

The place of the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) in the curriculum

- We have an outstanding ICT department at The Whitby High school (96% A*-C in 2017).
- Until recently, all students studied ICT up to year nine and acquired outstanding basic ICT skill.
- We have used the ECDL to accredit this high level of learning.
- Last year all students (approx 260) were entered for the ECDL in year 10 because all students had studied ICT until Y9.
- Due to changes in our curriculum not all students now study ICT in year 9 so we have only entered those students in year 11 who are studying ICT, Media or who are considered 'at risk' (i.e. poor attenders etc.). This will be about 140 students.
- We really value the ECDL and have case studies of students who have secured apprenticeships and college places because of the ECDL.
- We have stopped using ECDL due to the cost but we are exploring Microsoft accredited units to certificate our students excellent basic skills.