Digital T Level Support Programme

RITTech
T Levels represent a major development for the digital industry, bringing new talent and fresh perspectives into the sector. Through your partnership with BCS, you can offer exclusive career development opportunities for your T Level students that connect them with the industry and kickstart their career progression.

Being a professional member equips me with a host of opportunities such as networking with like-minded professionals, brushing up on my business skills and keeping up to date with my professional career development.

Debbie Eacott, Lead for Digital T Levels
Fareham College

We’ve invested in BCS membership for a number of years, acknowledging the value of professional IT recognition both within the organisation and externally. We also appreciate the professional development and wider networking opportunities membership affords the team.

Nestle

My main reasoning for joining BCS was to increase my visibility within the community and to benefit from the advice and experience of other members.

Ash Camidge, MBCS

We use the competition to develop students’ team working skills in preparation for industry placement, and it’s great for my students to work with industry on a project and the chance of winning a prize and improving their CV at the same time.

Mr Neil Tiddy
Curriculum Leader of IT and Computing
Thorpe St Andrew School
Over the last two years we have been working with providers to deliver a support programme designed to help digital T Level students gain a head-start in their digital careers.

At BCS, we support digital T Levels in a unique way, bringing our insight from industry to complement curriculum delivery and fast-track the development of the professional behaviours that employers are looking for. As part of our offer, we provide an accelerated pathway for students to achieve professional registration and we continue our student support for a further two years after a digital T Level is completed.

We’re excited to see the first cohort of young people graduate this summer, going on into further education or into their first digital role. We’re here to continue that support for future digital T Level students, ensuring more young people go into the sector confident, competent and ready to contribute effectively to the workforce of the future.

About BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

As the professional body for IT we’re committed to raising standards of competence and conduct across the IT and digital industry. We have over 60,000 members and a wider community of business leaders, educators, practitioners and policymakers all committed to our mission.

To promote professionalism and progression in the industry, we award and maintain professional registration for practitioners in digital roles at every level. This includes the Register of IT Technicians (RITTech) which covers a range of specialisms from business analysis and digital marketing to software development and network engineering.
# Our Digital T Level Support Programme offers:

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<td><strong>Resources developed with employers in mind</strong>&lt;br&gt;Add depth, breadth and insight to your students’ learning experience with resources straight from the industry linking the curriculum to an employer mindset.</td>
<td><strong>Learning support developed by industry, tailored for young people</strong>&lt;br&gt;Accessible, engaging and bite-sized, BCS resources draw on our unique position in the tech industry working alongside training providers and accreditation bodies, to support and inspire your students while meeting the needs of the ever-changing tech landscape.</td>
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<td><strong>Online provider hub</strong>&lt;br&gt;Access the dedicated hub from your portal login - for employer insights, industry research, webinars, information and other resources aligned with digital T Levels and designed to support your delivery of the curriculum.</td>
<td><strong>Dedicated e-learning environment</strong>&lt;br&gt;Your students can access the interactive student hub in their own time to take in a wealth of industry information and resources such as employer interviews and webinars to develop their understanding and accelerate their learning.</td>
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<td><strong>More value-added events</strong>&lt;br&gt;Get invited to employer-led webinars and masterclasses offering exclusive insights and valuable touch points with key people and organisations across the technology industry.</td>
<td><strong>Employer-led webinars and masterclasses</strong>&lt;br&gt;Connect your students with the people working in the industry they’re looking to be part of. We provide touch points with key players helping give depth and breadth to their understanding of the opportunities and career routes open to them.</td>
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Free BCS membership for one of your staff members

Provide a member of your team with complimentary BCS membership so they can keep up to date with the latest industry news, network with digital professionals at BCS events and access a wide range of CPD support.

Free RITTech registration for one member of your staff

Being RITTech registered shows you understand your impact in the industry and you’re keeping your skills and knowledge up to date.

Become a BCS accredited provider

Demonstrate your credibility and grow your reputation in the tech industry by applying to have your digital T Level programme accredited by BCS - you’ll be listed as an educational affiliate of BCS and able to use the BCS logo on your course materials.

