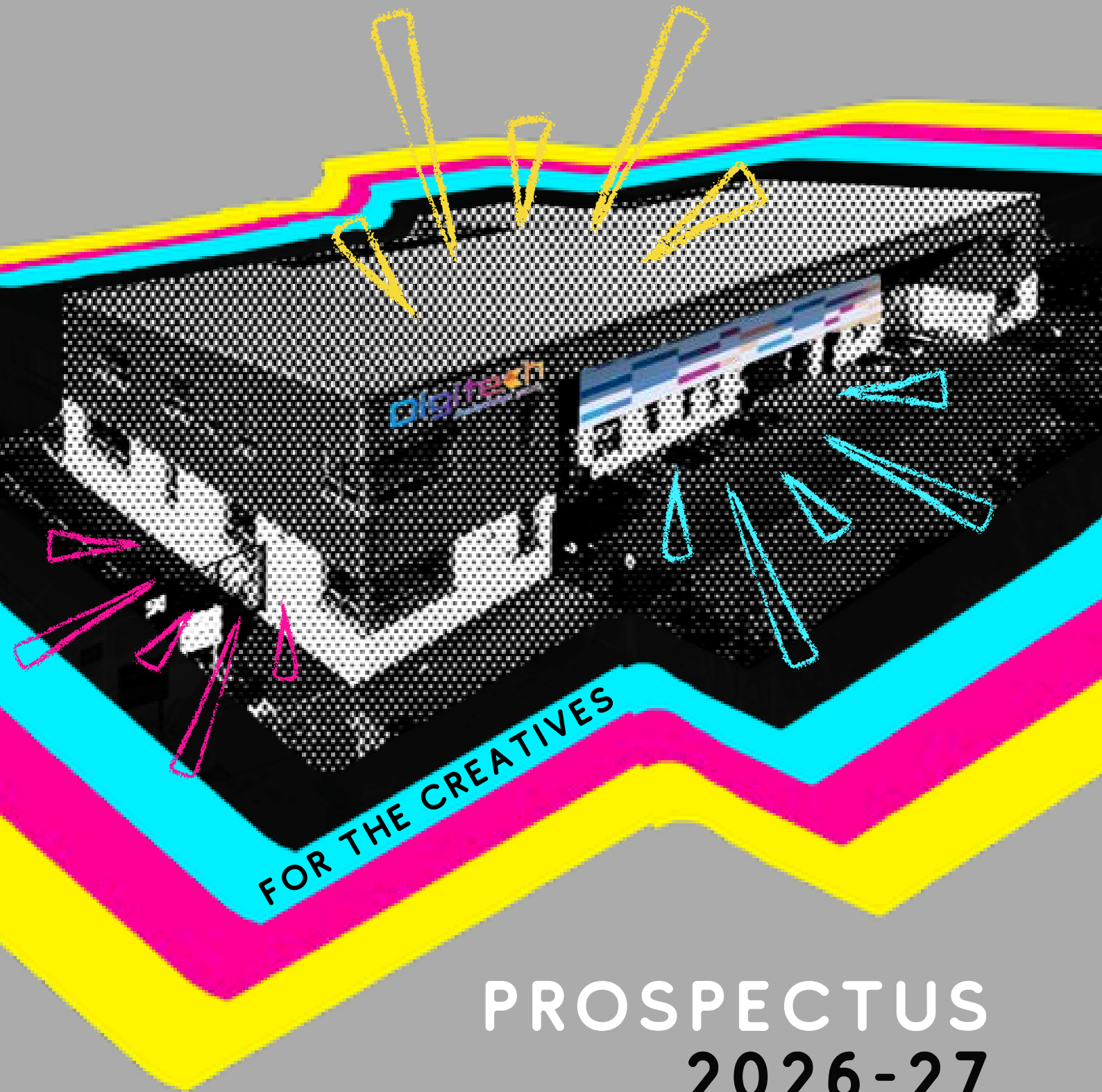


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**HEAD OF
SCHOOL'S
WELCOME**



**Simon Jones
Head of School**

“Digitech is a studio school with a distinct and ambitious offer: a bespoke curriculum designed for young people who are passionate about the creative and digital arts. We are proud to be market-leading in this field, delivering a pathway that spans the full breadth of creative disciplines—from Photography and Graphics to innovative routes in Media, including E-Sports, Games Development and Creative Music.

