

Ada, the National College for Digital Skills



T LEVEL THURSDAY

DURING NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

12 FEBRUARY 2026

Ada exists to educate and empower the next generation of diverse digital talent



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



WHERE TECH CAREERS BEGIN

The goal of this presentation is to



- ✨ Demystify the T Level qualification.
- 🚫 Debunk myths about T Levels.
- 🔍 Discover what an industry work placement is actually like.
- 🚀 And learn more about T Levels at Ada!

T-LEVELS



-  Equivalent to 3 A-Levels, including all associated UCAS points
-  Blend academic theory with real-world industry experience.
-  Designed to make learners "job ready" for the future.
-  Provides a direct pathway to careers

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WHAT is a T-Level?



 **EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS**

 **A 45-DAY INDUSTRY PLACEMENT**

 **80% CLASSROOM, 20% WORK**



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Structure of the course



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CORE

- Fundamental concepts, theory
- Practical Hands-on Project Management and Software Development - Employer Set Project (ESP)
- Exams in Year 12

OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALISM

Specific knowledge, skills, and behaviors required for a role in **software development**

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

This is a minimum of 315 hours (45 days) spent in a real work environment (usually in year 13)

ADDITIONALLY AT ADA

- Industry Certification **Cisco** Networking Academy Courses and **Microsoft** Certifications
- **Ada Skills** Development Programme with Professional Communication Skills Training

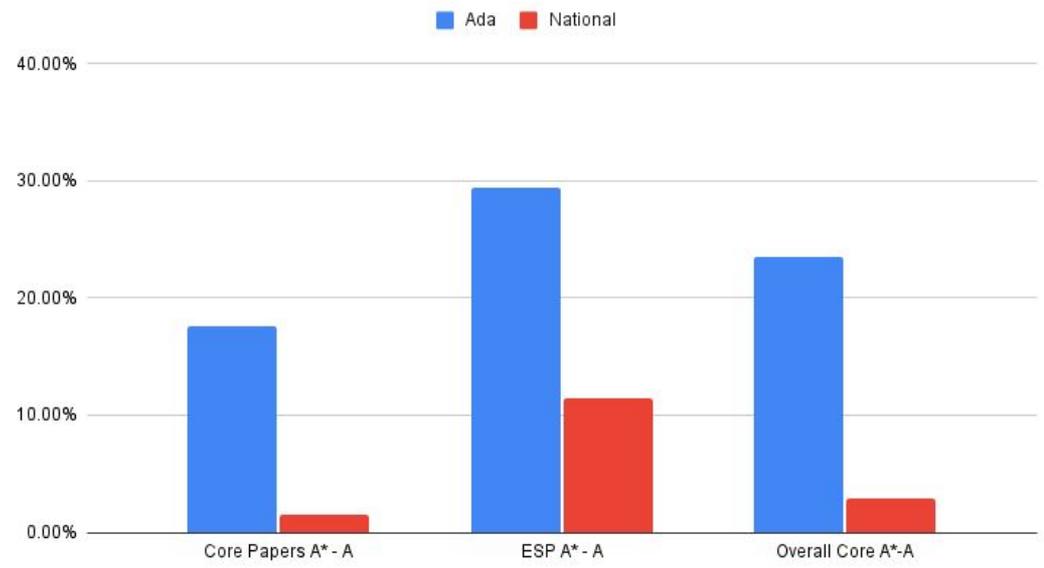
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Results at Ada



T level Digital Software Development June 2025 Results



Ada offers additional certificates

 The cybersecurity job market is hot!
See why 5 million learners began their journey with our [free Intro to Cybersecurity course](#)

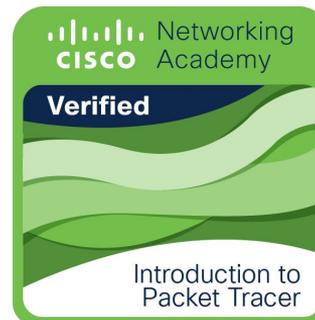
Learn the skills,
land your dream job.

Free online courses. In-person learning. Certification-aligned pathways in topics like Cybersecurity, Networking, and Python.

It's all here. Are you ready to begin, change, or propel your career?

