Computing

Year 12

| Timing | Unit Title | Key Question | Knowledge | Assessing Understanding |
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| Autumn Term | 2.1 C# Practice / conversion | Can I write GCSE- level programs in C# | C# programming skills, including: Variables Algorithms Loops File handling Arrays Parameters | How understanding is assessed: • practical exercises and worksheets • progress is monitored and recorded during lessons. Skills • Variables • Algorithms • Loops • File handling • Arrays Assessment point information Progress is monitored in lessons and used for AP purposes |
| | 2.2 | Second level programming with OOP | Simple OOP structures Classes Properties Methods Construction Procedures | How understanding is assessed: |

| Autumn Term | Data Representation | How do we store numbers and text in a computer? | Binary numbers Sign-and-magnitude and two's complement Hex Adding and subtracting binary ASCII and Unicode | How understanding is assessed: |
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| | Legals | What are the laws which control computer use? | DPA CDP Computer Misuse Act RIPA | How understanding is assessed: |
| | Low Level Coding | What is low level code and how do we use it? | Assembly language LMC Processors and buses The fetch-execute cycle CISC and RISC | How understanding is assessed: • homework exercises Skills • Writing low level code Assessment point information • BM data contributes to AP |

| | | | | Homework exercise grades contribute to AP |
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| Autumn Term | Networks | How do we connect computers together? | Network hardware Network topologies The protocol stack HTML CSS Javascript | How understanding is assessed: |
| Autumn / Spring Term | Databases | How do relational databases work? | Justification for databases Relational databases theory SQL | How understanding is assessed: |

| Spring Term | 2.2.2 Software Development | What are the stages of developing software? | Waterfall lifecycle, agile methodologies, extreme programming, the spiral model and rapid application development. The relative merits and drawbacks of different methodologies and when they might be used. Different test strategies, including black and white box testing and alpha and beta testing | How understanding is assessed: • homework sheets • Google tests. Skills • Test programs that solve problems using suitable test data and end user feedback • Programming in C# Assessment point information two exercises are formally marked, and are taken together with BM data and with marks from a Google test |
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| | 2.1 Elements of computational thinking | What is meant by computational thinking? | Thinking abstractly – nature and need for abstraction Thinking ahead Thinking procedurally – components, steps and solution of problem Thinking logically | How understanding is assessed: |

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| | 2.3 Introduction to Visual Studio | How do I use C# in real programming? | Basic concepts including objects and properties naming conversion combo box shapes images | How understanding is assessed: |
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| Spring Torm | Logic | How can we simplify a complex circuit? | • Karnaugh Maps | How understanding is assessed: |
| Spring Term | Data Structures (1) | How do we structure data in a computer system? | StacksQueues | How understanding is assessed: |

| | | | | BM data contributes to AP Homework grades contribute to AP |
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| | Continuous Revision and bits | What don't I know? | All theory topics Minor topics, for example: Abstraction Systems analysis. | How understanding is assessed: • weekly homework sheets which grow and shrink according to progress made. Skills • Various Assessment point information • All weekly marks feed into AP |
| Summer Term | Final Revision | DO I know all the material? Can I get all the marks? | All Theory for both Units | How understanding is assessed: • weekly homeworks. Skills • Exam technique Assessment point information Grades from the sheets feed into the final AP |

| Further Programming - Handling Data | How do I write more complex programs and manipulate data | Further OOP structures Grids and handling data | How understanding is assessed: In-lesson observation Completed programs. Skills Programming technique Assessment point information BM data feeds into AP Completed program grades contribute to AP |
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| Data Structures (2) | How do we structure data in a computer system | Graphs and tracing algorithms Linked Lists Trees | How understanding is assessed: |

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| | | How do | | How understanding is assessed: • short essays. |
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| All Year | ELCEC | technological changes affect society? | Topical issues – new each year | Skills • Essay technique |
| | | | | Assessment point information ■ Essay marks feed into AP |