

YEAR 8, Networks and Hardware (Term 1), ICT and Computing (Tech Fac)

Rationale and Context of Unit:	Core curriculum content:	Tier 2 & Tier 3 vocabulary explicitly taught:
<p>Thus far, students have covered basic computer skills, basic and further coding skills. This unit focusses on the applying those skills and looking at how Networks and Hardware fit in with coding. The rest of Year 8 after this unit focusses on the multimedia aspects and then Year 9 brings all of that together.</p> <p>In Key Stage 3 students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the hardware and software components that make up computer systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems • 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 digits • understand how numbers can be represented in binary, and be able to carry out simple operations on binary numbers [for example, binary addition, and conversion between binary and decimal] <p>We cover the above points in this unit. This unit builds upon knowledge learned in the coding units.</p>	<p>Students are taught: Computer and Network protocols, networking hardware, the difference between wireless and wired networks, the internet (how it works and its services) and the World Wide Web.</p> <p>This knowledge will need to be applied if a student takes the KS4 Computer Science course.</p> <p>If a student is interested in a career in coding, programming or being an IT technician, this unit will further their coding skills and introduce them to other types of coding and show them where that fits in with hardware.</p>	<p>Router (3) Bandwidth (3) Spam (3)</p> <p><i>NB. Each lesson has a key words list to accompany the students' learning and more words may be explicitly taught than the above but these are obligatory.</i></p>

Challenge and Support:	World wide learning/ links to 21st century:	Cultural capital/ Industry/ Enrichment:
<p>Each lesson has EDSM descriptors and there are tasks in each lesson which target HAPs.</p> <p>This scheme gives students the opportunity to extend their knowledge of how computers form networks and the hardware required for this. There are extension tasks for HPAs throughout the unit.</p> <p>Students will be taught how to change the colours of documents. A list of key words/ word bank is available for every lesson with definitions.</p> <p>Tasks are chunked with step by step instructions and the lessons powerpoints are saved on the public area. Students who need to, can save a copy to their areas so they can refer back to it. They can print the document if needed and make notes (or do this electronically).</p> <p>Extra help guides are also available in both electronic and printed out formats for various pieces of software.</p> <p>Writing frames / bullet points to support learners with extended writing tasks.</p> <p>Students are given plenty of time (a fortnight) to complete any homework tasks. They are encouraged to complete this at lunchtime or at homework club, giving them access to computers, if they do not have IT access at home.</p>	<p>Each lesson has either a ‘real life link’ or a ‘link to careers’ section, depending on which one is relevant to the lesson.</p> <p>Students use all sorts of technology in their lives, so we look at how their phone really connects to the internet, why sometimes this doesn’t work. How we used to send messages and what it takes for data to be sent across a network.</p> <p>We look at how the Internet came to be.</p>	<p>Students have an opportunity to look at the history of communication and how this has developed over times. How we connect now is a lot different to how we used to connect.</p> <p>Careers link on each lesson provides a prompt for students to go and research that particular career.</p>

<p>Lessons will be further differentiated in accordance with SEND and PP passports. Seating plans will be annotated based on passports.</p> <p>To support SEND students further, scaffolding, cognitive and metacognitive strategies, explicit Instruction and flexible grouping are used, along with the aid of technology.</p>		
<p>Historical, Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural context:</p>	<p>Cross curricular links/ literacy/numeracy:</p>	<p>Common misconceptions:</p>
<p>See previous.</p>	<p>Links to CC – talking about whether constant communication is good for us</p> <p>Opportunities to read out aloud in class from information on lesson powerpoints.</p>	<p>Explaining HOW Wi-fi works. How emails are sent. Students usually take these for granted and do not think about the technology behind these things and how they actually function.</p>
<p>Assessment timeline:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills will be assessed on a lesson by lesson basis using AB tutor to monitor students’ progress with the development of their computer science skills. • Quiz at start of unit and at end • There is a quiz at the end at the end of the unit to test theoretical knowledge of file formats, software terminology etc. Mini quizzes after each lesson to test knowledge • All lessons show examples of what students are aiming for • EDSM criteria included in all lessons so students can self-assess each lesson • Assessment scores will be converted into end of unit percentages. A spreadsheet will be generated for every single student and every single answer they gave so I can see which questions / topics they have struggled with and take that into the next unit / recap. 		

Home learning

HMK focusses on PiXL unlock sheets and literacy tasks. One HMK is given per term in KS3 for IT.

Further reading / watching:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh4whyc/revision/1>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zi88jty/revision/1>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/znttng8/revision/1>

Feedback

In KS3, marking is via self-marking google quizzes. Students will have at least two of these per unit. (Mid unit and end of unit)

Feedback for HMK is given via google classrooms. There is one HMK per term.

Class discussions used regularly. Online Quizzes. Test buddy feedback (peer assessment) used in class with criteria.

Length of unit (duration indicated in lessons)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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