

**Computer Science Curriculum Overview** 



## Why Teach COMPUTER SCIENCE?

We believe that Computer Science is a vital subject for pupils to learn within the modern world, where computing and technology are embedded in everyday life. By learning Computer Science learners will study:-

- How to recognise online dangers and stay safe within the online world
- How computers work
- How they are programmed
- Computational thinking skills they can use in many other areas
- How to use key programs to present and share work
- Understand how digital technology is vital for modern careers

## **Disciplinary Big Ideas**

Within Computer Science we develop learner's disciplinary knowledge by the following techniques to help build their ability to fully apply the substantive knowledge.

Good Online Practices	
Computer Programming	
Computer Systems and Networks	ĒĒ
ICT Literacy	×

The Big Substantive Ideas of the Computer Science Curriculum Curriculum maps detail the sequencing of substantive knowledge from Computer Science to enable pupils to build schemata of important concepts over time through 4 'big ideas'.



#### **Learning for Life and Careers**

## **Employability skills**

Learning to program builds characteristics such as collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, and resilience. Additionally, this subject develops numeracy and literacy, presentation skills, and the ability to analyse and evaluate

## Linking the curriculum to careers

Careers in computing, engineering, IT, data management and security.

## **Examples of qualification pathways**

At KS4 we offer the BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technology (DIT) as well as the GCSE Computer Science course and offer A level Computer Science at KS5. BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technology (DIT) progresses well to the Level 3 Extended Certificates, which in turn progresses well to study at Higher Nationals. The Computer Science GCSE progresses naturally to the Computer Science A level or professional qualifications such as CCNA, which in turn can lead to further study at degree level.



Computer Science Curriculum Map by Term



	Programmi	ng 🛱	E-Safe	ty 🤤	J ☐ Technol	ogy
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
1	Computer Usage	E-Safety	E-Safety	Data storage-Numbers Computational thinking Designing, creating and refinit	Architecture - CPU Performance	Programming basics: Selection, Iteration, Arrays, Subroutines, F Exceptions
Autumn	E-Safety	Games Programming in Scratch	Hardware review & I/O devices Websites & HTML	algorithms Programming fundamentals: I & Review Data types Programming fundamentals: Sequence & Selection	ntro Data storage-Images Data storage-Sound Data storage-Compression	Computational Thinking Structured programming Algorithms Testing Abstraction, Automation
in 2	Kodu –	Games Programming in	Websites &	Programming fundamentals: Selection	Embedded Systems	Finite state Machines
Autum	an introduction to programming		HTML Python Review	Iteration - Count Programming fundamentals: Iteration - Condition	Memory Storage	Number Systems, Binary & Units, Binary Arithmetic, Floating point Images, Sound, Compression
Spring 1	Kodu – an introduction to programming	Scratch Project	Intermediate Python	Additional programming - Arra Additional programming techniques - Sub programs	ays Internet / WWW LANs Wireless Client-server and a peer-to-peer networks	Hardware & software Operating systems, Language classificatio Translators Logic gates, Adders, D-type flip-flops Boolean algebra Computer Architecture
Spring 2	Computer System Basics	Introduction to programming in Python	Intermediate Python Office Skills - Spreadsheets	Data storage-Characters Additional programming techniques - String manipulat Additional programming techniques - File Handling	tion Protocols Network threats Preventing vulnerabilities	CPU, Instruction sets Assembly Language OOP basics OOP Design Principles
Summer 1	Computer System Basics	Introduction to programming in Python	Office Skills - Spreadsheets, Presentations	Searching - Binary & Linear Sorting - Merge & Insertion Additional programming techniques - Record/SQL Defensive design Testing Languages Boolean logic	Operating Systems Utilities	I/O devices Secondary storage Communications methods Network topologies Client-server and a peer-to-peer network
Summer 2	Office skills- Spreadsheets	Computational Thinking	Office Skills – Presentations, Word Processing	Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact Languages The Integrated Development Environment (IDE)		Wireless networks Communications & privacy Project introduction Project skills – TK, Pygame

#### Data

	Year 13
	Databases, ERDs, Normalisation, SQL
Cile -	Project skills – SQLite
Files,	Systemic approach Data structures – Queues Lists, Stacks, Hash tables
	Communications methods Network topologies
	Client-server and a peer-to-peer networks
	Wireless networks
	communications & privacy
	Data structures –Graphs, Trees, Vectors
	Recursion
	Big-O Searching (Serting
	Graph traversal
	Optimisation Algorithms
	Limits of computation
on,	Sets, Regular expressions,
	Mealy machines, Turing machine
	BNF, Reverse Polish
	The internet, packet switching, routers
	Functional programming
	Big Data
	Network security
	TCP & protocols
	IP addresses
	Client-server model
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## Prince William School COMPUTER SCIENCE Curriculum Map – Substantive Knowledge Progression



