

Key Stages 3 & 4

YEAR	TOPICS	TERMLY INDEPENDENT WORK
7	1. Autumn Term	1. Autumn Term
	1.1. Basic Digital Skills	1.1. Research into the history of Computer Science
	1.2. Components of a Computer System	1.2. Designing a computer system challenge
	1.3. Data Representation Techniques	1.3. Investigation into the impact of encryption
	2. Spring Term	2. Spring Term
	2.1. Logic Gates	1.1. Investigate Redstone Logic in Minecraft
	2.2. Numerical Modelling	2.1. Modelling exercise: Party planner
	3. Summer Term	2.2. Python: Chilli Challenges (Turtle)
	3.1. Computational Thinking	3. Summer Term
	3.2. Introduction to Python	3.1. Python: Chilli Challenges (Quizzes)
	1. Autumn Term	1. Autumn Term
	1.1. Flowcharts and Control	1.1. Flowol models
	1.2. Physical computing with MicroBits	1.2. Investigation into embedded systems
	2. Spring Term	2. Spring Term
8	2.1. Further introduction to Python	2.1. Python: Chilli Challenges
	2.2. Searching and Sorting Techniques	2.2. Minecraft Data Representation
	3. Summer Term	3. Summer Term
	3.1. Data Structures in Python	3.1. HCl design



	1. Autumn Term	1. Autumn Term
9	1.1. Networking – Topologies and Protocols	1.1. Develop revision guide on networking
	1.2. Databases: Theory and SQL	1.2. SQL investigation
	2. Spring Term	2. Spring Term
	2.1. Modular programming in Python	2.1. PgGame and Tkinter challenges
	3. Summer Term	3. Summer Term
	3.1. Physical Computing	3.1. Robotics investigations
	3.2. Minecraft Edu	3.2. Open Ended programming project
10	1. Boolean Logic	1) A wide range of extension programming tasks are available throughout the
	2. Data Representation	year, requiring students to develop their analytical, design and
	3. Designing, creating and refining algorithms	development skills within Python
	4. Machine Architecture	2) Develop revision materials in collaborative work area
	5. Network Topologies	3) Investigation into Assembly Language
	6. Practical Programming	4) Investigation of alternative languages
11	1. Wired and Wireless networks	1) Develop revision materials in collaborative work area
	2. Topologies, protocols and layers	2) Research directly relating to the programming project
	3. Defensive Design	
	4. Practical programming projects	
	5. System software	
	6. Language Translation	
	7. Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact	

PLEASE NOTE:

- This overview sets out a general summary of the basic curriculum taught. It is not an exhaustive list of what may be taught and subject teachers may follow the above in a different order. Further details may be obtained from the Head of Department, if required.
- The Independent Work indicated represents core, headline tasks per term; weekly/fortnightly independent/home work is set in all subject areas, and details are noted in Pupil Planners.