Computing

Year 12

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
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: • Practice exercises in C# Skills • Programming in C# Assessment point information A test, based on an old AS Paper, is formally marked according the original MS

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:
	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
Autumn Term	Networks	How do we connect computers together?	 Network hardware Network topologies The protocol stack HTML CSS Javascript 	How understanding is assessed: • Practice exercises in lessons • Formal unit test Skills • Write or interpret web pages • Interpret javascript code Assessment point information • BM data contributes to AP • Test marks contribute to AP
Autumn / Spring Term	Databases	How do relational databases work?	 Justification for databases Relational databases theory SQL 	How understanding is assessed:

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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
. •	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: • Homework sheets • Google tests Skills • Dependent on topics chosen • Test programs that solve problems using suitable test data and end user feedback Assessment point information Any homework feeds into the Assessment point, together with BM data.

	Form-based Programming	How do I use C# in real programming?	 Basic concepts including objects and properties naming conversion combo box shapes images 	How understanding is assessed: • Practical exercises in VSi • Reworked exercise from 2.2 done in VS Skills • Programming in VS Assessment point information Any homework feeds into the Assessment point, together with BM data.
Spring Term	Logic	How can we simplify a complex circuit?	• Karnaugh Maps	How understanding is assessed:
	Data Structures (1)	How do we structure data in a computer system?	StacksQueues	How understanding is assessed: • Practical exercises in lessons • Homework sheets Skills • Ability to structure given data • Can write algorithms to manage structures Assessment point information

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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

OOP theory	What are the benefits of OOP	OOP theory as in OCR documents	How understanding is assessed: • Written test Skills Assessment point information • Test feeds into AP
Algorithms	2.2 / 2.3 Standard Algorithms	 Sorting – including quick sort Searching Big O concepts 	How understanding is assessed: • Written test Skills • Ability to demonstrate understanding of algorithms Assessment point information • Test feeds into AP
Database Handling in C#	How do we control and edit external databases	 Using OOP to access external SQL databases 	How understanding is assessed : In-lesson observation Skills OOP / SQL coding Assessment point information BM data feeds into AP

Curriculum Outline 2025-2026

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