



Computer Science Curriculum Learning Journey

Knowledge & Concepts increase students depth/ challenge and build on previous learning where topics are revisited throughout their learning journey

		Year 10 (OCR)	Year 11 (AQA)	Year 12	Year 13
Half Term 1	Topics	1.1 Systems Architecture 2.2 Programming fundamentals	Units 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 & 3.4	2.1.1 2.1.2 2.1.3 2.1.4 2.1.5 2.2.1 Part a	3
	Knowledge	Demonstrate an understanding of computer systems & programming fundamentals.	Revise and testing of knowledge & understanding with exam Questions	Thinking Abstractly Thinking Ahead Thinking procedurally Thinking logically Thinking concurrently Basic programming techniques	Completion programming project completion
Half Term 2	Topics	1.2 Memory and storage. 2.2 Programming fundamentals	Units 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 & 3.8	2.2.1 Part b	Revision Component 1
	Knowledge	Demonstrate an understanding of computer Memory and storage. Continue with programming fundamentals.	Revise and testing of knowledge & understanding with exam Questions, Mock Exam	Programming constructs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequence, iteration, branching. Recursion, how it can be used and compares to an iterative approach. Global and local variables. Modularity, functions and procedures, parameter passing by value and by reference. Use of an IDE to develop/debug a program. Use of object-oriented techniques. 	Structure and Function of Processor Types of Processor Input, Output and storage Systems Software Software Development Types of Programming Language Compression, Encryption and Hashing Databases Networks Web Technologies Data Types Data Structures Boolean Algebra Computing Related Legislation Ethic, moral and cultural issues



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Half Term 3	Topics	1.3 Computer networks, connections and Protocols. 2.2 Programming fundamentals	Past Papers 1 &2	2.2.3	Revision Component 2
	Knowledge	Demonstrate an understanding of computer networks, connections and Protocols. Developing programming skills.	Revise and testing of knowledge & understanding with exam Questions, Mock Exam	Features that make a problem solvable by computational methods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem recognition. • Problem decomposition. • Use of divide and conquer • Use of abstraction. Learners should apply their knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backtracking • data mining • heuristics • performance modelling • pipelining • visualisation to solve problems 	Thinking Abstractly Thinking Ahead Thinking Procedurally Thinking Logically Thinking Concurrently Programming Techniques Computation Methods Algorithms
Half Term 4	Topics	1.4 Network security	Past Papers 1 &2	3 Programming Project	Examination final prep
	Knowledge	Identify and explain the various networks and there appropriate application. Develop an understanding and awareness of the importance of Cyber Security in protecting networks.	Revise and testing of knowledge & understanding with exam Questions, Mock Exam	Analysis of problem Design solution Develop coded solution Evaluate coded solution	Past paper questions



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Half Term 5	Topics	1.5 Systems software	Identified areas of Recap	3 Programming Project	Examination final prep
	Knowledge	Develop an understanding and awareness of the importance of Software in Computer systems.	Individual targeted revision.	Analysis of problem Design solution Develop coded solution Evaluate coded solution	Past paper questions
Half Term 6	Topics	1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology.	Exam Paper 1 & 2	3 Programming Project	
	Knowledge	Identify and be able to discuss the wider impacts of digital technology showing a deep understanding of the issues.	Final Exam Revision	Analysis of problem Design solution Develop coded solution Evaluate coded solution	