Our specialist Post-16 provision equips students with the skills, knowledge and industry insight needed for high-quality careers within the creative digital media sector. We work closely with respected partners across the city, including Boomsatsuma, the Robins Foundation and Bristol School of Acting, ensuring our students benefit from real-world expertise and professional opportunities.

Work experience is a core part of our offer, with students completing dedicated placements such as the two-week programme in Year 10. Our strong links with employers in the creative and digital industries often support students in securing further opportunities, including apprenticeships. As a small and nurturing school, we pride ourselves on knowing every student well and providing a safe, supportive environment where young people can thrive. Families consistently tell us how much they value this personalised approach and the strong sense of community it creates.

Please take the time to explore our prospectus. If you would like to visit us in person, we warmly invite you to attend one of our Autumn open events. If you would like to speak to someone sooner about your child’s education, please contact info@dssb.clf.uk.”

WHERE WE ARE



Digitech Studio School,
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Warmley,
Bristol,
BS30 8XQ

[Click to view on Google Maps](#)

5 THINGS TO KNOW

1

Creative Industry based Qualifications

All of our Options subjects are rooted in the Creative/Media industries such as Art, Media and Music

2

Media Unit for all Y10/11 Students

Every student studies a Media unit in addition to their Options, leading to extra qualification credit in a Media discipline

3

College Environment

Digitech offers a college-like atmosphere with no uniforms and staff using first names. Individuality is highly valued at Digitech

4

Career Pathways

We have strong links to industry with multiple Work Experience opportunities and personalised careers support.

5

Small, Calm and Inclusive Setting

Digitech has a maximum of 180 students across KS4 (90 in Y10, 90 in Y11) along with our Post 16 cohort - leading to a smaller and more focussed educational setting with excellent SEND and Pastoral support.

KEY STAGE 4 (YEAR 10/11)

Sarah Bennett
Head of KS4



“My name is Sarah Bennett, and as the Head of Key Stage 4, I am committed to ensuring that every student feels supported, challenged, and inspired throughout their time with us. Our Key Stage 4 curriculum offers a broad range of creative and digital subjects, taught by highly trained staff who bring not only expertise but also real-world industry experience straight into the classroom.

This combination of diverse students and specialist pathways creates an atmosphere where every young person has the chance to thrive. Whether their passion lies in digital media, creative arts, technology, or a more traditional academic subject, we provide the space and support for them to excel. At Digitex, your child will be taught by staff who are passionate about their fields and deeply committed to helping students gain confidence in the subjects they choose. Our nurturing approach means every student is encouraged to become curious, motivated, and passionate learners.

We are driven by excellence—not only in academic achievement but also in preparing students for their future pathways, whether that be college, apprenticeships, or directly into the world of work. Our aim is for all students to leave Digitex equipped with the skills, knowledge, and self-belief needed to succeed in their chosen careers and to make meaningful contributions to society.

In return, we ask our students to:

- **Approach their studies with commitment and a willingness to learn**
- **Engage positively with their teachers and peers**
- **Take pride in their work and personal development**
- **Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth**
- **Contribute to our inclusive and respectful school culture**

Choosing Digitex means choosing a school where your child’s potential is not only recognised but actively developed. We are incredibly proud of our Key Stage 4 community and look forward to supporting every student as they grow into confident, capable, and ambitious young adults.”

KS4 (Y10/11) CURRICULUM

Students at Digitex will choose THREE Options subjects (see the next pages), each of which they will have for 3 lessons every week. Alongside these, students will study the Core Subject GCSEs of:

- English (Language & Literature)
- Combined Science
- Maths



All Year 10/11 students will also study towards a Level 2 Certificate in Creative Digital Media (equivalent to one GCSE). The course is designed to support work in all Options subjects and provide a foundation of knowledge across Creative Media.

Every week, students will have a 'Digitex Plus' lesson which covers compulsory units around Health, Relationships and the Wider World as well as a P.E. lesson, using local sports facilities.



