KS3 **COMPUTER SCIENCE** Curriculum Narrative

A high-quality computing education equips pupils to use computational thinking and creativity to understand and change the world. Computing has deep links with mathematics, science, and design and technology, and provides insights into both natural and artificial systems. The core of computing is computer science, in which pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. Computing also ensures that pupils become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.

This curriculum of learning has been designed to build upon the experiences encountered at Key Stage 2 at and the <u>curriculum</u> taught at Primary school.

KS3 COMPUTER SCIENCE Curriculum Map

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year 7	E-Safety	Computing Systems	Algorithms		Programming	
	Using technology in a safe, respectful, responsible and secure way.	Processors & buses Performance of the CPU Network hardware.	Decomposition Problem Solving	Decomposition Problem Solving	Coding Sequencing Selection Iteration	
Year 8	E-Safety & Social Media	Digital Story	Computational Thinking		Text Programming	
	Online safety	Malware	Problem Solving	Writing order and flow charts	Code Combat/Python	Sequencing Selection
	Legal Issues		Instruction Order		Variables, Data Types, Syntax	Iteration
Year 9						

KS4 **COMPUTER SCIENCE** Curriculum Narrative

We follow the AQA specification of Computer Science at GCSE level. Students are taught a high-quality computing syllabus which equips them to use computational thinking and creativity to understand and change the world. Computing has deep links with mathematics, Science and Design and Technology, and provides insights into both natural and artificial systems. The core of computing is Computer Science, in which students are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, students are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. Computing also ensures that students become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world. This exciting GCSE gives students many excellent opportunities to investigate how computers work and how they are used, and to develop computer programming-computational thinking and problem-solving skills.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 9	☐ Why choose CS	☐ Fundamentals of	☐ Computer Systems	☐ Data	Mock revision	☐ Coding
	Course awareness	Algorithms	1 Hardware and	Representation 1	Cyber Security	Programming
	☐ Base line Yacapaca	1 Introduction	<u>software</u>	<u>1 Data</u>	<u>1 Cyber</u>	Ethical, Legal,
	tests	2 Representing	2 Boolean logic	<u>Representation</u>	<u>security</u>	Environmental
	History of Computing	<u>Algorithms</u>	<u>3 Software</u>	2 Number Bases	2 Cyber	Impact
	History of Software	3 Efficiency of Algorithms	<u>classification</u>	3 Conversions	<u>security</u>	1 Impact of digital
	History of Computer	4 Searching Algorithms	4 Systems architecture	<u>4 Units of</u>	<u>threats</u>	<u>technologies</u>
	Games	5 Sorting Algorithms	Portfolio of work	<u>information</u>	3 Detect &	2 Ethical
	Peer Assessment	Yacapaca exam	☐ Coding 1	5 Binary arithmetic	prevent	3 Legal
		assessment	<u>Programming</u>	☐ Test	<u>threats</u>	<u>4 Environmental</u>
		☐ Hour of code	☐ Coding challenges	☐ Coding 2	☐ Advice	☐ Portfolio of work
		Coding introduction	1	Programming	Website	

		KS4 COMPUTI	ER SCIENCE	Curriculum Ma	ap	
Year 11	Autumn 1 Networks 1 Types of Network 2 Network Topology 3 The Client/Server	Autumn 2 Data Representation 2 6 Character encoding 7 Representing images 8 Representing sound 9 Data compression	Spring 1 Coding Programming Mock revision Mock exam	Spring 2 Algorithms Representing Algorithms Data Representation Data compression	Summer 1 NEA Practice 1 The task 2 Designing the Solution 3 Creating the Solution	Summer 2 Coding Programming Game design Code challenge
	Relationship 4 Client/Server Handshake 5 Network Protocols 6 Network Security Research Document	□Test		☐ Computer Systems 4 Systems architecture Portfolio of work	4 Testing the Solution 5 Potential enhancements and refinements Completed NEA document	
TO BE INTEGRATED EARLIER	 □ NEA (20hrs) □ 1 The task □ 2 Designing the Solution □ 3 Creating the Solution □ 4 Testing the Solution □ 5 Potential enhancements and refinements 	☐ Revision ☐ NEA ☐ Finished NEA	☐ Revision Algorithms Pseudocode Data Representation	☐ Revision Cyber Security Ethical, Legal, Environmental Pseudocode	☐ Revision Computer Systems Networks	

Year 7 PoS - https://drive.google.com/file/d/13K6Esv5EGKjnZzPoteFNKzhNL7y8eGtb/view?usp=sharing

Year 8 PoS - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nnLGbBXEe2NTD7MQzHRpXOBb3FC3cYcn/view?usp=sharing

Year 9-10 PoS - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CQ-0Qn7zOM431Z2bK-bOhCpMlumhXxoT/view?usp=sharing

Year 10-11 PoS - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iC90mxB8FYw1D1DUWq8rJSfd-wrfdWwH/view?usp=sharing