

# IT AND COMPUTING


One of the fastest growing industries in the world —  
a global business

Are YOU...?

- ✓ a good problem-solver?
- ✓ a methodical thinker with a logical mind?
- ✓ patient and persevering?
- ✓ passionate about new technology and software?
- ✓ a great team player and also able to work independently?
- ✓ an excellent communicator?

...then this **COULD BE YOU!**

Learn another **LANGUAGE**  
to secure a job with  
a global business



## How?

### Think about:

- ✓ Studying Maths (especially important), Business, Sciences and Languages at A Level
- ✓ Getting some practical experience – writing your own programmes/ website/app or constructing your own machines
- ✓ Applying for an apprenticeship or work experience with a local, national or international company
- ✓ Languages online – Chinese and Spanish are used more and more on the internet

### Think Languages:

*“Having international experience is vital. When we are taking on people, we want someone with that experience, as they tend to be willing to be mobile within our global business. Microsoft does take on a lot of former Erasmus students because international experience really stands out on a CV. Someone who has done a languages degree or has it in their DNA is a good communicator and that’s a vital part of working in this industry.”*

- Steve Beswick, Microsoft UK

## Want to know more?

### Check these out:

#### Advice on training and careers in computing –

- [www.bigambition.co.uk](http://www.bigambition.co.uk)
- [www.e-skills.com/careers](http://www.e-skills.com/careers)
- The Chartered Institute for IT (BCS) [www.bcs.org](http://www.bcs.org)
- The Institution of Analysts and Programmers [www.iap.org.uk](http://www.iap.org.uk)
- [www.insidecareers.co.uk](http://www.insidecareers.co.uk)
- [www.see-science.co.uk](http://www.see-science.co.uk)

#### Advice on the next step –

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- [www.careerswales.com](http://www.careerswales.com)

#### Advice on languages –

- [www.ciltcymru.org.uk](http://www.ciltcymru.org.uk)
- [www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/cymru](http://www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/cymru)
- [www.studyinglanguages.ac.uk](http://www.studyinglanguages.ac.uk)
- [www.languageswork.org.uk](http://www.languageswork.org.uk)
- [www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk](http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk)
- [www.europa.eu/languages](http://www.europa.eu/languages)
- Check out the European Commission’s website for opportunities to work and study abroad: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/languages\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/languages_en.htm)