Start Learning

Explore Subjects



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Final grade calculation



| Core Grade | Distinction (OSP) | Merit (OSP) | Pass (OSP) |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A* | Distinction* | Distinction | Distinction |
| A | Distinction | Distinction | Merit |
| B | Distinction | Merit | Merit |
| C | Distinction | Merit | Pass |
| D | Merit | Merit | Pass |
| E | Merit | Pass | Pass |

| T-Level Grade | UCAS Tariff Points | Equivalent A-Level Grades |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Distinction* | 168 | A*A*A* |
| Distinction | 144 | AAA |
| Merit | 120 | BBB |
| Pass (Core C+) | 96 | CCC |
| Pass (Core D/E) | 72 | DDD |

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Why choose a T-Level?



- 92% of T-Level students go into work, study or apprenticeships following their course.
- Around a third of T-Level students who progress into employment get jobs with their T-Level Industry Placement employer.
- Over 160 Higher Education Institutions now accept T-Levels.

Sources:

- Technical education learner survey 2024: progression of the second T Level cohort

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-education-learner-progression-survey-2024>

- List of higher education providers that accept T Levels for entry

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NHI LE

Completed 45-day T Level placement, organised by Ada, with:



PLACEMENT SPOTLIGHT

Shattering the idea that interns just 'fetch coffee', she exceeded expectations in Amazon Fresh Marketing. She activated live campaigns for major brands like Morrisons and coded automation scripts to fix real team inefficiencies. Her managers praised her 'exceptional ownership', proving that T Levels deliver the elite experience needed to launch a high-flying career.



She proved strength in key Amazon Leadership Principles, which is exceptional for a T Level student at this stage.

- Megumi Yoshikawa
Snr Marketing Manager, Amazon Fresh

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Opportunities to present to industry professionals and staff, receiving feedback that they can put into action.
- Putting technical skills (learnt in the classroom) into action. These practical skills created a meaningful impact.

WHAT HELPED

- Ada curating information about external placements
- Pre-placement preparation and briefing sessions



LEO BYTYCI

Completed 45-day T Level placement, organised by Ada, with:



PLACEMENT SPOTLIGHT

He describes his time in Amazon's Application Security (AppSec) team as the 'biggest period of growth' in his life. Embracing the fast-paced, high-expectations culture, he transformed pressure into professional resilience. Supported by approachable mentors, he proved that T Levels provide the perfect environment to build confidence and launch a corporate career.



I chose Ada as a college because I feel like it gives me a lot more opportunities than other colleges would give me. I get a lot more insight into the industry and get more chances to speak with partners such as Google & Bank of America.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience with industry and exposure to real business standards like agile methodology.
- Travelling outside of London for the first time, gaining independence.

WHAT HELPED

- Mock interviews and assessment centres
- Ada skills classes: How to make an effective application





IULIAN MIHAI

Completed 45-day T Level placement, organised by Ada, with:



BearingPoint.

“Work hard, have fun, make history.”



PLACEMENT SPOTLIGHT

He gained versatile experience across two top-tier placements. At Amazon, he developed an AWS code extension for their cybersecurity framework. At BearingPoint, he led the implementation of Salesforce for Ada, creating user guides and strategizing with Senior Leadership. From technical coding to strategic consulting, he proved he can succeed in any environment.



I think that T Levels are great because you get to combine the theoretical modules we do in class with the practical work with the clients.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- I managed to obtain an overall A grade in my Year 12 T Level for Software Development, bringing me one step closer to an overall Distinction.
- “Learn and Be Curious” has encouraged me to ask questions regularly and explore new areas I’m not familiar with.

WHAT HELPED

- Teachers on-site available during placements
- Ada working proactively with T Level employers on placement design

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ONUR ARSLAN

Completed 45-day T Level placement, organised by Ada, with:



PLACEMENT SPOTLIGHT

During Onur’s 9 week placement at Amazon he tackled team projects mirroring real exams and delivered an individual assignment so impactful it earned him a two-week extension. From expert mentorship to networking with senior leaders, he gained essential career skills and real-world industry experience to bridge the gap between college and work.



This placement taught me many things I simply couldn’t have learnt anywhere else, at any company, at any point - apart from this placement.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Support from managers - some of whom acted as a buddy, mentor for students, they felt that they had a great support system.
 - Immersion in industry

WHAT HELPED

- Chat groups for placement check-ins; regular check-ins with Ada staff creates a sense of community
- Ada liaising with companies to create new placement opportunities



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