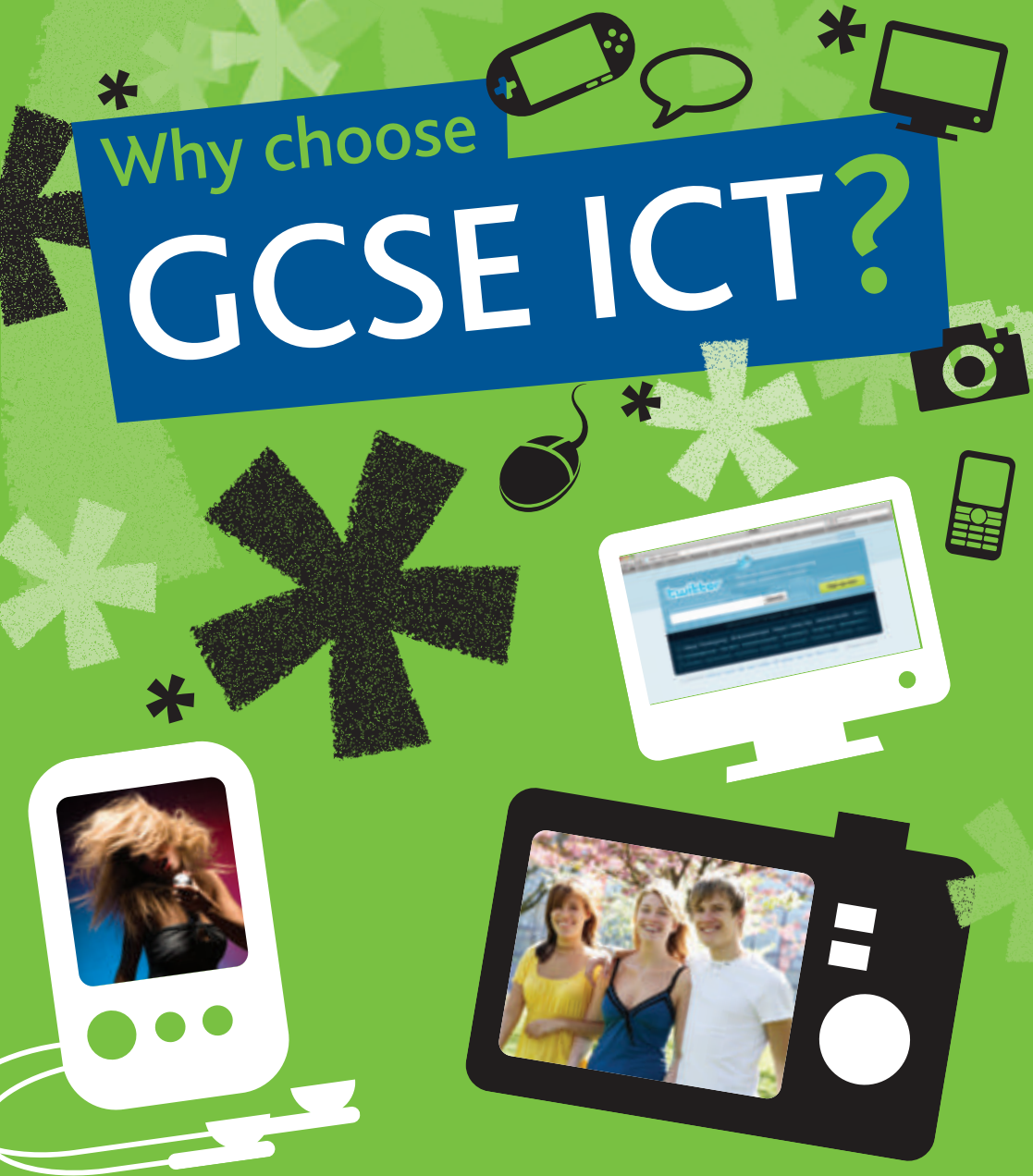


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It's Sunday night and you've had a big weekend. You've been socialising on **Twitter**, **Facebook**, or **MySpace**. You caught up with friends to watch **YouTube** and battled it out for first place on the **Wii**. Once again, you had to help your dad with **downloading music** and surprisingly even remembered to **wikipedia** that info you need for school.



Let's face it, you live in a world of technology and you know how to use it, why would you need to learn it?

- **Well, GCSE ICT is not how you use technology but how it works and the effects it has** – not just on our daily lives but in everything from commerce and communication, to politics and the music industry.
- **It's the way of the future for all careers** – so whether you're looking at heading towards business studies, fashion, engineering, graphic or game designing, health or the environment, you will need to know how ICT works and the impact it has.
- You have many ICT course options to choose from now, however GCSE ICT is still standing out. **AQA GCSE ICT is a well recognised and valued qualification and will get you ready for your next steps**, whether that may be college, university or employment.

So, whatever career path you are thinking of choosing, **explore ICT to help get the future you want.**

What will I learn?



Look at current and upcoming technologies

Look at what ideas and resources are needed to create the latest technology. You can explore companies such as Apple, Sony, IBM and Google.

How to solve problems using ICT tools and techniques

- Look at the different stages of creating a new ICT tool from generating ideas to producing the tool or system.
- Look at a variety of ICT tools that interest you such as:
 - Communication tools like Facebook and the Internet
 - Control systems such as Sat Nav and business tools like Word Processing and DTP
 - Leisure activities like booking movie tickets or downloading music
 - Even tools such as predicting natural disasters like earthquakes and tsunamis.

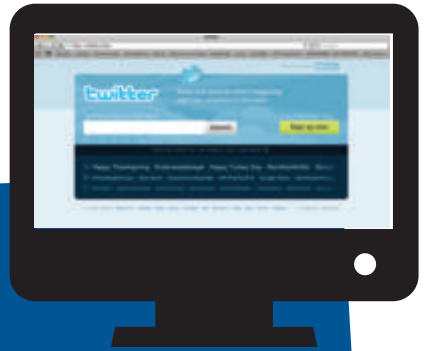
The impact of ICT on society

You get to explore real life situations that ICT has an effect on legal, social, economic and environment areas. You can discuss personal effects of ICT including the growth of personal websites and social networks.

How teams can work together using ICT

Looks at how people can work together if they are in different offices or working from home.

On your marks...



There are three assessment units:

Unit 1 exam – 40%

Unit 2 internally assessed – 30%

Unit 3 internally assessed – 30%

Useful information

- You can re-sit a unit once
- Practice exam papers and mark schemes are available on our website

Need help?

We want you to reach your full potential. Here are some websites that have information and resources that can help you with your AQA ICT studies:

www.aqa.org.uk/ictzone

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize

www.bigambition.co.uk

www.cc4g.net

www.itstheruddyfuture.com