

Half Term	Unit Title	Key Knowledge/Content to learn and retain	Essential Skills to acquire (subject & generic)	Link to intent and ethos	Anticipated misconceptions	Links to previous KS	Link to future KS	Opportunity for stretch and high prior attainers	SMSC & British Values	Cultural Capital	Career Link
One	<p>2.1 Understand what is meant by computational thinking</p> <p><a href="#">2.1.1 Thinking abstractly</a></p> <p>2.1.2 Thinking ahead</p> <p>2.1.3 Thinking procedurally</p> <p>2.1.4 Thinking logically</p> <p>2.1.5 Thinking concurrently</p>	<p>This component will incorporate and build on the knowledge and understanding gained in the computer systems component (01).</p> <p>This unit focuses on what is meant by computational thinking; several thinking approaches to solve a problem to ask the question; is the problem computable?</p> <p>This unit is directly linked to component (03) NEA (non-exam assessment)</p>	<p>Drawing and labelling abstract diagrams.</p> <p>Extended writing</p> <p>Develop a line of enquiry based on observation</p>	<p>This unit directly relates to the intent and ethos of computer science.</p> <p>Learners will acquire the knowledge and skills to use computational methods to create, design, develop and test a software solution to a given problem.</p>	<p>The differences between abstraction and reality can have many layers.</p> <p>When identifying inputs this means the data/variables that are needed for the program.</p> <p>Procedures and functions are often mistaken as the same; a function returns a value whereas a procedure does not.</p> <p>Concurrent computing is different to parallel computing.</p>	<p>Computational methods are embedded throughout KS4 in all units; learners use these approaches when learning new content which directly links to metacognition.</p>	<p>Learners will have the required knowledge and skills in this unit to apply them in the workplace or to progress further in their studies at University.</p> <p>This unit will enable learners of the key mathematical underpinnings of computer science to aid learners in problem solving and programming.</p>	<p>Learners will have the opportunities to read further around the subject of computational thinking.</p> <p>Learners will explore computational methods through analysing practical examples.</p>	<p>Learners will have the opportunities to explore where computational methods are studied in other subject programmes such as <a href="#">Queen's University, Belfast</a> which offers a programme of study that emphasises how the law interacts with technological innovation generating an interdisciplinary space between law and computational reasoning.</p>	<p>Learners will have the opportunities to explore how computational methods can be applied in all areas of education and as a life skill.</p> <p>Introduce learners to scholarly articles; <a href="#">Jeannette Wing</a></p>	<p>This unit covers all areas of careers as these skills can be applied in any workplace or at university.</p>
Two	<p>2.2 How computers can be used to solve problems and programs can be written to solve them.</p> <p>2.2.1 Programming techniques</p> <p>2.2.2 Computational methods</p> <p><b>NEA; Content of non exam assessment programming project (component 3)</b></p> <p><b>3.2 Design of the solution</b></p> <p>3.2.1. Decomposition of the problem</p> <p>3.2.2 Describe the solution</p> <p>3.2.3 Describe the approach to testing</p>	<p>This unit focuses on how computers can be used to solve problems and programs can be written to solve them; learners will deepen their understanding of the practical elements of the course.</p> <p>-programming constructs</p> <p>-Recursion</p> <p>-Global and local variables</p> <p>-Use of an IDE</p> <p>-Use of object-oriented techniques</p> <p>-Modularity</p> <p>Learners are expected to analyse, develop, evaluate and document a program written in a suitable programming language. Topic 3.2 is the second phase of the NEA; Design</p> <p>Learners are required to describe what the proposed solution will look like and describe how it will function.</p>	<p>Drawing and labelling abstract diagrams.</p> <p>Technical processes</p> <p>Extended writing</p> <p>Develop a line of enquiry based on observation and provide justification</p> <p>Evaluate benefits and drawbacks</p> <p>Visualisation to Problem Solving</p> <p>Mathematical problems</p> <p>Use decomposition to break the problem down into small sub-problems for computational solutions and explain the structure/ algorithms of the solution.</p> <p>Create a systems diagram</p> <p>Evidence test data</p> <p>Use trace tables</p> <p>write pseudocode</p> <p>Draw flow diagrams</p> <p>Write algorithms</p> <p>Design interfaces</p>	<p>Learners will develop knowledge and understanding which underpins the practical elements of the course through computational methods directly linked to key knowledge:</p> <p>-Abstraction</p> <p>-Decomposition</p> <p>-Algorithmic thinking</p> <p>- Data mining</p> <p>- Heuristics</p> <p>Learners will develop knowledge and understanding of technical content in this unit through computational approaches by topics that have been previously studied; Decomposition</p>	<p>The most important technique is the ability to break down a complex task into simple sub-tasks (decomposition) and write self-contained code in the form of functions and procedures therefore functions and procedures are introduced to learners as early as possible.</p> <p>Learners are required to evidence proposed data structures to form part of their intended solution.</p> <p>Learning data structures is similar to learning about data types. For some learners these concepts will be brand new and can only be related to computers, but some can be expressed in terms of real-life problems such as queues.</p>	<p>Learners should know basic programming techniques studied at KS4; concepts such as sequence, selection and iteration including subroutines (functions and procedures) which prepares learners to study recursion at KS5.</p> <p>Learners should know computational methods such as decomposition and abstraction.</p>	<p>Learners will have the required knowledge and skills in this unit to apply them in the workplace or to progress further in their studies at University.</p> <p>This unit prepares learners for further study in computer science courses at university such as the <a href="#">Programming Portfolio module</a>, a compulsory first year module offered by the University of Hull.</p> <p>This unit prepares learners for further study in computer science courses at university such as the <a href="#">Honours Stage Project</a>, a core third year module offered by the University of Hull.</p>	<p>Learners will have the opportunities to read further around the subject and to learn other programming paradigms and languages.</p> <p>Learners will have the opportunities to read further around the subject such as <a href="#">HCI (Human Computer Interaction)</a> which provides an insight with the design and use of computer and mobile technology, focusing on the interfaces between people and systems. This is typically a degree module offered at university.</p>	<p>Ethical discussions on open and closed source code and the impacts this has in the industry.</p> <p>Ethical discussions on Ethical hacking by governments and well-known hacking groups.</p> <p>Ethical and social considerations are discussed surrounding software development.</p> <p>Laws regarding PEGI rating in the game development industry.</p>	<p>Learners will have the opportunity to discuss the origins of algorithms and programming languages and why so many are still in use today such as Ada, named after Ada Lovelace, which is a programming language used by the military</p> <p>Learners will have the opportunity to discuss the origin and history of computer interfaces and research emerging technologies.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gchq-careers.co.uk/">https://www.gchq-careers.co.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="#">GCHQ Apprenticeships</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.mis.gov.uk/careers/">https://www.mis.gov.uk/careers/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sis.gov.uk/explore-careers.html">https://www.sis.gov.uk/explore-careers.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.yh.rocu.org.uk/vacancies/">https://www.yh.rocu.org.uk/vacancies/</a></p> <p><a href="https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/careers/vacancies">https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/careers/vacancies</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.v.uk/apply-apprenticeship">https://www.gov.v.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a></p> <p><a href="#">University of Hull Computer Science courses</a></p> <p><a href="#">University of York</a></p> <p><a href="#">Top Cyber Security Universities in the UK</a></p>

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