Year 10/11 GCSE Computer Science Long Term Plan 2022-24

Vision statement

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The discipline of Computer Science incorporates the required techniques and methods for solving problems and advancing knowledge, which requires a distinct way of thinking and working. The role of programming within Computer Science is to enable a practical exposition of the required skills and methodologies. It provides motivation and a context within which ideas can be investigated and tested. Computation thinking is core to this process. Students are afforded the opportunity to recognise aspects of computation in the world around us and apply tools and techniques from computing to both natural and artificial systems and processes. Computational thinking provides a powerful framework for studying computing and beyond that it allows students to tackle problems, breaking them into solvable elements and devising algorithms in order to solve them.

Building upon the knowledge and understanding gained, students are equipped to create programs, systems and a widening range of content. Computing ensures that students become digitally literate and are able to express themselves and develop ideas using information and communication technology. This will enable them to become confident and active participants in an increasingly technologically based working world.

Domains of knowledge	Key concept
1.1 Systems architecture	Unit 1
1.2 Memory and storage	Understand the components that make up digital systems, and how
1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols	systems
1.4 Network security	Identify vulnerabilities to computer systems and how they can be pr
1.5 Systems software	Understand the purpose and functionality of operating systems/ util
1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology	Understand the impact technology can have on wider society includ
2.1 Algorithms	
2.2 Programming fundamentals	Unit 2
2.3 Producing robust programs	Be able to apply the key principles of computational thinking – abstr
2.4 Boolean logic	Be able to design create and refine algorithms
2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments	Understand the processes involved with different searching and sort
	Be able to apply and understand a range of programming fundamen
	Know how to produce robust programs through defensive design.
	Understand the characteristics of different levels of programming la
	development environment.

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Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2	Autumn Term 2		Spring Term 1	
Unit Title: System Architecture	Unit Length: 7 weeks	Unit Title: Memory and Storage	Unit Length: 7 Weeks	Unit Title: Algorithms and programming fundamentals	Unit Length: 7 Weeks	
 Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated with your subject 1.1 Systems architecture Architecture of the CPU Impacts on CPU performance Embedded Systems 		 Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated 1.2 Memory and storage Primary Storage methods Secondary storage methods Units of data storage Data storage methods Compression 	 Primary Storage methods Secondary storage methods Units of data storage Data storage methods 		Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated with your subject 2.1 Algorithms • Computational thinking • Designing, creating and refining algorithms • Searching and sorting algorithms 2.2 Programming fundamentals • Programming fundamentals • Data types • Additional programming techniques	
Key concepts: Taken from each domain		Key concepts: Taken from each domain			Key concepts: Taken from each domain	
The purpose of the CPU:		The need for primary storage			Principles of computational thinking:	
The fetch-execute cycle		The difference between RAM and ROM			Abstraction	
Common CPU components and their fu	nction:	The purpose of ROM in a computer system			Decomposition	
 ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit) 			The purpose of RAM in a computer system		Algorithmic thinking	
CU (Control Unit)		What is virtual memory				
Cache		, 5	The need for secondary storage		Identify the inputs, processes, and outputs for a problem	
Registers			Common types of storage:		Structure diagrams	
		Optical	Optical		Create, interpret, correct, complete, and refine algorithms using:	
Von Neumann architecture:		Magnetic	Magnetic		Pseudocode	
 MAR (Memory Address Register) 		Solid state	Solid state		Flowcharts	
 MDR (Memory Data Register) 					 Reference language/high-level programming language 	
Program Counter			Suitable storage devices and storage media for a given application			
Accumulator			The advantages and disadvantages of different storage devices and storage media relating			
		to these characteristics:	to these characteristics:		Trace tables	
					Standard searching algorithms:	

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language, and how they are developed in an intergraded

