

| Academic Year | Content. | Skills taught in each unit. | Assessment – what knowledge and | |
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| | Unit title and brief outline of content. | | skills will be assessed and how? | |
| <u>Year; 10</u> | | | | |
| Rationale | GCSE Paper 2 is taught. Pupils start GCSE modu | | | |
| | first as this involves the logistics of programmin | | | |
| | programming project as part of NEA. Exam pap | | upils to tackle therefore it allows the | |
| | content to be covered and consolidated. (OCR J277) | | | |
| Autumn A | 2.2 Programming fundamentals – | Using programming constructs | End of module test | |
| | The use of variables, constants, | Coding | | |
| | operators, inputs, outputs and | Use of Boolean operators | Observation of class tasks to see | |
| | assignments | Problem Solving | how Boolean operators are used | |
| | □ The use of the three basic programming | | and constructs are used in a python | |
| | constructs used to | | program. | |
| | control the flow of a program: | | | |
| | Sequence | | | |
| | Selection | | | |
| | Iteration (count- and condition-controlled | | | |
| | loops) | | | |
| | The common arithmetic operators | | | |
| | □ The common Boolean operators AND, OR | | | |
| | and NOT | | | |
| Autumn B | 2.2 Programming fundamentals – | Coding | Test on how data types are used | |
| | Data Types | Problem Solving | and changed in python program. | |
| | The use of data types: | Algorithmic Thinking | Theory test on keywords | |
| | ○ Integer | | | |
| | ○ Real | | | |
| | o Boolean | | | |
| | Character and string | | | |
| | • Casting | | | |
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| Spring A | 2.2 Programming fundamentals – | Being able to file handle in python | Observation of string manipulation |
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| | Additional programming techniques | Problem solving | and file handing is used in python |
| | The use of basic string manipulation | | program. |
| | □ The use of basic file handling operations: | | |
| | ○ Open | | |
| | ○ Read | | |
| | ○ Write | | |
| | ○ Close | | |
| Spring B | 2.2 Programming fundamentals – | Query skills in database | Observing the use of SQL and arrays |
| | Additional programming techniques | Creating Lists in Python | to store records. End of module test |
| | The use of records to store data | Problem Solving | |
| | The use of SQL to search for data | | |
| | The use of arrays (or equivalent) when | | |
| | solving problems, including | | |
| | both one-dimensional and two-dimensional | | |
| | arrays | | |
| | How to use sub programs (functions and | | |
| | procedures) to produce | | |
| | structured code | | |
| | Random number generation | | |
| Summer A | 2.3 Producing robust programs | Validation skills | End of module test. Python program |
| | Defensive design | Coding | created to show skills are used. |
| | Defensive design considerations: | | |
| | Anticipating misuse | | |
| | Authentication | | |
| | Input validation | | |
| | Maintainability: | | |
| | Use of sub programs | | |
| | Naming conventions | | |
| | Indentation | | |
| | Commenting | | |
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| Summer B | 2.3 Producing robust programs | Testing | Testing on how errors can be |
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| | Testing | Use of Boolean Logic | solved. Use of how Boolean is used. |
| | The purpose of testing | Searching and Sorting | End of module test. |
| | Types of testing: | Coding | |
| | o Iterative | Problem Solving | |
| | Final/terminal | | |
| | Identify syntax and logic errors | | |
| | Selecting and using suitable test data: | | |
| | ○ Normal | | |
| | o Boundary | | |
| | ○ Invalid | | |
| | ○ Erroneous | | |
| | Refining algorithms | | |
| | 2.4 Boolean Logic | | |
| | □ Simple logic diagrams using the operators | | |
| | AND, OR | | |
| | and NOT | | |
| | Truth tables | | |
| | Combining Boolean operators using AND, | | |
| | OR and | | |
| | NOT | | |
| | Applying logical operators in truth tables | | |
| | to solve | | |
| | problems | | |



| Academic Year | Content and rationale. | Skills taught in each unit. | Assessment – how will the |
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| | Unit title and brief outline of content. | | knowledge and skills be assessed? |
| <u>Year 11</u> | | | |
| Rationale | Pupils then work on their programming NEA pro | | - |
| | does not count towards the final mark to be con | | aper 2. This exam paper helps pupils |
| | to be prepared for BTEC Level 3 IT course.(OCR | J276) | |
| Autumn A | Programming project NEA (20 Hours to | Abstraction | Completed task – NEA |
| | complete) | Decomposition | Skills in Python seen used |
| | | Algorithmic thinking | |
| | | Evaluate | |
| | | Coding | |
| Autumn B | 1.1 System Architecture | Understanding how Hardware and | End of module tests using exam |
| | 1.2 Memory | Software work | questions |
| | 1.3 Storage | Evaluation | |
| | | Problem Solving | |
| Spring A | 1.4 Wired and wireless networks | Understanding how Hardware and | End of module tests using exam |
| | 1.5 Network topologies, Protocols and Layers | Software work | questions |
| | 1.6 1.6 System Security | Evaluation | |
| | | Problem Solving | |
| Spring B | 1.7 System Software | Understanding how Hardware and | End of module tests using exam |
| | 1.8 Ethical, Legal, Environmental concerns | Software work | questions |
| | Revision for final exams | Evaluation | |
| | | Problem Solving | |
| Summer term: End | Key Knowledge studied at KS4 that will be | Summary of the main core skills taught at | |
| of KS readiness for the 6 th form | useful for the 6 th form | KS4 that can be reactivated at KS5 | |



| Pupils are provided with a transition booklet which details information about the BTEC IT Level 3 course as well provide homework activates to allow pupils to research topics they will cover in KS5. | IT skills developed from KS4 will allow pupils to be well prepared and move forward into BTEC IT. Modules covered at KS5 will include spreadsheet/Database and how Social Media is used in Business. Students who study Computer Science at KS4 will find Unit 1 within the course easier to tackle as elements from the KS4 curriculum reappear, but with a step up of a level 3 standard. | Being able to problem solve is a key skill, which will be required for KS5. Being organised and planning ahead will support the coursework element of the course. If pupils have studied Business Studies at KS4 skills can be transferred into the BTEC IT course as the first coursework will focus on the use of IT with Business's. |
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