

GCSE Computer Science Year 1 Curriculum Planning Sequence

Subject	Year	Term	Big Ideas	Topics	Subject Learning Checklist
GCSE Computer Science Year 1	Year 10	Term 1 - 35hrs	3.1 Algor ithms	3.1.1 Representing Algorithms	
			3.2 Programming	3.2.1 Data Types	
				3.2.2 Programming Concepts	
				3.2.3 Maths in Programming (Arithmetic Operations)	
				3.2.4 Less than, Greater than (Relational Operations)	
				3.2.5 AND, OR, NOT, XOR (Boolean Operations)	
				3.2.6 Arrays and Lists (Data structures)	
				3.2.7 Input/output	
				3.2.8 String Handling	
				3.2.9 Random Numbers	
				3.2.10 Structured programming and Subroutines (Procedures & Functions)	
				3.2.11 Robust and Secure programming	
		Term 2 - 30hrs	3.3 Data representation	3.3.1 Number Bases (Binary, Denary & Hex)	
				3.3.2 Converting between Binary, Denary and Hex	
				3.3.3 Units - Bits, Bytes, Kilobytes, Megabytes	
				3.3.4 Binary Arithmetic	
				3.3.5 Character encoding (ASCII and Unicode)	
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			3.4 Computer systems	3.4.1 Hardware and Software	
				3.4.2 Boolean logic (AND, OR, NOT, XOR circuits & Expressions)	
				3.4.3 Application and System Software	
				3.4.4 High Level and Low Level Programming	
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		30hrs	3.8 Ethical, legal and environmental impacts of digital technology on wider society, including issues of privacy	l g	Thr Cycle Programming Teacher Lead
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