Year 10s have Mock Exams in January and June, Year 11 have Mocks in November and February to prepare for the exam period in May and June

A large number of our Options subjects do not involve any Exams or 'Controlled Assessments'. Look for this sticker on the next pages to see which Options are Coursework-only:

NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT

KS4 (Y10/11) OPTIONS

ART & DESIGN

You will learn a wide variety of skills including art, craft and design, fine art, graphic communication and photography. You will have the opportunity to develop your skills in year 10, and use this experience to produce personal projects in year 11

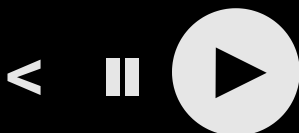
ENTERPRISE & MARKETING: ESPORTS

This course is a career-focused qualification developed with the British Esports Federation. It covers core areas like developing an Esports organisation, streaming and planning an Esports event, preparing learners for roles in the Esports industry, further education, or apprenticeships

NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT

BUSINESS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

Learners will build knowledge in business practice within the area of the UK music industry. The course will provide opportunities to develop skills in music related business and finance, marketing, promotion, media communication, artist and event management.



NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT

CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (FILMMAKING)

This BTEC course is a hands-on vocational course designed to equip students with skills in film production, including camera work, sound, lighting and editing using software like Premiere Pro through creating short films, trailers, and documentaries

NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT

KS4 (Y10/11) OPTIONS

GAMES MEDIA

Our Games Media course gives students the skills to plan, pitch and create digital games, learning about game mechanics, platforms and design. Students will also develop skills in 3D digital animation which can be incorporated into their final game.

NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT

GRAPHIC DESIGN

If you are interested in the world of advertising, like developing logos and posters; have an interest in the covers of albums, books, and games, and really enjoy exploring different brands and their designs, then this is the course for you.

MUSIC PRODUCTION

Our Creative Music Industry qualification will give you the professional knowledge and skills needed for a career in music. The core unit in Y10 is based on Music Production, with a choice of Summer projects followed by an additional Y11 unit in organising a live music event. You do not need to be able to play an instrument!

NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT

PHOTOGRAPHY

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of lens-based and lightbased media, techniques and processes, including traditional and new technologies. You will learn about different styles of photography as well as how to use Photoshop, SLR cameras and other Studio Equipment.

Please note – EHCP applications must be done through the relevant local authority 0 – 25 team

Application Form

1

If you are applying for a place at Digitech in Year 10 or 11, first you need to fill in the South Gloucestershire Council application form for Studio Schools available [here](#). If the link does not work, search the South Glos website for Secondary School admissions and look for the section on ‘Studio Schools’.

Enrolment

2

Once you have completed your application form, you will hear from South Gloucestershire Council to confirm your place. Once your place is confirmed you will be contacted by us to give us more information about you and the courses you want to study with us.

Induction Day

3

Our induction day is an opportunity for you to start to feel part of the Digitech community. You will have some amazing lesson experiences, have the chance to meet your teachers and maybe even make start some friendships ahead of September.

Transition Support

4

Staff from Digitech visit secondary schools during the academic year, which is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions about our studio school, the application process or the courses available at Digitech.



**Colleen Litchfield
Head of Post-16**

“At Digitex Post 16, all staff are deeply committed to ensuring every student thrives, both academically and personally. We are committed to ensuring that students make exceptional progress that exceeds expectations and enjoy their learning and feel motivated, confident, and fulfilled.

Digitex equips students for their next steps, whether that is university, apprenticeships, or employment and ensure that students leave Post 16 stronger, more confident, and more independent than when they joined us through tailored support that reflects each young person’s ambitions.

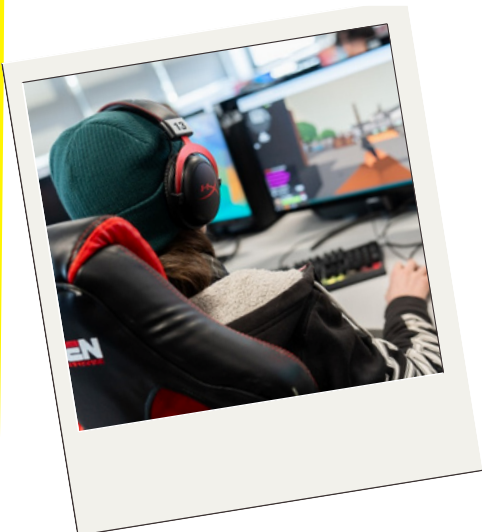
By combining high expectations with personalised support, Post 16 at Digitex is an environment where every learner can excel. Our outstanding tutor time, DP curriculum, strong careers provision, dedicated pastoral care, and passionate teachers work together to empower students to achieve their personal best and to leave us as ambitious, responsible, and inspiring young adults. We look forward to welcoming you to Digitex Post 16.”