 Capacity Speed Portability Durability Reliability Cost The units of data storage: Bit Nibble (4 bits) Byte (8 bits) Kilobyte (1,000 bytes or 1 KB) Gigabyte (1,000 KB) Gigabyte (1,000 KB) Terabyte (1,000 GB) Petabyte (1,000 TB) How data needs to be converted into a binary format to be processed by a computer Data capacity and calculation of data capacity requirements How to convert positive denary whole numbers to binary numbers (up to and including 8 bits) and vice versa How to convert positive denary whole numbers into 2-digit hexadecimal numbers and vice versa How to convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents and vice versa How to convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents and vice versa How to convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents and vice versa How to convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents and vice versa How to convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents and vice versa Binary shifts The need for compression Types of compression: Lossy Lossless 	 Binary search Linear search Standard sorting algorithms: Bubble sort Merge sort Insertion sort The use of variables, constant The use of the three basic program: Sequence Selection Iteration (count- and the common arithmetic ope The common Boolean operation the use of data types: Integer Real Boolean Character and string Casting The use of basic string maning The use of basic file handling Open Read Write Close The use of records to store d The use of arrays (or equivale both one-dimensional (1D) a How to use sub programs (further search of the sea
Relevant endpoints: What do you want students to know/demonstrate at the end of the unit?(Component Knowledge/Powerful Knowledge/Substantive/ Declarative)	Relevant endpoints: What d the unit?(Component Know
 Why computers have primary storage, key characteristics of the components Why computers have secondary storage, the key characteristics of the storage mediums How computers use character sets to store information, and how they can convert between them What file compression is, and the techniques a user might employ 	 Understanding of the used to define and the used to define and the Complete, write or the Identify syntax/logic Understanding and language within the the Identify syntax within the Identify syntax
Broken down and sequenced knowledge:	Broken down and sequenced
 Why computers have primary storage How this usually consists of RAM and ROM Key characteristics of RAM and ROM Why virtual memory may be needed in a system 	 Understanding of the used to define and r Produce simple diag
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ants, operators, inputs, outputs and assignments programming constructs used to control the flow of a

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the three main computational principles and how they are d refine problems

or refine an algorithm

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nd practical use of programming techniques in a high-level he classroom

ced knowledge (habit 4)

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iagrams to show: The structure of a problem/ Subsections other subsections

or refine an algorithm using the techniques listed

gic errors in code and suggest fixes

ace tables to follow an algorithm

 What embedded systems are Typical characteristics of embedded systems Familiarity with a range of different embedded systems 	 Differences between each type of storage device/medium Compare advantages/disadvantages for each storage device Why data must be stored in binary format Familiarity with data units and moving between each Data storage devices have different fixed capacities Calculate required storage capacity for a given set of files Conversion between binary, denary and hexadecimal data sets Carry out a binary shift (both left and right) How characters are represented in binary How the number of characters stored is limited by the bits available The differences between and impact of each character set Understand how character sets are logically ordered, e.g. the code for 'B' will be one more than the code for 'A' Binary representation of ASCII in the exam will use 8 bits Common scenarios where compression may be needed Advantages and disadvantages of each type of compression 	 Understand the main data set Understanding and language within the Recognise and use low Practical use of the or Ability to choose suit Understand that date where this may be u Practical use of the or language within the Ability to manipulat Use of 2D arrays to or records The use of functions The use of procedur Where to use function The use of local/ glow
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Spring Term 2		Summer Term 1		Summer Term 2	Summer Term 2	
Unit Title: Algorithms and programming fundamentals	Unit Length: 5 Weeks	Unit Title: Computer networks,Unit Lconnections and protocols	ength: 6 Weeks	Unit Title: Network security and system software	Unit Length: 7 Week	
 Domain: Key specialised knowledge associate 2.1 Algorithms Computational thinking Designing, creating and refining algo Searching and sorting algorithms 2.2 Programming fundamentals Programming fundamentals Data types Additional programming techniques 		 Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated with 1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols Computer networks and topologies Wired and wireless networks, protocols and 		Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated with 1.4 Network security • Threats to computer systems and networks • Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities 1.5 Systems software • Operating systems • Utility software	your subject	
 Key concepts: Taken from each domain Principles of computational thinking: Abstraction Decomposition Algorithmic thinking Identify the inputs, processes, and outputs for a problem 		 Key concepts: Taken from each domain Types of network: LAN (Local Area Network) WAN (Wide Area Network) Factors that affect the performance of networks The different roles of computers in a client-server ar 	Types of network: LAN (Local Area Network) WAN (Wide Area Network) 		 Key concepts: Taken from each domain Forms of attack: Malware Social engineering, e.g. phishing, people as the 'weak point' Brute-force attacks Denial of service attacks Data interception and theft 	

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global variables within functions and procedures
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Choice Questions

