

WEB SITE EVALUATION SHEET

Name of site:	ICT GCSE	URL (site address):	http://www.ict.gcse.org.uk
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Subject/Curriculum Area And relevance:	Information Technology ICT Unit 5 (Year 7)	Age Range:	
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<p>Ease of use: Is there a logical, coherent structure? Are the contents of the site clearly displayed? Is there an index/search facility? Is navigation within the site easy or hard?</p>	<p>I believe there was a logical and coherent structure to the site. The reason I say this is that all the information was in a table form, which, made it easier to see and locate. However as the site was very basic there was no search facility or any hidden extra on the site.</p>
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<p>Content: Is the material appropriate for the target audience? What would teachers need to know in order to use this product effectively? Is the information reliable and valid (who are the authors?) Is there a sufficient breadth and depth of information? Are there underlying values it reflects: green issues, British views, gender and ethnicity? Is the material current up to date? When was the site last updated?</p>	<p>When you enter the site a hot metal picture greets you, which take a few seconds to load. To the left of this you are presented with contents list of what areas are available on the site. These areas lead on to the more detailed and relevant parts of the site. I would also say that this site is very appropriate to age group it is aimed at. In terms of teacher knowledge then I believe the teacher should know how to at least use the internet to find the page and have an understanding of some if not most MS Office applications. With regards to the reliability of the information given then this is hard to say. The site has various information regarding the usually office applications like word, excel, access (databases) and power point (for use in presentation). but I cannot confirm whether the information is good or not. Overall the site is fairly new as it was created on the 23/6/01 and was last updated on the 20/9/01</p>
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<p>Design/Presentation: Does the layout grab your attention? Is it simple and effective or too 'busy'? Do graphics and text appear quickly on the page or is there a long wait? Is there a good balance of text and graphic/video? Are there good links to other sites?</p>	<p>I would have to say that it was the layout, colours and hot metal picture, which attracted me to this site. From using the site I found that it was very easy to use via the menu and sub menu bars. When selecting one of the options to the next page I have to say that the information appeared almost instantly. One problem I did have however was that when I tried to open the web page via the Netscape net browser, the site did not open at all and I was given a message that the address was wrong or the page no longer existed which got me a bit angry.</p>
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Interactive features: **LOW** - browsing and reading only **MEDIUM** - with some tasks but only 'click and reveal' **HIGH** - tasks involve forms/multi-choice with answers, e-mail access to authors **VERY HIGH** - communication, active participation

Utility:

How could you incorporate this site into a lesson? **Is it a single lesson idea or activity or is it linked as part of a set?** Could you get the information more quickly from another source?

Although the site was very limited in the ICT information that it gave. I believe that the examples and information it did give was clear and easy to read which made it a good site to use. I also believe that it would not be so easy to obtain the information that I found on this site as quickly on other sites or similar areas.

Marks out of 10:	8	Would you recommend to other teachers?	Yes
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