

Curriculum Overview: Computing



Topics/ content outline:

Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)

What will you be assessed on?

How can you help at home?

Autumn Term

- 1. E-safety
- 2. Presentation skills
- 3. Algorithmic thinking
- 4. Animation skills

Students understand the need to be responsible and respectful users of technology, whilst demonstrating an appropriate level of digital literacy.

Be able to design, use and evaluate computational abstractions that model the state and behaviour of real-world problems and physical systems.

Understand several key algorithms that reflect computational thinking [for example, ones for sorting and searching]; use logical reasoning to compare the utility of alternative algorithms for the same problem

Your ability to show and explain safe use of the internet, network privileges and social media

Ability to present information to a given audience.

Write algorithms which include sequences of instructions and decisions.

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Engage with on-line learning material / videos (minimum 1 hour in a fortnight)

Spring Term

- 1. Games design
- 2. Programming in Scratch
- 3. Programming in Python
- 4. Programming in Raspberry Pi

Can understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation

Solve a variety of computational problems; make appropriate use of data structures [for example, lists, tables or arrays]; design and develop modular programs that use procedures or functions

The three programming constructs of sequence, selection and iteration.

Ability to write programs that use and combine sequence, selection and iteration.

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Summer Term

- 1. Spreadsheets
- 2. Graphic manipulation

Understand how instructions are stored and executed within a computer system;

understand how data of various types (including text, sounds and pictures) can be represented and manipulated digitally, in the form of binary digits

design, use and evaluate computational abstractions that model the state and behaviour of real-world problems and physical systems Demonstrate how to use mathematical and relational operators in computer programs

Demonstrate how to test, debug and correct errors in computer programs in order to create effective solutions.

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- 2. Computer Networks
- 3. Web design
- 3. Binary Digits

Understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy; recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct, and know how to report

Understand how numbers can be represented in binary, and be able to carry out simple operations on binary numbers [for example,

binary addition, and conversion between binary and decimal

E-Safety publication

Explanation of how computers communicate

Development of a multi-page website

Demonstration of binary conversions.

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Spring Term

- 1. Mobile app development
- 2. Animation digital artefacts

Undertake creative projects that involve selecting, using, and combining multiple applications, preferably across a range of devices, to achieve challenging goals, including collecting and analysing data and meeting the needs of known users

Touch up photos, create graphics such as logos or edit images to make something unreal.

Development of a multi-page mobile application

Demonstration of digital manipulation

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Summer Term

- 1. Programming
- 2. Variable and Input
- 3. Data types
- 4 Selection
- 5. Iteration
- 6. Making situations

Demonstrate the use 2 or more programming languages, to solve a variety of computational problems; make appropriate use of data structures [for example, lists, tables or arrays]; design and develop modular programs that use procedures or functions

Ability to write basic programs to solve a given problem.

Demonstrate the use of variables and data types.

Apply appropriate use of selection and iteration.

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Curriculum Overview: Digital Information Technology



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How can you help at home?

Autumn Term

- 1. E-Safety
- 2. Human Manipulation
- 3. Hacking: Right or Wrong?
- 4. Rise of the Bots

Understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy; recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct, and know how to report concerns.

E-Safety publication

Your ability to explain the importance of technology on society.

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Spring Term

- Search and sorting algorithms
 Manipulating images and re-
- 2. Manipulating images and repurposing digital artefacts.

Undertake creative projects that involve selecting, using, and combining multiple applications, preferably across a range of devices, to achieve challenging goals, including collecting and analysing data and meeting the needs of known users

Touch up photos, create graphics such as logos or edit images to make something unreal.

Demonstration of how search and sorting algorithms operate

Demonstration of digital manipulation

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Summer Term

- 1. Game board design
- 2. Visual basic quiz

Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information

Create game characters

Creative interactive games

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Autumn Term

- 1. E-Safety
- 2. 3D Graphics
- 3. Animation
- 4. Web design

Understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy; recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct, and know how to report concerns.