Progra	amming	E-Safety		Technology		Data
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Kodu – an introduction to programming: learning the basics of programming such as sequence and selection Kodu Project: applying the skills learnt to make their own game	Games Programming in Scratch: building on the Yr7 work to include iteration and variables Scratch Project: applying the skills learnt to make their own game Introduction to programming in Python: building on the previous programming knowledge/skills and learning about a text- based programming language and further programming features including • variables • I/O • Sequence • Selection – IF / ELSE • Iteration - FOR Computational Thinking understand the power of problem solving and the different methods that Computer Scientists use to tackle problems.	HTML: learning about websites and some HTML basics Python Review / Intermediate Python: recapping & building on the previous work to include • Selection – ELIF • Iteration – While Ext: • Arrays • Subroutines	Putting the KS3 work into context and extending it.Computational thinking Designing, creating and refining algorithmsProgramming fundamentals – recapping the KS3 work and extending knowledge, skills and complexity: Intro & Review Data types Sequence Selection Iteration - Count Iteration - ConditionLearning & applying additional programming techniques: Arrays Sub programs String manipulation File Handling Record/SQLStandard algorithms – learning about the standard algorithms and how the skills they've learnt are applied to them: Searching - Binary & Linear Sorting - Merge & InsertionLearn more about the creation, testing and development environment: Defensive design Testing Language facilities	Building on the Boolean work so far and formalising it: Boolean logic Practice of skills learned in Yr10	A recap and applying the GCSE skills in more complex situations Programming basics: • Selection • Iteration • Arrays • Subroutines • Files • Exceptions Extending the knowledge to do with programming theory, logic and data structures used: Computational Thinking Structured programming Algorithms Testing Abstraction, Automation Instruction sets Assembly Language Learning a different programming paradigm - Objects OOP basics OOP basics OOP Design Principles Understand the expectation for the NEA project and develop further suitable skills Project introduction Project skills – TK, Pygame	Further programming theory and applications Recursion Big-O Searching / Sorting Graph traversal Optimisation Algorithms Limits of computation Mealy machines Turing machine A further programming paradigm Functional programming



COMPUTER SCIENCE Curriculum Map – Substantive Knowledge



## Progression

Progra	amming	E-Safety		Technology		Data
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Cyberbullying what it is and what to do about it Social Networking issues and guidance for use Digital Footprint what it is and how to be mindful about it	Searching/Sources tips for searching techniques and understanding issues on the reliability of sources, esp. online Grooming (Sexual) what it is and what to do about it Sexting what it is and what to do about it	Grooming (Extremism) what it is, things to watch out for and what to do about it Digital Citizen being a good digital citizen and understanding how being online can be used for good (incl. "Upskirting")	<ul> <li>Know and understand the Impacts of digital technology on wider society including: <ul> <li>Ethical issues</li> <li>Legal issues</li> <li>Cultural issues</li> <li>Environmental issues</li> <li>Privacy issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Know and understand the impact of</li> <li>Legislation relevant to</li> <li>Computer Science: <ul> <li>The Data Protection</li> <li>Act 2018</li> </ul> </li> <li>Computer Misuse Act 1990</li> <li>Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988</li> <li>Software licences (i.e. open source and proprietary)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Know and understand the issues around the Consequences of uses of computing - <ul> <li>Individual (moral), social (ethical), legal and cultural issues and opportunities:</li> <li>Awareness of current individual (moral), social (ethical), legal and cultural opportunities and risks of computing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Big Data - understand what "Big Data" is, it's characteristics and how it is collected and analysed.
Computer Usage know about the operating system, file and folder management and networked resources Computer System Basics know the basics components of a computer system	Languages understand basic features of programming languages The Integrated Development Environment (IDE) know about basic features of the programming development environments	Hardware review & I/O devices know the basic system components, esp. input & output devices Websites know about the internet and the world wide web; know basic html code	Languages understand key features of programming languages The Integrated Development Environment (IDE) know about key features of the programming development environment	Know about computer systems, hardware software and networked systems: Architecture - CPU Performance Embedded Systems Memory Storage Internet / WWW LANs Wireless Client-server and a peer-to- peer networks# Protocols Network threats Preventing vulnerabilities Operating Systems Utilities	Know about computer systems, hardware software and networked systems in more detail: Hardware & software Operating systems, Language classification, Translators Logic gates, Adders, D-type flip-flops Boolean algebra Computer Architecture CPU I/O devices Secondary storage	Know about networked systems in more detail: Communications methods Network topologies Client-server and a peer-to-peer networks Wireless networks Communications & privacy The internet, packet switching, routers Network security TCP & protocols IP addresses Client-server model



