

Year 8 LONG-TERM SEQUENCE for ICT/Computing



The curriculum for this stage of students' education has been designed to help the transition from year 7 computing while focusing on improving student's digital literacy, and introducing the core concepts of programming in a text-based programming language. Students will learn how to use the computer systems at Bishop Milner appropriately and be able to utilise a range of applications to meet set criteria.

Half Term 1:

Developing for the web STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- How websites are structured and written using HTML
- How to use a variety of HTML tags to tailor a website look
- How to use CSS to add style to websites
- How search engines and web crawlers work.

How this will be assessed:

Students will create a website which will be assessed against a rubric.

Half Term 4

Media: Vector graphics STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- How to design graphics using vector graphic editing software.
- The processes involved in creating logo's and icons
- To use layering and math manipulation

How this will be assessed:

Students will take a multiple-choice summative assessment at the end of the unit and their work will be assessed against a rubric.

Half Term 2

Representations: From clay to silicon STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- How information has been represented across the world through time
- How computers store and work with binary data
- How to convert numbers between binary and decimal and vice versa.

How this will be assessed:

Students will take a multiple-choice summative assessment at the end of the unit.

Half Term 5

Computing Systems STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- The different type of programs from applications to operating systems
- The physical components which store and execute programs
- How binary building blocks are the foundation of computer systems

How this will be assessed:

Students will take a multiple-choice summative assessment at the end of the unit.

Half Term 3

Mobile app development STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- How programs use events to function
- How to create a mobile app using block-based code
- How to work collaboratively with peers to work on a code-based project. .

How this will be assessed:

Students will take a multiple-choice summative assessment at the end of the unit and their pair-project work will be assessed against a rubric.

Half Term 6

Introduction to Python programming STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- The basic steps of running a text-based programming language
- How to use selection, sequence and iteration in Python
- How to debug code with regards to syntax and data types

How this will be assessed:

Students will take a multiple-choice summative assessment at the end of the unit.

Embedding this knowledge can be supported at home by cross curricular experiences as well as developing computational thinking skills by use of programs like Codeacademy and code.org.