Curriculum Map: Year 8



undertake creative projects that involve selecting, using, and combining multiple

Students revisit E-Safety to build on the essential knowledge, understanding and skills that they've gained and develop it further













Content is mapped to the Computing National Curriculum:

NC7 & NC8: See AUTUMN TERM

AUTUMN TERM



NC3 use two or more programming languages, at least one of which is textual, to solve a variety of computational problems; make appropriate use of data structures [for example, lists, tables or arrays]; design and develop modular programs that use procedures or functions



Students are reacquainted with the School Computer system and are reminded of key themes: - navigation of the Operating System -E-Safety & Understanding Computers (Hardware/software) Students work on a project to communicate a message

NC2:

Understand several kev algorithms that reflect computational thinking [for example, ones for sorting and searching]; use logical reasoning to compare the utility of alternative algorithms for the same problem





applications, preferably across a range of

devices, to achieve challenging goals, including collecting and analysing data and

meeting the needs of known users

create, re-use, revise and re-purpose digital artefacts for a given audience, with attention to trustworthiness, design and usability

Understand the hardware and software components that make up computer systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems

NC9:

Understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy: recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct and know how to report concerns



SPRING TERM

SUMMER TERM

CS FIRST

PROGRAMMING



Students revisit algorithms and create step by step instructions for a process. They will use block-programming to create a program based on this algorithm.



NC6:

Understand how instructions are stored and executed within a computer system; understand how data of various types (including text, sounds and pictures) can be represented and manipulated digitally, in the form of binary diaits

Students build on their understanding of hardware from Year 7. They will become familiar with internal computer components and how they make a computer work, as well as understanding how hardware processes data using binary numbers





THE HISTORY OF COMPUTING



NC2: See FLOWCHARTS & ALGORITHMS

Students work independently, following video and text instructions to create projects that utilise skills gained in Year 7.



NC3: See SPRING TERM

This unit researches the history of modern computers including social, cultural, legal and environmental concerns. The topic includes focus on individual contributions to technology and future technology.



NC7 & NC8: See AUTUMN TERM