Structure diagrams Create, interpret, correct, complete, and refine algorithms using: Pseudocode Flowcharts Reference language/high-level programming language Identify common errors Trace tables Standard searching algorithms: Binary search Linear search Standard sorting algorithms: Bubble sort Merge sort Insertion sort	The hardware needed to connect stand-alone computers into a Local Area Network: • Wireless access points • Routers • Switches • NIC (Network Interface Controller/Card) • Transmission media The Internet as a worldwide collection of computer networks: • DNS (Domain Name Server) • Hosting • The Cloud • Web servers and clients Star and Mesh network topologies Modes of connection: • Wireless - Wi-Fi, Bluetooth Encryption	 The concept of SQL in Common prevention methods Penetration testing Anti-malware software Firewalls User access levels Passwords Encryption Physical security
The use of variables, constants, operators, inputs, outputs and assignments The use of the three basic programming constructs used to control the flow of a program: Sequence Selection Iteration (count- and condition-controlled loops) The common arithmetic operators The common Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT The use of data types: Integer Real Boolean Character and string Casting The use of basic string manipulation The use of basic file handling operations: Open Read Write Close The use of records to store data The use of records to store data The use of arrays (or equivalent) when solving problems, including both one-dimensional (1D) and two-dimensional arrays (2D)	Encryption IP addressing and MAC addressing Standards Common protocols including: • TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) • HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) • HTTPS (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure) • FTP (File Transfer Protocol) • POP (Post Office Protocol) • IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol) • SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) The concept of layers	
How to use sub programs (functions and procedures) to produce structured code Relevant endpoints: What do you want students to know/demonstrate at the end of the unit?(Component Knowledge/Powerful Knowledge/Substantive/ Declarative) ✓ Understanding of the three main computational principles and how they are used to define and refine problems	Relevant endpoints: What do you want students to know/demonstrate at the end of the unit?(Component Knowledge/Powerful Knowledge/Substantive/Declarative) ✓ Sound understanding of the characteristics of different between types, the hardware used and the methods of communication they use	Relevant endpoints: What do the unit?(Component Knowledge/principles ✓ Knowledge/principles ✓ Knowledge/principles
 Complete, write or refine an algorithm Identify syntax/logic errors in code and suggest fixes Understanding and practical use of programming techniques in a high-level language within the classroom 	 the hardware used and the methods of communication they use Principles of network security. 	method may limit/pr
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 Understanding of the three main computational principles and how they are used to define and refine problems Produce simple diagrams to show: The structure of a problem/ Subsections and their links to other subsections Complete, write or refine an algorithm using the techniques listed Identify syntax/logic errors in code and suggest fixes Create and use trace tables to follow an algorithm Understand the main steps of each specified algorithm and apply them to a data set Understanding and practical use of programming techniques in a high-level language within the classroom Recognise and use logical operators 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 Understand that data types may be temporarily changed through casting, and where this may be useful Practical use of the additional programming techniques in a high-level language within the classroom Ability to manipulate strings, including: Concatenation and slicing Use of 2D arrays to emulate database tables of a collection of fields, and records The use of functions The use of procedures Where to use functions and procedures effectively 	 The characteristics of LANs and WANs including common examples of each Understanding of different factors that can affect the performance of a network, e.g.: Number of devices connected and Bandwidth The tasks performed by each piece of hardware The concept of the Internet as a network of computer networks A Domain Name Service (DNS) is made up of multiple Domain Name Servers A DNS's role in the conversion of a URL to an IP address Concept of servers providing services (e.g. Web server, Web pages, File server file storage/retrieval) Concept of clients requesting/using services from a server The Cloud: remote service provision (e.g. storage, software processing) Advantages and disadvantages of the Cloud Advantages and disadvantages of the Star and Mesh topologies Apply understanding of networks to a given scenario Connection Recommend one or more connections for a given scenario The principle of encryption to secure data across network connections IP addressing and the format of an IP address (IPv4 and IPv6) A MAC address is assigned to device; its use within a network The principle of a standard to provide rules for areas of computing Standards allows hardware/software to interact across different manufacturers/producers The principle of a (communication) protocol as a set of rules for transferring data That different types of protocols are used for different purposes The basic principles of each protocol i.e. its purpose and key features How layers are used in protocols, and the benefits of using layers; 	 Threats posed to dev Knowledge/principles and The purpose of ti Understanding of how Understanding of me Knowledge/principles method may limit/pri What each function of Features of a user int Memory management this allows for multita Understand that: Dat process needs to be ri User management fu Security, etc. File management, an Moving files, Saving,

Year 11					
Autumn Term 1 Autumn Term 2			Spring Term 1		
Unit Title: Impacts of digital technology/	Unit Length: 7 Weeks	Unit Title: Programming languages and Integrated	Unit Length: 7 Weeks	Unit Title: Producing robust programs	Unit Length: 7 Weeks
Boolean Logic		Development Environments			

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- les of each form of attack including: How the attack is used f the attack
- ow to limit the threats posed
- nethods to remove vulnerabilities
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- prevent and How it limits the attack
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- functions, e.g: Allocation of an account, Access rights,

and the key features, e.g.: Naming, Allocating to folders, g, etc.

