

Academic Year	Content.	Skills taught in each unit.	Assessment – what knowledge and	
	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			



Spring A	2.2 Programming fundamentals –	Being able to file handle in python	Observation of string manipulation
	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
	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
	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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