

Information Technology: Initiate and Plan 2

A		Key Vocab
Dependent		Can only be started once another task is completed
Serial tasks		Dependent tasks which must be performed one after the other
Parallel tasks		Independent tasks which can be performed at the same time
Dummy activity		Activity in a PERT diagram which takes no time, but connects a dependent task
Milestone		An activity which takes no time and marks significant events
Contingency		Planned time for if things do not go according to plan
Risk mitigation		Systematic planning to reduce risks
Node		An idea in a mind map
Sub-node		A node which is linked to another node which is closer to the central node
Link		Connection between nodes, denoting a connection of ideas

C		Software Used
1	DTP	Desktop Publishing. eg MS Publisher,
2	Project management software	eg MS Project
3	Spreadsheet	eg MS Excel, Google Sheets
4	Word processor	eg MS Word, Google Docs

B	SMART Objectives	Example	Non-example
S	Specific	Learn 7x tables	Get better at tables
M	Measurable	Get 80% in test	Do well in test
A	Achievable	Beat my PB	Set world record
R	Relevant	Learn $C=\pi D$	Learn π to 100dp
T	Time-based	...by 21/11/29	...as soon as possible

D		Planning Tools
1	Gantt	Horizontal bar chart used as a production control tool
2	PERT	Program Evaluation Review Technique. A graphic illustration of a project, showing dependencies
3	Critical Path	The sequence of stages determining the minimum time needed for a project
4	Visualisation diagram	A sketch of a the final product, with annotations about how it will be used
5	Flow chart	A diagram showing the sequence of events (or workflow) in a process
6	Mind map	A diagram representing ideas relevant to an issue. Ideas are represented in nodes and sub-nodes, with links between them
7	Task list	A list of tasks to be completed