Create, reuse, revise and repurpose digital artefacts for a given audience, with attention to trustworthiness, design and usability, such as, creating a 3D object using a graphics

E-Safety publication

Create a realistic or life like model

Demonstrate the use of professional graphics package

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Spring Term

- 1. Samsung Challenge
- 2. Spreadsheets
- 3. Data science

Evaluate an existing game and create a success criteria

Undertake creative projects that involve selecting, using, and combining multiple applications, preferably across a range of devices, to achieve challenging goals, including collecting and analysing data and meeting the needs of known users

Create a spreadsheet solution to a given problem scenario

Demonstrate the use of conditional formatting to display the score in a variety of colours, record a macro to clear the answers from the quiz

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Summer Term

- 1.3D Modelling
- 2. Graphics (digital artefacts)
- 3. IT & the law

Understand the benefits and use of 2D and 3D models.

Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information.

Touch up photos, create graphics such as logos or edit images to make something unreal.

Demonstrate that you animate an object using key framing, alter the speed of my animation, and change the quality of my render because I can edit the resolution

Demonstrate the use of vertices, edges and faces, change the overall structure of the shape.

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Curriculum Overview: Computer Science



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Autumn Term

1. Programming essentials

Demonstrate the use of:

The use of variables

Constants

Operators

Assignment

Sequence

Selection

Iteration

Graphical User Interfaces. A graphical user interface (GUI) is simply a 'screen' that allows a user to interact with their computer through graphics such as menus and buttons.

Ability to write or refine algorithms
Understand the main steps of each algorithm

Understand any pre-requisites of an algorithm

Apply the algorithm to a data set

Identify an algorithm if given the code or pseudocode for it

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Engage with on-line learning material / videos (minimum 1 hour in a fortnight)

Spring Term

1. Programming essentials

2. App design

Demonstrate the use of:

Arrays (or equivalent) when solving problems, including both one and two dimensional arrays

Sub programs (functions and procedures) to produce structured code, using data types: integer, real boolean, character and string casting Practical use of the techniques in a high-level language within the classroom

Practical use of the data types in a high-level language within the classroom

Ability to choose suitable data types for data in a given scenario

Recognise and use operators.

Produce a mobile phone application

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Summer Term

1. Programming essentials

2. Web design

3. Games design

Demonstrate the use of:

inputs, variables, string manipulation and outputs in a function, looping through lists. read from a file and write back to it

Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information.

Demonstrate:

The difference between testing modules of a program during development and testing the program at the end of production

Finding syntax errors as errors which break the grammatical rules of the programming

Ability to interrogee unexpected output Complete normal test data and boundary testina. Regularly check your child's learning journey.

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Preparation for the Coursework

- 1. User interface design
- 2. Accessibly features
- 3. Interface design
- 4. Interface evaluation
- 5. Project Management
- 6. Modern Teams
- 7. Different types of networking
- 8. Benefits/Drawbacks of networks
- 9. Cloud storage
- 10. Cloud Computina

A user interface is the piece of software that sits between us and the device we are trying to control.

Features of Graphical User Interfaces
Accessibility requirements
Sensors & Speech interfaces
Factors effecting interface performance

Ad hoc, PAN, Wi-Fi, LAN Tethering and hotspots Network components Pearson Pre-set assignment

Practice the Pearson pre-set assignment

Practice Microsoft PowerPoint skills

Analyse 2022-23 coursework paper

Spring Term

1. Benefits and drawbacks of working online.

- 2. Methods of Communication
- 3. Security
- 4. Remote working
- 5. Understand the motivations that lay behind cyberattacks.
- 6. Motivation to commit crime
- 7. Type of threats
- 8. Types of security measures
- 9. External Threats
- 10. Internal Threats

