

Cambridge NATIONALS LEVEL 1/2 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES - Skills Grid



This skills grid is intended to support the delivery of the Cambridge National Certificate in Information Technologies. It aims to help teachers identify the breadth and depth of skills needed for the two execution phases of unit R013 i.e. to import and manipulate data and to select and present integrated information.

• to support formative assessment, which shows how well a student is progressing through their programme of study. This should not be taken as an indication of what grade a student will achieve after completing both the assignment and the exam.

This skills grid CAN be used:

- to support an initial assessment of a student's existing skills against the requirements of the two execution stages
- to support the planning of skills development for each student

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| LEVEL 1 | | | LEVEL 2 | | | |
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| PASS | MERIT | DISTINCTION | PASS | MERIT | DISTINCTION | |
| Mark Band 1 | | Mark Band 2 | | Mark Band 3 | | |
| Basic Formula (+,-,/,*) and Relative cell references, BODMAS (KS3) | | Built in functions (KS3) i.e. SUM, AVERAGE, MIN, MAX | Absolute cell references | Advanced functions i.e. SUMIF, VLOOKUP, INDEX, MATCH | Cross spreadsheet referencing, What IF modelling, macros | |
| Basic formatting and set up of spreadsheet/database (KS3) | | Setting basic data types (KS3) | Conditional formatting | | | |
| | Appropriate na | ming conventions | | | | |
| | | Data valid | dation (range and complexity inc | creasing) | Input masks | |
| Sorting on or | | ne piece of data | Sorting across number of pieces of data | | | |
| Boolean op | | perators (KS3) | Relative operators | | | |
| Single table database (KS3) | | Multiple table database | | | | |
| Primary key setting (auto gen) (KS3) | | Primary Key USER set but may not be wholly appropriate | | Primary key USER set and will be wholly appropriate | | |
| | | Single criteria query (KS3) | Multiple criteria query | Multiple criteria ACROSS tables | Paramater query | |
| Simple charts (KS3) (bar chart, pie chart) | | Complex charts (relevant labelli | ng, formats, live data updates) | Combination charts | Pivot table | |
| Simple forms (KS3) | | Across table forms | | Across table forms with multiple data entry methods | | |
| Simple reports (KS3) | | Customised reports | | House styled and customised reports | | |
| | | Access Le | vels: password access, read only, | read and write, shared, locked | cells/areas | |
| Input messages and error messages used/edited (K | | edited (KS3) | Menus and labels | Switchboards created and formatted | | |
| Basic testing (data entered) (KS3) | | Test plans - Expected results/actual results | | Using range of test data (normal, extreme, erroneous, user) Actions taken. Retests | | |
| Basic use of software for task (KS3) | | Appropriate selection of software for task | | T . II | f software AND features for task | |

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| Structure and use of HTML (KS3) | Hyperlinks, hotspots, buttons, images, sound, video | | Structure and use of CSS for formatting and layout | | |
| Appropriate use of basic formatting skills: colour, borders, alignment, positioning, bullets, fills, shadows, t | | Advanced formatting: heading styles, auto applied fields, layers, rotation, tables, page bre paragraphs, header/footer, watermarks, footnotes, captions | | | |
| Set up: margins, orientation, page nun | nbers (KS3) | | Appropriate house style | | |
| Spell check, proof read (KS3) | Gramm | ar check | Readability check | | |
| Basic use of email: send, reply, forward, subject, correctly written (KS3) | Use of email: CC, BCC, attachments | Auto response, signatures Rules | | Rules | |
| | | Mail merge | Multiple document linkage/integration | | |
| Use of software generated templates (KS3) | Master pages / slides CREATED but not necessarily appropriate (KS3) | Master pages/slides CREATED that are appropriate to context | Master pages/slides CREATED and consistantly applied to product | | |
| Slide transition and animation ef | Appropriate and consistent use of transition and animation effects | | | | |
| Media contains issues (pixelated, missing aspects) | Appropriate use of different | nedia: insert, edit placement High quality media use | | y media use | |
| | | Embedded media | | | |
| | Access | s levels: password access, read only, read and write, shared, locked aspects | | | |
| Linear presentation | Appropriate non linear presentation | | Branching presentations | | |
| | | Speakers notes | | | |
| Basic use of software for task to communicate information | | ware for task to communicate | Totally appropriate choice of software AND features for task to communicate information effectively | | |





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