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 Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated with your subject 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact 2.4 Boolean logic 	Domain: Key specialised knowledge associated with your subject 2.2 Programming fundamentals • Programming fundamentals • Data types • Additional programming techniques 2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments	Domain: Key specialised kno 2.3 Producing robust program Defensive design Testing
	 Languages The Integrated Development Environment (IDE) 	
Key concepts: Taken from each domain Impacts of digital technology on wider society including: • Ethical issues • Legal issues • Cultural issues • Privacy issues Legislation relevant to Computer Science: • The Data Protection Act 2018 • Computer Misuse Act 1990 • Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 Software licences (i.e. open source and proprietary) Simple logic diagrams using the operators AND, OR and NOT Truth tables Combining Boolean operators using AND, OR and NOT Applying logical operators in truth tables to solve problems	Key concepts: Taken from each domain The use of variables, constants, operators, inputs, outputs and assignments The use of the three basic programming constructs used to control the flow of a program: Sequence Selection Iteration (count- and condition-controlled loops) The common arithmetic operators The common Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT The use of data types: Integer Real Boolean Character and string Casting The use of basic string manipulation The use of basic file handling operations: Open Read Write Close The use of SQL to search for data The use of SQL to search for data The use of arrays (or equivalent) when solving problems, including both one-dimensional (10) and two-dimensional arrays (2D) How to use sub programs (functions and procedures) to produce structured code " Random number generation Characteristics and purpose of different levels of programming language: High-level languages Low-level languages The purpose of translators The characteristics of a compiler and an interpreter Common tools and facilities available in an Integrated Development Environment (IDE): Editors Run-time environment Translators	Key concepts: Taken from ea Defensive design considerati Anticipating misuse Authentication Input validation Maintainability: Use of sub program Naming convention Indentation Commenting The purpose of testing Types of testing: Iterative Final/terminal Identify syntax and logic error Selecting and using suitable Normal Boundary Invalid/Erroneous Refining algorithms
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Knowledge of a variety of ethical, legal, cultural, environmental and privacy issues digital technology has brought and how this impacts on society	 Practical use of the techniques in a high-level language within the classroom The differences between high- and low-level programming languages, including the need for translators Knowledge of the tools that an IDE provides, how each of the tools and facilities listed can be used to help a programmer develop a program 	 Understanding of that a program ca
Broken down and sequenced knowledge: Technology introduces ethical, legal, cultural, environmental and privacy issues 	Broken down and sequenced knowledge: Practical use of the techniques in a high-level language within the classroom	Broken down and sequenced

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Summative assessment	Summative assessment Mock Paper Unit 1 and Unit 2	Summative assessment Modified mock paper unit 1 and 2 (In class)
Formal Formative assessment End of topic assessment Observation Live marking/ Multiple Choice Questions Filling in blank knowledge organisers	Formal Formative assessment End of topic assessment Observation Live marking/ Multiple Choice Questions	Formal Formative assessment End of topic assessment Observation Live marking/ Multiple Choice Questions
 Knowledge of a variety of examples of digital technology and how this impacts on society An ability to discuss the impact of technology based around the issues listed The purpose of each piece of legislation and the specific actions it allows or prohibits The need to licence software and the purpose of a software licence Features of open source (providing access to the source code and the ability to change the software) Features of proprietary (no access to the source code, purchased commonly as off-the-shelf) Recommend a type of licence for a given scenario including benefits and drawbacks Knowledge of the truth tables for each logic gate Recognition of each gate symbol Understanding of how to create, complete or edit logic diagrams and truth tables for given scenarios Ability to work with more than one gate in a logic diagram 	 Understanding of each technique Recognise and use the logical operators: 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 Understand that data types may be temporarily changed through casting, and where this may be useful Practical use of the additional programming techniques in a high-level language within the classroom Ability to manipulate strings, including: Concatenation, Slicing, Arrays as fixed length or static structures Use of 2D arrays to emulate database tables of a collection of fields, and records The use of functions The use of procedures Where to use functions and procedures effectively The use of the following within functions and procedures: local variables/constants, global variables/constants, arrays (passing and returning) SQL commands: SELECT, FROM, WHERE Be able to create and use random numbers in a program The differences between high- and low-level programming languages The need for translators The differences, benefits and drawbacks of using a compiler or an interpreter Knowledge of the tools that an IDE provides How each of the tools and facilities listed can be used to help a programmer develop a program 	 Understanding of the issues a programmer should consider to ensure that a program caters for all likely input values Understanding of how to deal with invalid data in a program Authentication to confirm the identity of a user Practical experience of designing input validation and simple authentication (e.g. username and password) Understand why commenting is useful and apply this appropriately The difference between testing modules of a program during development and testing the program at the end of production Syntax errors as errors which break the grammatical rules of the programming language and stop it from being run/translated Logic errors as errors which produce unexpected output Normal test data as data of the correct type which is on the very edge of being valid Invalid test data as data of the correct data type which should be rejected by a computer system Erroneous test data as data of the incorrect data type which should be rejected by a computer system Ability to identify suitable test data for a given scenario Ability to create/complete a test plan

Year 11	
Spring Term 2	
Unit Title: Revisiting Prior Knowledge	Unit Length: 5 weeks
Based on question level analysis of the mock	
exams/ summative assessments	