

Programme of study for Year 8 Computer Science 2023-2024

Autumn (1 st term) Topic	Autumn (2 nd term) Topic	Spring (1 st term) Topic	Spring (2 nd Term) Topic	Summer (1 st term) Topic	Summer (2 nd term) Topic
HTML and Web development (6)		Data Representation (3)	Computer Systems(0.5)	Data Protection and Hacking(2)	Encryption(1)
Introduction to HTML, CSS and web design. Laws : Copyright.	Plan, design and create a simple webpage, format text and images, and understand the principles of web design. Laws: Copyright.	Introduction to binary to denary conversion Characters encoding: Text as ASCII Images: As binary	Using a self contained computer system to respond to sensors which collect data. Programming:(2.5) Microbit sensors and communication	Cybersecurity awareness, ethical hacking, and privacy. Programming(1) Python refresher Laws: Data protection Act. (How to keep data secure) Computer Misuse act	Introduction to encryption and data security. Keeping data safe using encryption Programming:(2) Historical encryption using the Caesar Cipher.
Skills: HTML, CSS and formatting.	Skills: Design principles, troubleshooting and debugging.	Skills: Binary to denary conversion Denary to binary conversion Recognise ASCII character codes. Image formats.	Skills: Logical thinking. Programming constructs, debugging and problem solving in coding.	Skills: Online safety and privacy awareness	Skills: Encryption principles, encoding/decoding using Caesar Cipher
Key Learning Outcomes: Create a basic webpage using HTML and CSS. Format text, images, and links on a webpage.	Key Learning Outcomes: Apply design principles to make the webpages visually appealing. Understand the structure of a webpage and the role of HTML and CSS in web development.	Key Learning Outcomes: Convert binary to denary and vice versa. Decode and encode simple text using ASCII. Identify common image formats	Key Learning Outcomes: Understand Microbit components. Create simple programs using Microbit. Design and implement a Microbit project.	Key Learning Outcomes: Understand the importance of data protection. Learn about ethical hacking and its ethical aspects.	Key Learning Outcomes: Understand the importance of encryption and data security. Encrypt and decrypt messages Apply Caesar Cipher to encode and decode text
Term 1 Evidence to cover: Programming Skills with HTML/CSS		Term 2 Evidence to cover: Understanding of data representation and Micro bit coding		Term 3 Evidence to cover: Understanding of need for encryption and have knowledge of Caesar cipher security	
Rationale for sequence: Combining digital images and text to create digital content responsibly and lawfully.	Rationale for sequence: Introducing how data is stored on a computer.	Rationale for sequence: Showing how systems are controlled and managed by the operating system	Rationale for sequence: Looking at the issues related to companies storing personal data and	Rationale for sequence: Putting together programming skills learnt	

		and using the Microbit as a complete computer system to collect and respond to data inputs. Apply skills to real-world projects.	who might try and access that data. Establish awareness	over KS3 to encrypt data to keep it secure.
Home – Learning: W3SchoolsHTML – Online tutorials.	Home – Learning: Practice binary and denary conversion. https://games.penjee.com/binary-numbers-game/	Home – Learning: Explore introductory Microbit projects. https://microbit.org/get-started/home-learning/	Home – Learning: Research online safety tips.	Home – Learning: Encryption/Caesar Cipher exercises.
Reading / High Quality Text: Coding guides and tutorials for HTML. https://www.w3schools.com/html/	Reading / High Quality Text: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z26rcdm/revision/1	Reading / High Quality Text: Coding guides and tutorials for Microbit. https://microbit.org/	Reading / High Quality Text: Articles on ethical hacking and responsible disclosure. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zbgg4qt/revision/8	Reading / High Quality Text: History and literature on Caesar Cipher. https://kids.kiddle.co/Caesar_cipher
Numeracy: Pixel measurements, image dimensions, and layout proportions. Numeracy:	Numeracy: Storage Units, Decimal, Binary, Base 10 and Base 2.	Numeracy: Data representation - LED patterns.	Numeracy: Statistics in cybersecurity incidents.	Numeracy: Pattern recognition and analysis.
Enrichment / opportunities to develop cultural capital (including careers, WRL and SMSC): Participate in coding challenges online. Make aware of tech conferences and exhibitions.				