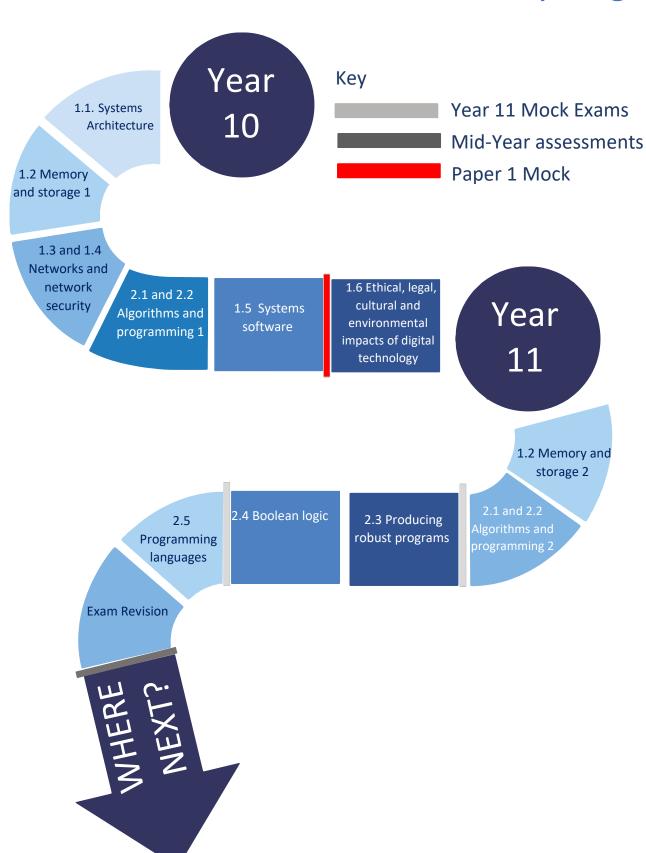


GCSE Computer Science

Key Stage 4





GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE

Key Stage 4 – Year 10

	UNIT	KEY THEMES OF EACH LESSON	
	Component 1 Examination content Knowledge and understanding 50% of course content	1.1 Systems Architecture 1.1.1 Architecture of the CPU 1.1.2 CPU Performance 1.1.3 Embedded systems 1.2 Memory and storage 1.2.1 Primary storage (Memory) 1.2.2 Secondary storage 1.2.3 Units 1.3 Computers networks, connections and protocols 1.3.1 Networks and topologies 1.3.2 Wired and wireless networks, protocols and layers	
	Mid-Year Assessment		
10	Component 2 Examination content Knowledge and understanding 50% of course content	2.1 Algorithms 2.1.1 Computational thinking 2.1.2 Designing, creating and refining algorithms 2.1.3 Searching and sorting algorithms 2.2 Programming fundamentals 2.2.1 Programming fundamentals 2.2.2 Data types 2.2.3 Additional programming techniques	
	Component 1 Examination content Knowledge and understanding 50% of course content	1.4 Network security 1.4.1 Threats to computer systems and networks 1.4.2 Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities 1.5 Systems software 1.5.1 Operating systems 1.5.2 Utility software	
		End of Year Assessment	



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	UNIT	KEY THEMES OF EACH LESSON
1	Component 1 Examination content Knowledge and understanding 50% of course content	 1.2 Memory and storage 1.2.4 Data storage 1.2.5 Compression 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology 1.6.1 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impact
		Mid-Year Assessment
	Component 2 Examination content Knowledge and understanding 50% of course content	2.3 Producing robust programs 2.3.1 Defensive design 2.3.2 Testing 2.4 Boolean logic 2.4.1 Boolean logic 2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments 2.5.1 Languages 2.5.2 The Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
		End of Year Assessment