More value-added events

Students get the chance to enter competitions, set and judged by employers, giving them an opportunity to put their skills and knowledge into practice and showcase their capabilities with a real-life project.

Part-RITTech following successful completion

On completing their digital T Level, students become part-recognised for RITTech and are listed on the public register, meaning they show to potential employers they’re one step ahead on their journey to full professional registration.

BCS membership for your students

Students get four years’ free BCS membership while they’re on their T Level programme - with access to a wide range of benefits to support their professional development including networking, mentoring and career opportunities.
Learning from our first two years

We’ve been listening to you and your students during the first two years of our digital T Level support programme to inform its ongoing development.

**By September, we’ll have introduced:**

- Interactive CV tool and interview tools designed to support in early stages of, and throughout, digital careers. These tools will be available with BCS membership to enable students in their preparation for applying to their first role in the sector. We know that templates and feedback prove invaluable for those looking to their first career position.

- The next tranche of resources for students and providers to complement their learning.

- An annual event for students, with keynote speakers from leading employers. Students have been enjoying our industry-led competitions and employer webinars, but there’s more we can do to get them more involved so they can benefit from the input of industry professionals.

- A new video for you to show students introducing the programme and explaining how they’ll benefit from connecting with BCS, their professional body, and achieving RITTech professional registration.

- A restructure of our provider portal, with improved signposting to resources and navigation for training providers so they can match resources to the curriculum.

We’re also planning to improve our communication with the students, pinpointing them to the resources they need and ensuring we build upon the touch points we have with key industry figures.

Our relationship with students doesn’t end with the completion of their digital T Level. At BCS we support students for a further two years post-graduation. We’re working hard to ensure students know that we’re there for them wherever their next steps take them, whether that’s employment, an apprenticeship or a place at university. Whichever path they choose, we will continue to support them to full professional registration and beyond.
Costs

We’re happy to announce that programme supporters, the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, are subsidising this offer for the 2022 cohort to continue to allow as many training providers and their students to access industry expertise, competitions and subsequent follow-on support.

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Signing up

You can sign up for the package in four simple steps.

1. Complete our online form (https://forms.bcs.org/rittech-getahead/)
2. We’ll be in touch with your service agreement within seven days.
3. Once you’ve signed your service agreement you’ll receive an invoice to be paid within 30 days.
4. We’ll send your unique access links for your students and teachers. We’ll also send you a helpful guide on getting started and a call you to ensure you’re happy with everything.
FAQs

➢ Who is BCS?

BCS is the professional body for IT. Our agenda is to support the people who work in the IT and digital profession, to lead the industry through its ethical challenges and to make IT good for society. We are over 600 members in 150 countries, and a wider community of business leaders, educators, practitioners and policymakers all committed to our mission.

➢ How will BCS membership help me?

With BCS membership you can find your career path, gain skills and expertise, prove your credentials and help shape the future of the industry. You’ll have access to the advice, support and skills needed to accelerate your progression, with reports, webinars and publications to keep your knowledge and skills up to date, and the chance to network and collaborate with peers at our seminars and events.

➢ How will BCS membership help my school/college?

Your partnership with BCS is a clear signal that you take your L&D responsibilities seriously. It provides you with valuable resources for developing business-critical skills and offering genuine career progression for your students.

➢ What is RITTech?

RITTech is the professional Registration for IT Technicians - an independent competency standard recognising the technical skills, experience and professionalism of practitioners working in the IT and digital industry. RITTech covers all of today’s digital practitioner and support roles. That’s developers, testers, programmers, help desk technicians, project managers, testers, digital marketers, analysts, cyber experts, architects, administrators... to name just a few.

➢ Can my students achieve RITTech?

Upon successful completion of their Digital T Level, your students will be awarded Part-RITTech recognition and will be on their path to professional registration. They will receive support from the Programme to track their CPD and experiences in order to apply for RITTech.

➢ What are the benefits of RITTech for my students?

By achieving RITTech your students will stand out to potential employers by showing their proven technical skills and knowledge on their CV. It will also demonstrate their commitment to continued professional development, and promote their reputation as a trusted and ethical professional.