Network availability and access
Network threats
Benefits v Drawbacks
Network Infrastructure
Distributed v Dispersed
Remote working and Collaboration
Accessibility Threats & Ransomware
Intellectual Property
Denial-of-service, Cyberattack, Malware
Different types of Hackers
Industrial Espionage
Disruption Virus, Phishing, Pharming, Hacking
DOS and DDOS

Topics 6-10 (Autum Term)
Topics 1-10 (Sprint Term)
All elements of Powerful knowledge
Recall of facts
Application of theory within a scenario

Recall keywords from lessons

Work through practice papers from 2022

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Summer Term

 Understand how organisations use information and data flow diagrams

- 2. Presenting information
- 3. Flowcharts
- 4. Data Flow Diagrams
 Information Flow Diagrams
- 5. Tabular data
- 6. Written data
- 7. Impact of decision making

The main purpose of an information flow diagram visualise the flow and exchange of data between systems.

Information Flow Diagrams are also known as "System" diagrams.

A flowchart is a diagram that represents an algorithm. We can use flowcharts to plan and demonstrate the flow of data in a solution.

The process of creating a Data Flow Diagram

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Topics 1-10 (Sprint Term)
Topics 1-7 (Summer Term)
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Mock exam questions

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Autumn Term

1. Characteristics of data & information?

2. Text, Numbers, Tables

3. Graphs, charts & infographics

4. Methods of collecting data

5. Quality & reliability of the data

6. Modern Teams

7. Different types of networking

8. Benefits/Drawbacks of networks

9. Cloud storage

10. Cloud Computina

Manipulation of data (sum, average, matrix/pivot tables)

Development of an information dashboard

is not biased, misunderstood or used to make inaccurate decisions?

Make appropriate recommendations based on data analysis

Ad hoc, PAN, Wi-Fi, LAN Tethering and hotspots Network components Pearson Pre-set assignment

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1. Systems Architecture

- 2. Von Neumann architecture
- 3. Common CPU components
- 4. The FDE Cycle
- 5. Characteristics of CPUs
- 6. Embedded systems
- 7. RAM and ROM
- 8. Secondary Storage
- 9. Algorithms
- 10. Python challenges (1-10)

Define, explain and give examples of:

MDR (Memory Data Register)

Program Counter

Accumulator

ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit)

CU (Control Unit)

Cache Memory

Optical, magnetic and solid-state storage

Discuss the characteristic of storage devices

Sequence, selection and iteration. Bubble, merge and inset sorts

Binary and Linear Search techniques.

All elements of Powerful knowledge Recall of facts Application of theory within a scenario

Topics 1-8 (Autum Term) via homework Topics 9- 10 (Autum Term) via practical exercises Encourage your child to:

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Work through practice papers from 2018-2022

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Practice python programming every week (a minimum of 1.5 hours per week)

Review and complete the revision Year 10 CS revision plan.

1. Types of Networks 2. Performance factors

- 3. Network Hardware
- 4. Client Server v P2P networks
- 5. Internet Protocols
- 6. Virtual Networks
- 7. Python challenges (11-20)
- 8. Producing Robust Programs
- 9. Computational Logic

Define, explain and give examples of:

Local (LAN) and wide area networks (WAN)

Wireless Access Points, Routers and Switches Network Interface Cards

Different types of transmission media

How a Doman Name Server (DNS) works

Cloud technologies

Wi-Fi frequencies

Protocols: TCP/IP, HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, POP, IMAP, SMTP

The concept of layers

Packet switching.

Abstraction, decomposition File actions (open, close, read and write)

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1. System Security

- 2. Network Threats
- 3. Preventing vulnerabilities
- 4. Operating system software
- 5. Utility Systems software
- 6. Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns
- 7. Python challenges (20-30)

Year 10 Mock exams preparation.

Threats posed to networks:

Malware, phishing, social engineering brute force attacks, denial of service attacks data interception and theft, the concept of SQL injection poor network policy

Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities:

penetration testing network forensics & network policies anti-malware software Firewalls, user access levels, passwords and encryption.

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