## **COMPUTER SCIENCE Curriculum Map – Substantive Knowledge**



Progression

Progra	mming	E-Safety		Technology		Data
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Office skills- Spreadsheets learn basic formatting, charts, formula & functions	Scratch & Python programming Identify variables and val to be stored for different scenarios	Office Skills - Intermediate Spreadsheets review & learn further spreadsheet skills Presentations, Word Processing learn more intermediate and some advanced features of a word processor and presentations software	Data storage-Numbers Data representation in a computer system: Units	Data representation in a computer system: Data storage-Characters Data storage-Images Data storage-Sound Data storage-Compression	Build on and extend the GCSE knowledge of data representation Number Systems, Binary & Units, Binary Arithmetic, Floating point Images, Sound, Compression <i>learn about new methods of</i> <i>working with data</i> Finite state Machines	learn more about how data is stored and interrogated Databases, ERDs, Normalisation, SQL Link theory to practical skills that could be used for the NEA project Project skills – SQLite; TKinter Systemic approach learn about new methods of working with data Data structures – Queues, Lists, Stacks, Hash tables Data structures –Graphs, Trees, Vectors Sets Regular expressions BNF, Reverse Polish Big Data



# Prince William School **COMPUTER SCIENCEX Curriculum Map – Disciplinary Knowledge Progression**



Good Online Good Online Practices	Com	puter Programming	Computer Syst	Computer Systems and Networks		C Literacy	
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	
<ul> <li>Create strong passwords</li> <li>Not to share passwords with others and the consequences of doing so</li> <li>Reading EULAs</li> <li>Organise work with folder structures and files</li> <li>Identify cyberbullying and how to deal with it</li> <li>Identify personal information and how to be careful with it</li> <li>Report issues about using the internet to trusted adults</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>learn online searching skills</li> <li>understand the reliability of online sources and how to check them</li> <li>understand what sexual grooming and sexting is and how to deal with it</li> <li>understand what sexting is and how to deal with it</li> <li>Report issues about using the internet to trusted adults</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>understand what extremism and radicalisation are and how to deal with them</li> <li>Understand how to be a good Digital Citizen and the drawbacks and benefits of being online</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the impacts of digital technology on wider society including: <ul> <li>Ethical issues</li> <li>Legal issues</li> <li>Cultural issues</li> <li>Environmental issues</li> <li>Privacy issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>Create secure programs that are safe for users to use <ul> <li>•</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learn about legislation relevant to Computer Science and understand it relevance:         <ul> <li>The Data Protection Act 2018</li> <li>Computer Misuse Act 1990</li> <li>Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988</li> <li>Software licences (i.e. open source and proprietary)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Identify flaws in cybersecurity within networks and suggest improvements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the consequences of uses of computing -         <ul> <li>Individual (moral), social (ethical), legal and cultural issues and opportunities:</li> <li>Awareness of current individual (moral), social (ethical), legal and cultural opportunities and risks of computing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Create secure programs that are safe for users to use</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand what "Big Data" is, it's characteristics and how it is collected and analysed and it's impact</li> <li>Develop secure networks which allow network users to be safe</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Put together instructions in a logical order</li> <li>Understand the basic programming constructs of sequence and selection</li> <li>Drag and drop blocks to create programs in Kodu</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analyse problems</li> <li>Break down problem into smaller parts</li> <li>Understand the basic programming constructs of sequence, selection and count-controlled iteration</li> <li>Drag and drop blocks to create programs in EduBlocks</li> <li>Using increasing amount of text- based coding by learning Python</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase the use of text-based programming</li> <li>Further develop the use of programming constructs of sequence, selection and count-controlled and condition-controlled iteration in Python</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand and use Computational thinking</li> <li>Design, create and refine algorithms</li> <li>Review and further practice the programming fundamentals: <ul> <li>Data types</li> <li>Sequence</li> <li>Selection</li> <li>Iteration - Count</li> <li>Iteration - Condition</li> </ul> </li> <li>Learn additional programming techniques: <ul> <li>Arrays</li> <li>Sub programs</li> <li>String manipulation</li> <li>File Handling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further develop the practice of programming for real-life situations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review and further develop the practice of programming skills</li> <li>Systems analysis</li> <li>Understand the features and development of Structured programming</li> <li>Learn Algorithms</li> <li>Understand instruction sets and the basics of machine code</li> <li>Learn the development and use of assembly language</li> <li>Learn new programming paradigm of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)</li> <li>Finding solutions to meet 'client' requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Learn about recursive programs</li> <li>Analyse the time-complexity of programs using Big-O notation</li> <li>Be able to write Searching / Sorting algorithms</li> <li>Program Graph traversal &amp; Optimisation Algorithms</li> <li>Learn about the limits of computation <ul> <li>Learn functional programming and it's application to Big Data</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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# Prince William School COMPUTER SCIENCEX Curriculum Map – Disciplinary

