridge Nationals Imedia course?**

    - Creativity.
    - An eye for design.
    - An interest in how things work.

- Like using new technologies.
- The ability to see things through till the end.

9. What are the career options available for me after studying Cambridge Nationals Imedia?

The Imedia qualification allows you to progress on to the OCR Cambridge Technicals or BTEC equivalent course for College/Sixth form. You can then progress on to a degree or apprenticeship based around graphic design or web design.