

## **KEY STAGE 4 - COMPUTING**



## **YEAR 10**

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**Intro to Computer Science** J277/02: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming **Algorithms Programming fundamentals** 

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  - Algorithmic thinking
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- Structure diagrams
- Create, interpret, correct, complete, and refine algorithms using:
  - Pseudocode
  - Flowcharts
- Reference language/high-level programming language Identify common errors
- **Trace tables**
- Understand Searching and Sorting Algorithms:
- **Binary Search**
- Linear Search
- Bubble sort
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- Insertion sort
- Understand Programming fundamentals:
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- **Understand Data Types**
- Integer 0
- Real 0
- 0 Boolean
- Character and string 0
- Casting

#### Term 2

- Understand Additional Programming techniques:
- The use of basic string manipulation
- The use of basic file handling operations:
  - Open
  - Read
  - Write Close
- The use of records to store data 0
- The use of SQL to search for data 0
- The use of arrays (or equivalent) when solving problems, including both 0
- one-dimensional (1D) and two-dimensional arrays (2D)
- How to use sub programs (functions and procedures) to produce structured code Random number generation
- Understand Defensive design considerations:
- Anticipating misuse 0
- Authentication 0
- Input validation
- Maintainability:
  - Use of sub programs
  - Naming conventions
  - Indentation
- Commenting
- **Understand Testing**
- The purpose of testing 0 0
  - Types of testing:
  - Iterative Final/terminal
- Identify syntax and logic errors
- Selecting and using suitable test data:
  - Normal
    - Boundary
  - Invalid/Erroneous
- **Refining algorithms**

#### Term 3-4

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- Simple logic diagrams using the operators AND, OR and NOT 0
- 0 Truth tables
- Combining Boolean operators using AND, OR and NOT
- Applying logical operators in truth tables to solve problems
- Understanding Programming languages and integrated development environments:
  - Characteristics and purpose of different levels of programming language:
    - High-level languages
    - Low-level languages
    - The purpose of translators
  - The characteristics of a compiler and an interpreter
- Common tools and facilities available in an Integrated Development Environment
  - (IDE):
  - Editors **Error diagnostics**
  - Run-time environment
  - Translators
- **Understanding Systems Architecture** 
  - The purpose of the CPU:
  - The fetch-execute cycle
- Common CPU components and their function:
  - ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit)
    - CU (Control Unit)
    - Cache
    - Registers
- Von Neumann architecture:
  - MAR (Memory Address Register)
  - MDR (Memory Data Register)
  - **Program Counter**
  - Accumulator
- Understanding CPU performance:
- How common characteristics of CPUs affect their performance:
  - **Clock speed**
  - Cache size

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(IDE):

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- Number of cores
- Understanding Embedded Systems
- The purpose and characteristics of embedded systems
- Examples of embedded systems

#### • Understand Primary Storage:

- The need for primary storage 0
- 0 The difference between RAM and ROM
- The purpose of ROM in a computer system o The purpose of RAM in a computer system
- Virtual memory

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- Understand Secondary Storage:
  - The need for secondary storage
    - Common types of storage:
      - Optical
      - Magnetic
      - Solid state Suitable
  - Storage devices and storage media for a given application
  - The advantages and disadvantages of different storage devices and storage media relating to these characteristics:
    - Capacity
    - Speed
    - Portability
    - Durability
    - Reliability
    - Cost

#### • Understand Units:

- The units of data storage:
  - Bit
  - Nibble (4 bits)
  - Byte (8 bits)
  - Kilobyte (1,000 bytes or 1 KB) Megabyte (1,000 KB)
  - Gigabyte (1,000 MB)
  - Terabyte (1,000 GB)
  - Petabyte (1,000 TB)
- How data needs to be converted into a binary format to be processed by a computer
- Data capacity and calculation of data capacity requirements
- Understand Data Storage:
  - Numbers:
    - How to convert positive denary whole numbers to binary numbers (up to and including 8 bits) and vice versa
    - How to add two binary integers together (up to and including 8 bits) and explain overflow errors which may occur
    - How to convert positive denary whole numbers into 2- digit hexadecimal numbers and vice versa
    - How to convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents and vice versa
    - Binary shifts

## Characters:

- The use of binary codes to represent characters
- The term 'character set'
- The relationship between the number of bits per character
- in a character set, and the number of characters which can be represented, e.g.:
  - ASCII
  - Unicode
- Images:
  - How an image is represented as a series of pixels, represented in binary
  - Metadata
  - The effect of colour depth and resolution on:
  - The quality of the image
  - The size of an image file

#### Sound:

- How sound can be sampled and stored in digital form
- The effect of sample rate, duration and bit depth on:
- The playback quality
- The size of a sound file
- **Understand Compression:**
- The need for compression
- Types of compression:
- Lossy
- Lossless
- **Understand Network Topologies:**
- Types of network:
  - LAN (Local Area Network)
  - WAN (Wide Area Network)
- Factors that affect the performance of networks The different roles of computers in a client-server and a peer-to peer network The 0
  - hardware needed to connect stand-alone computers into a Local Area Network: Wireless access points

    - Routers

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- NIC (Network Interface Controller/Card)
- Transmission media
- The Internet as a worldwide collection of computer networks:
- DNS (Domain Name Server)
- Hosting
- The Cloud
- Web servers and clients
- Star and Mesh network topologies
- Understanding wire and wireless networks, protocols and layers
- Modes of connection:
  - Wired
  - Ethernet
  - Wireless
  - Wi-Fi
  - Bluetooth Encryption

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- 0 IP addressing and MAC addressing
- Standards 0
- Common protocols including:
  - TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol)
  - HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol)
  - HTTPS (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure)
  - FTP (File Transfer Protocol)
  - POP (Post Office Protocol)
  - IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol)
  - SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)
- The concept of layers

Understanding network security:

- Threats to computer systems and networks:
  - Forms of attack:
    - Malware -
  - Social engineering, e.g. phishing, people as the 'weak point' -
    - Brute-force attacks -
    - Denial of service attacks -
    - Data interception and theft
  - The concept of SQL injection
- Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities:
  - Common prevention methods:
    - Penetration testing
    - Anti-malware software
    - **Firewalls** -
    - User access levels -
    - Passwords -
    - Encryption Physical security

## Term 5-6

- Understanding System Software:
  - **Operating Systems:** 
    - The purpose and functionality of operating systems:
    - User interface
    - Memory management and multitasking
    - Peripheral management and drivers
    - User management
    - File management
  - **Utility Software** 
    - The purpose and functionality of utility software
      - Utility system software:
        - **Encryption software**
        - Defragmentation
        - Data compression
- Understanding Ethical, legal, cultural, environmental impacts of digital technology:
  - Impacts of digital technology on wider society including:
    - **Ethical issues**
    - Legal issues
    - **Cultural issues**
    - **Environmental issues**
    - Privacy issues
    - Legislation relevant to Computer Science:
    - The Data Protection Act 2018
    - Computer Misuse Act 1990
    - Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988
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