# Knowledge Progression Continued



Good Online Good Online Practices	Com	puter Programming	Computer S	stems and Networks		iteracy
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
<ul> <li>Learn about computer system basics</li> <li>Understand key hardware components, what they do and how they link together</li> </ul>	Understand the difference between the internet and the world wide web	<ul> <li>Understand what a web page is and what web-servers are</li> <li>understand websites are written in HTML</li> <li>understand the basic features of HTML, such as tags, head, body and create simple web pages</li> <li>Know modern pages are formatted using Cascading Style Sheets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand how data is represented a computer and it's impact on programs, such as data types</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the architecture of a computer, especially the CPU, it's key components, such as registers and cache, and how they affect system performance</li> <li>Understand the different memory types of RAM &amp; ROM</li> <li>Understand the need for and the different types of storage – magnetic, solid state and optical and choose the appropriate one for specific scenarios</li> <li>Understand network types e.g. LAN/WAN or C-S/P2P and recommend appropriate use</li> <li>Understand the issues of network threats and use appropriate techniques to prevent vulnerabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand Hardware &amp; software</li> <li>Describe Operating systems, Language classification &amp; Translators</li> <li>Work with Logic gates, Adders, D-type flip-flops for specific scenarios</li> <li>Use Boolean algebra to rearrange or simplify expressions</li> <li>Know Computer Architecture</li> <li>Be able to describe in detail the specifics of certain I/O or secondary storage devices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Choose the appropriate network topology and components for different situations</li> <li>Understand how the internet works with packet switching and routers</li> <li>Understand the issues of network security and use appropriate techniques to prevent vulnerabilities</li> <li>Understand the need for protocols and the TCP/IP stack</li> <li>Know how IP addressing works and use subnet masks to create subnet for specific situations</li> </ul>
Learn the basics of spreadsheets		Further develop Office skills	Use key programming techniques to be	gin • Use key programming techniques to	• Use key programming techniques to begin to	• Develop their own app or program t
<ul> <li>Be able to use simple and intermediate spreadsheet formulae and functions</li> <li>Create graph/charts</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Learn about Presentation techniques</li> <li>Learn how to create Presentations that are fit for purpose</li> <li>Learn Word Processing techniques</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>• Use appropriate programs to create an organise resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Degin to create their own programs</li> <li>Use appropriate programs to create and organise resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use appropriate programs to create and organise resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cite references for research they have used</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Be able to use intermediate and advanced spreadsheet formulae and functions</li> <li>Create documents of appropriate typ and content</li> </ul>				