POST 16 COURSES

The Post-16 provision here at Digitech is perfect for students looking for engaging, rewarding courses in Creative and Digital subjects that have strong links to Industry.

We have FOUR broad and balanced qualifications to choose from - you choose TWO - with each one qualification worth the equivalent of 1.5 A-Levels. See the next two pages for details on our courses.

You study each of your subjects for nine lessons across the week, with an additional 'Digitech Plus' lesson and time with your Tutor.



We offer support for English and Maths retakes, with space in your timetable for weekly lessons to help you prepare.

You will have individualised sessions with our Careers and Pathway Lead to help with UCAS applications, CVs, Apprenticeships and much more.

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to watch a video about Post 16 at Digitech featuring student testimonials and more.



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ART

The course is built around projects which are designed to reflect practice in the professional workplace. Units and projects can include 2D & 3D media, materials and processes; Digital Art; Animation; Fashion Illustration and much more besides. We will help you find your interests and expand your skill set while building a professional portfolio that will help with work in industry, university applications and wider artistic careers.

**NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT**

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

The post-16 Creative Digital Media Diploma at Digitech Studio School is a 2-year vocational course. Our course aims to give you the knowledge and skills needed to progress into the exciting world of media, with hands on experience for a variety of sectors and subjects, including Graphic Design, Videography, Web Design, Photography and Sound. Modelling the format of a client brief, you will complete tasks based on real situations relevant to the media industry. You will develop a portfolio of impressive and beautiful work that will optimise a place in further training, education, or employment.

**NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT**

GAMES INDUSTRY

Dive into an exciting journey through the world of games development, games art, and esports. This course offers you the unique opportunity to master the entire game creation process, from initial concept and development to final release and branding. But that's not all! You'll also explore the dynamic Esports industry, where you can showcase your talents by joining esports teams and organizing your very own tournaments.

**NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT**

CREATIVE MUSIC INDUSTRY

Develop a wide range of skills & experience in preparation for a career in the music industry. Use industry standard software and equipment to learn how to make music using music production software, put on live events, produce podcasts and radio shows and much more. Learn from music industry professionals with workshops, visitors in and visits out to studios, gaining real-life experience in a variety of roles. No prior ability to play an instrument required at all – although if you do play, sing or perform we can help you develop that too!



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**NO EXAMS
IN THIS
SUBJECT**

Please note – EHCP applications must be done through the relevant local authority 0 – 25 team

1

Application Form

If you are applying for a place at Digitex in Year 12, first you need to fill in the Application form [here](#). If the link does not work, please contact our Reception who can send you the link to the form.

2

Enrolment

Once your place is confirmed you will be contacted by us to give us more information about you and the courses you want to study with us.

3

Induction Day

Our induction day is an opportunity for you to start to feel part of the Digitex community. You will have the chance to sample your chosen Options subjects and meet course staff as well as make some new friends ahead of September.

4

Transition Support

Staff from Digitex visit secondary schools during the academic year, which is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions about our studio school, the application process or the courses available at Digitex.

**Carolyne Goh
SENCO**



“I’m Carolyne Goh, the SENCO, and I’m thrilled that you’re interested in finding out more about our lovely school

At Digitex, we are committed to providing an inclusive, nurturing environment where every learner is valued and supported. We are incredibly proud of the culture we have established — one where students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) feel safe, understood, and able to thrive.

Our small school community enables us to build strong relationships with students and their families. We take time to understand each young person as an individual, celebrate their strengths, and ensure they develop a genuine sense of belonging.

If you’d like to find out more about the support we offer, please feel free to contact the team at carolyne.goh@clf.uk (cc: s.williams@clf.uk).

We’re here to help and would be delighted to hear from you!”

As part of our Teaching & Learning framework, we ensure all SEND students receive consistent support in all lessons through a series of Universal Provisions, based on advice from Educational Psychologists. These are around the classroom environment, routines and teacher expectation.

Central to our provision is the Digitech Hub. The Hub is a welcoming space where students can access support, build independence, and take part in structured activities in a calm, friendly environment.



