## **Computer Science Unit Overview Year 7**

|                                   | Computer Science -   | Year 7 Half Term 1 Collaborati  | ng online respectfully  |  |
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| What are we learning?             | What knowledge,<br>understanding and skills will<br>we gain?   | What does mastery look like?  | How does this build on prior learning?  | What additional resources are available?   |
| Collaborating online respectfully | Create a memorable and secure password for an account on the school     Remember the rules of the computing room      Find personal documents and common applications     Recognise a respectful email     Construct an effective email and send it to the correct recipients      Describe how to communicate with peers online | This is the first lesson that Year 7 will experience in the computing lab. It is important that they know how to log on, create a secure password, and follow the rules that keep them safe.  Learners should know the common applications that are available on the school network.  Learners should know that email is one tool for online communication. There are lots of ways in which learners can communicate with teachers electronically and learners should be respectful at all times.  This lesson digs deeper into online communication and shows learners how to make positive contributions to their online community. The key word here is support. The school is a community and | From KS2, linked learning students should have the learnt how to:  • understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration  • use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content  • select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting | www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying www.ditchthelabel.org www.canva.com/colors/color- wheel/www.unsplash.com |
|                                   |  | we should all be here to look<br>out for each other and support<br>each other. If learners witness<br>anything that makes them feel   | data and information  use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly;  |  |

|   |   | uncomfortable, then they          | recognise                   |  |
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|   |   | should report it. Witnesses       | acceptable/unacceptable     |  |
|   |   | have an important role to play    | behaviour; identify a range |  |
|   |   | here. Learners should support     | of ways to report concerns  |  |
|   |   | and protect their peers by        | about content and contact.  |  |
|   |   | reporting unacceptable            |                             |  |
|   |   | behaviour.                        |                             |  |
|   |   | Learners will explore specific    |                             |  |
|   |   | characteristics of their          |                             |  |
|   |   | audience: rather than just        |                             |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Describe cyberbullying</li> </ul>    | saying 'children' or 'teenagers', |                             |  |
| • | <ul> <li>Explain the effects of</li> </ul>    | they should build a character     |                             |  |
|   | cyberbullying                                 | in their minds. This will help    |                             |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Check who you are talking</li> </ul> | them tailor their presentations   |                             |  |
|   | to online                                     | to the right audience. Learners   |                             |  |
|   |   | will explore the effects of       |                             |  |
|   |   | cyberbullying and the long-       |                             |  |
|   |   | term impacts.                     |                             |  |

|   | Computer Science -  | Year 7 Half Term 2 Networks:   | from semaphores to the Interne   | t   |
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| What are we learning?                     | What knowledge,<br>understanding and skills<br>will we gain?  | What does mastery look like?   | How does this build on prior learning?   | What additional resources are available?  |
| Networks: from semaphores to the Internet | <ul> <li>Define what a computer network is and explain how data is transmitted</li> <li>Define 'protocol' and provide examples of non-networking protocols</li> </ul> | This lesson will get the learners thinking about the history of different communication methods.  Learners will learn what a computer network is, along with the meaning of the word 'protocol'. Learners will gain an appreciation of the growth of networked devices.  Learners will identify different greeting protocols and use a series of protocol commands in a 'climber/belayer' scenario to ensure that the climber ascends safely. Finally, learners will make a connection between nonnetworking and networking protocols. | From KS2, linked learning students should have the learnt how to:  • understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration | www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z36nb9q/revision/2 www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/content/benefits- computer-networks www.speedtest.net www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxcc6ycZ73M www.submarinecablemap.com www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewrBalT_eBM lifehacks.io/facts-about-the-internet www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTM9GA-4nBA seotribunal.com/blog/google-stats-and-facts www.bbc.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk www.lifewire.com/most-common-tlds-internet-domain-extensions-817511 www.yougetsignal.com/tools/network-location |
|   | List examples of the<br>hardware necessary for<br>connecting devices to<br>networks   | This lesson explores the functionality of key hardware components found in a network. The lesson covers network cables, hubs, servers and routers. Each is explained in turn, and learners then use their knowledge of each component to build a series  |  |   |