# Prince William School COMPUTER SCIENCE Key Vocabulary



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
	Computer Usage, E-Safety	E-Safety	E-Safety, Hardware – I/O	Data storage-Numbers, Programming fundamentals:	Boolean logic, Data representation	Programming Basic, Computational thinking	Databases, Data structures
	Organisation	Internet	Grooming	Place value	Boolean	Exceptions	Wireless / Wi-F-
1	Files	World wide web (WWW)	Extremism	Denary / decimal	Operators / gates / circuits	Imperative	NIC
uu	Folders	Searching	Radicalisation	Binary	Truth table	Declarative	CSMA/CA and RTS/CTS
utui	Cyber-bullying	Source	Rights	Hexadecimal	Units	Abstraction	SSID
٩١	Social networking	Reliability	Responsibilities	Sequence	Characters	Algorithm	Whitelist
	Personal data	Cross-check	"Upskirting"	Data type / casting	Images	Modelling	Prototype
	Trusted adult	Grooming	CPU	Variables	Sound	Automation	Waterfall
	Outcome	Sexting	I/O Devices	Input / output	Compression	Decomposition	Queues, Lists, Stacks, Hash tables
	Kodu	Programming in Scratch	Websites- HTML, Python review	Programming fundamentals:	Standard algorithms, Impact	FSM, Impact of Computers, Data representation	Data structures, Algorithms
	Program	Sprite	Web server	Selection	Algorithm	Finite State Machine	Graphs, Trees, Vectors
2	Precise	Costumes	HTML	lf / else / elseif	Searching – linear / binary	Start / End state / Transition	Recursion / recursive
mn	Sequence	Movement	Tags	Boolean operator	Sorting – bubble / insertion / merge	Legislation	Stop / base case
utu	Landscape	Co-ordinates	Head / Body	Case	Ethical	Number bases	Traversal
A	Navigation	Sequence	CSS	Count-controlled Iteration	Legislation	Floating point / Normalisation	Pre / in / post-order
	Automatic	Selection	Variables	For	Cultural	Bit depth	Time complexity
	Manual	Lives	Sequence	Condition-controlled Iteration	Environmental	Resolution	Polynomial
	Clones	Variables	Comment	While	Impact	Run length encoding	
	Kodu	Scratch	Python Intermediate	Programming fundamentals:	Systems Architecture, Networks, Connections & Topologies	Computer Architecture	Algorithms
	Creatables	Iteration	Selection	Array	Von Neumann	Hardware	Tractable
-	Scoring	Procedures (Broadcasts)	If	Index	ALU / CU / MAR / MDR /PC /ACC	Software	Heuristic
ng 1	Selection	Randomisation	Else	Length	Primary / secondary storage	OS	Computable / non-computable
pri	Indentation	Interaction	Elseif	Append	LAN / WAN	Bespoke / Off-the-shelf	Functions / composition
S	Pages	Sounds	Indentation	Subroutine	Ethernet / wireless	Gates	Domain / co-domain
	Depth	Criteria	Iteration	Procedure	Client server / Peer-to-peer	Boolean	First-class objects
	Complexity	Testing	For	Function	Topology	Adders	Regular language
	Objectives	Evaluation	Range	Return	DNS / Cloud	Flip-flop	Universal Turing Machine
	Computer System Basics	Programming in Python	Python Intermediate, Office Skills - Spreadsheets	Programming fundamentals:	Protocols and Security	Computer Architecture, OOP	
	Computer	IDE	While	String	Encryption	Machine code	Backus-Naur Form
~	Input	Syntax	Condition	Character	IP / MAC addresses	Assembly language	Revers Polish notation
, gu	Process	Sequence	Counter	Concatenate	TCP/IP, HTTP, FTP, POP, IMAP, SMTP	Object	IP address v4 / v6
pri	Output	Debugging	Array	Slice	Layers	Class	Domain Name System
S	Memory	Parentheses	Formula	File	Malware	Instantiation	Internet Registries
			Deletive / Alexalute	Open / Close	Brute-force / DOS / SOL injection	Inheritance	Routing table
	Storage	Variables	Relative / Absolute	Open / Close	Brate force / Bos / SQL injection		
	Storage CPU	Data types	Function	Read	Anti-malware Software	Polymorphism	Packet switching



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	Computer System Basics	Programming in Python	Office Skills - Presentations	Programming fundamentals:	Software	Computer Architecture	
	Heatsink	Float	Presentation	Defensive design	Operating system (OS)	Register	Firewall
<del>, i</del>	Fan	String	Slide	Authentication	User Interface (UI)	Cache	Symmetric / asymmetric encryption
ner	Motherboard	Input	Layout	Validation	OS functions	Bus	TCP/IP protocol stack
L L L L	Power supply	Arithmetic operators	Design	Record	Utility Software	I/O device	Ports
Su	Hard disk drive (HDD)	Selection	Object	SQL – Select, From, Where	Encryption	Primary / Secondary storage	Subnet mask
	FDE Cycle	lf	Master slide	Testing – iterative & final	Defragmentation	Optical	DHCP / NAT
	Hz, MHz and GHz	Indentation	View	Test data-normal, boundary, invalid	Data Compression	Magnetic	WebSocket
	Instructions	Else	Organise	Syntax and Logic errors		Solid State	CRUD / REST / JSON / XML
	Spreadsheets	Computational Thinking	Office Skills – Word processing	Languages		Wireless networks, Project	
	Data	Abstraction	Word processor	High & Low level languages		Entity	
8	Cell	Decomposition	Paragraph	Translators		Attribute	
Jer	Row	Computational Thinking	Section	Compilers		Tuple	
un M	Column	Objectives	Break	Interpreter		Relationship	
Su	Formula	Flow chart	Format	IDE		Normal form	
	Function	Testing	Layout	Editor		Кеу	
	Relative / Absolute	Algorithm	Mail merge	Diagnostics		NEA	
	Graph / chart	Variable	Review	Run-time environment		Deadline	