Our skilled and dedicated Hub team:

- **Provide in-class support**
- **Deliver targeted interventions**
- **Act as keyworkers for students requiring additional guidance**
- **Offer supervised sessions during breaktimes and after school, including homework support and wellbeing activities**

Jane Morgan
Careers & Pathways
Lead



“I’m Jane Morgan, and I’m the Careers and Pathways Lead here at Digitech — and I absolutely love what I do! It’s an incredible privilege to support every one of our students as they explore their passions, discover new opportunities, and shape their future beyond Digitech.

At Digitech, careers and employability aren’t just add-ons — they’re woven into everything we do. I work with all year groups, offering personalised support through 1:1 guidance meetings, help with applications for college, university, apprenticeships, and employment, organising trips, workshops, events and bringing in inspiring guest speakers from the world of work and education, giving our students firsthand insights into real careers and opportunities.

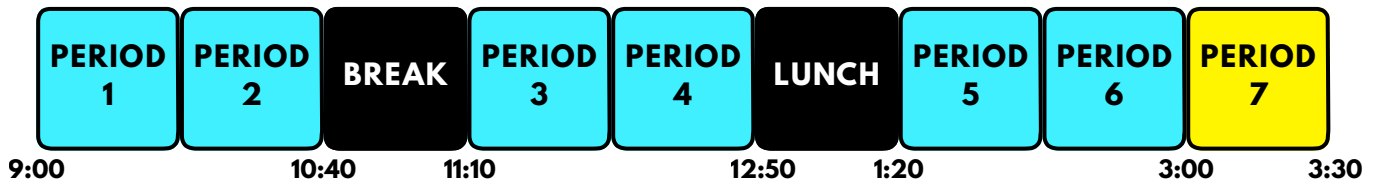
We also run external programmes such as Envision designed to boost key skills and get students workplace ready. Together with Martine Thomas, I oversee our work experience programme for Year 10 and Year 12 — a great opportunity for students to experience a work environment and another step on their career learning journey.

My door is always open to students and parents at any stage during their time here at Digitech. Whether its advice, support, or just to explore ideas, I’m here to help.

Get in touch: jane.morgan@clf.uk

For work experience queries, you can also reach out to martine.thomas@clf.uk

At Digitex we start at 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm. Our lessons are 50 minutes long and we have 30 minutes for break and lunch. Our school day looks like this:



Period 7 is a 30 minute session at the end of the day that, through the week, will be either Tutor Time, Assembly or other enrichment/study time

During break and lunch, we have breakout areas around the school, with outdoor spaces at the front of the school - with picnic benches and Table Tennis tables, and to the rear - with a Basketball hoop and modest amphitheatre seating area. The Canteen is open at break and lunch for a range of hot and cold food, snacks and drinks.



We also offer a wide range of break/lunch clubs through the week such as Music Production club, Crafts, Film Club and LGBTQ+ club.



Across the year, students will have the opportunity to take part in a host of enrichment opportunities. For example:

- **Workshops and visits with professionals from a range of creative industries**
 - **Careers Days and Work Experience**
 - **Visits from and to Further and Higher Education providers**
 - **Competing for the regional 'Envision' team award**
 - **Participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award**
 - **Recording our weekly Podcast 'The Upload'**
 - **Volunteering at/attending our yearly music festival - 'Digifest' (produced by our Year 11 music students for their coursework)**
 - **Performing at/attending regular 'Live Lunch' gigs, including DJs, Bands, Solo acts and Karaoke**
 - **Being part of school eSports teams, competing in regional and national competitions**
- and much, much more...**



PASTORAL SUPPORT

Here at Digitex we have an amazing Pastoral Support team who are on hand to provide a comprehensive non-academic support system, fostering student wellbeing, safety and personal development. They help create a secure, inclusive environment where students can thrive, helping them look after their emotional, social and physical health.



We also offer programmes such as ‘Anger Gremlins’, ‘Anxiety Gremlins’, ELSA and Counselling which offer more targeted support for students with social, emotional or mental health support needs.



We also run a Young Carers support group, led by our Young Carers Champion, Tracey. This enables us to work with students who have Caring responsibilities for others at home and ensure they have the support they need both in and out of school. Digitex were recently awarded the Young Carers Award for this work.

**CONTACT
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