

## Aaron's story

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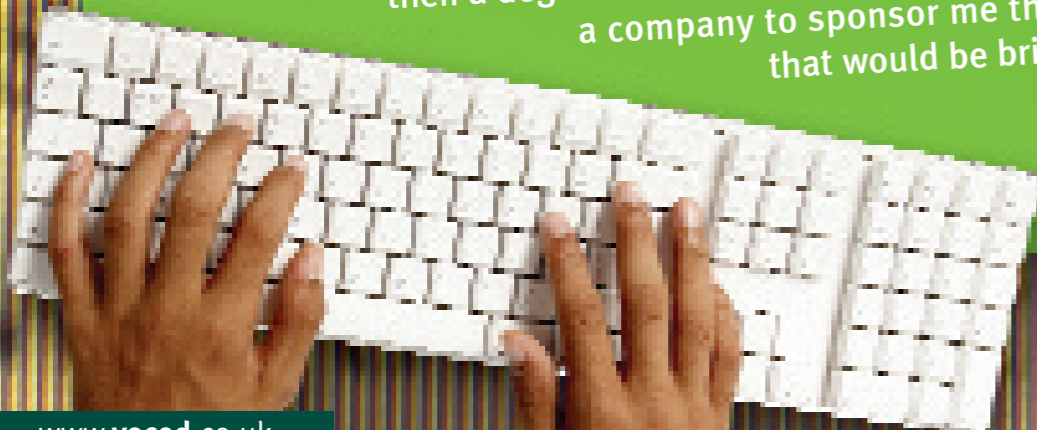


Aaron is a bit of an expert when it comes to ICT. He can do everything from networking to programming, but his ideal job would be working for a multi-national gaming company.

He’s doing his GCSEs at the moment but he’s also taking an iPRO, which is a professional IT qualification in systems support, and is equivalent to two GCSEs.

“At the centre we’ve got access to all the latest software and hardware and the staff always treat me like an adult. I get to work on my own projects and don’t even have to wear a uniform!

“When I leave school I want to do A levels in Spanish, Maths and ICT, then a degree in computer systems maintenance. If I can find a company to sponsor me through university, that would be brilliant.”



## ICT

From the smallest sole trader to a large, multi-national business, it’s hard to find a business which doesn’t rely heavily on ICT. Over the years ICT and the internet have had a massive impact on how we work and communicate – even in lessons at school!

### The careers

Most organisations need ICT professionals – particularly in retail, financial services and the public sector. But if you want to go into specialist ICT areas there are lots of jobs like: hardware developer, program designer, software tester, data processor, games programmer, database manager and telecommunications engineer.

### Did you know?

- ICT employs a large number of highly-skilled workers and professionals and, along with the creative and digital industry, is the fastest growing sector in South Yorkshire.
- In Yorkshire over 26,000 people work in the ICT industry.
- Over 1.5 million people in the South Yorkshire workforce use ICT at all levels.
- Over 40,000 ICT professionals work in other industries – mostly in business services, government, finance and social sectors.
- The largest growth has been among sales and customer service jobs.
- E-commerce (buying and selling on the internet) is growing in all sectors and will increase the opportunities for ICT professionals.

To find out more about the ICT sector, visit:

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