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|   | of increasingly complicated                    |  |
|   | network diagrams.                              |  |
|   | This lesson explores the                       |  |
|   | different wireless                             |  |
|   | technologies, and how                          |  |
|   | bandwidth varies between                       |  |
| • Compare wired to                      | these technologies. Learners                   |  |
| Compare wired to                        | will discuss the mobile                        |  |
| wireless connections                    | technologies of 3G, 4G, and                    |  |
| and list examples of                    | 5G. Learners will develop an                   |  |
| specific technologies                   | understanding of the term                      |  |
| currently used to                       | 'bandwidth' and test the                       |  |
| implement such                          | performance of their own                       |  |
| connections                             | internet connection. Learners                  |  |
| <ul> <li>Define 'bandwidth',</li> </ul> | will also develop an                           |  |
| using the appropriate                   | appreciation for online                        |  |
| units for measuring the                 | activities that are bandwidth-                 |  |
| rate at which data is                   | heavy, before moving on to                     |  |
| transmitted, and                        | explore the advantages and                     |  |
| discuss familiar                        | disadvantages of wired and                     |  |
| examples where                          | wireless networks. By the end                  |  |
| bandwidth is important                  | of the lesson, learners should                 |  |
|   | be able to identify whether a                  |  |
|   | wired or wireless network                      |  |
|   | should be used in a number                     |  |
|   | of given scenarios.                            |  |
|   | This lesson explores the                       |  |
| <ul> <li>Define what the</li> </ul>     | internet and its uses. Learners                |  |
| internet is                             | will explain the internet and                  |  |
| <ul> <li>Explain how data</li> </ul>    | its history. Learners will gain                |  |
| travels between                         | an appreciation of the                         |  |
| computers across the                    | vastness of the internet.                      |  |
| internet                                | Learners will explain how                      |  |
| <ul> <li>Describe key words</li> </ul>  | messages can be successfully                   |  |
| such as 'protocols',                    | sent from one device to                        |  |
| 'packets', and                          | another across the planet in                   |  |
| 'addressing'                            | under a second using packets                   |  |
|   | ander a second using packets                   |  |

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|              |                         | and IP addresses. Learners         |  |
|              |                         | will develop an understanding      |  |
|              |                         | of packet structure and            |  |
|              |                         | packet switching. The term         |  |
|              |                         | 'protocol' will be revisited,      |  |
|              |                         | and two particular protocols,      |  |
|              |                         | TCP and IP, will be explained.     |  |
|              |                         | This lesson explores the           |  |
|              |                         | internet, its services, and the    |  |
| •            | Explain the difference  | World Wide Web. Learners           |  |
|              | between the internet,   | will understand the difference     |  |
|              | its services, and the   | between the internet and the       |  |
|              | World Wide Web          | World Wide Web and how             |  |
| •            | Describe how services   | each came about. They will         |  |
|              | are provided over the   | understand that the activity       |  |
|              | internet                | on the internet in a single        |  |
| •            | List some of these      | minute is quite staggering.        |  |
|              | services and the        | Learners will also understand      |  |
|              | context in which they   | that many different services       |  |
|              | are used                | are provided across the            |  |
| •            | Explain the term        | internet. Email and Voice over     |  |
|              | 'connectivity' as the   | Internet Protocol (VoIP) will      |  |
|              | capacity for connected  | be explained. The term             |  |
|              | devices ('Internet of   | 'Internet of Things (IoT)' will    |  |
|              | Things') to collect and | be explored. Learners will         |  |
|              | share information       | understand that the internet       |  |
|              | about me with or        | can be integrated into             |  |
|              | without my knowledge    | anything to make it smarter.       |  |
|              | (including              | Learners will discuss the          |  |
|              | microphones, cameras,   | predicted growth of this area      |  |
|              | and geolocation)        | and review smart home IoT          |  |
| •            | Describe how internet-  | devices. Learners will discuss     |  |
|              | connected devices can   | the advantages of IoT, as well     |  |
|              | affect me               | as the disadvantages,              |  |
|              |                         |                                    |  |
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|              |                         | focussing on privacy and security. |  |

|  | Describe components<br>(servers, browsers,<br>pages, HTTP and HTTPS<br>protocols, etc.) and<br>how they work<br>together | This lesson explores the World Wide Web (WWW), the components that are associated with the WWW, and how they work together. First, learners will look at a series of images and identify how they can be grouped into web browsers, web pages, and search engines. Next, the key components of the WWW are explained (browser, server, web pages, and search engines). Learners will develop an understanding of the difference between HTTP and HTTPS protocols. Learners will also gain an understanding of URLs and their structures. Next, learners will discuss the domain name system and the relationship between IP address and domain name, then complete an activity in which they have to identify the 'type' of organisation from a website URL. Learners will identify which websites should use HTTP and which should use HTTPS based on the type of activity that they support. |  |  |
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|                             | Computer S   | Science - Year 7 Half Term 3 Ga   | ining support for a cause   |   |
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| What are we learning?       | What knowledge,<br>understanding and skills<br>will we gain?   | What does mastery look like?  | How does this build on prior learning?  | What additional resources are available?              |
| Gaining support for a cause | <ul> <li>Select the most appropriate software to use to complete a task</li> <li>Identify the key features of a word processor</li> <li>Apply the key features of a word processor to format a document</li> <li>Evaluate formatting techniques to understand why we format documents</li> <li>Select appropriate images for a given context</li> <li>Apply appropriate formatting techniques</li> <li>Demonstrate an understanding of licensing issues involving online content by applying appropriate Creative Commons licences</li> <li>Demonstrate the ability to credit the original source of an image</li> </ul> | Learners will understand that each software application has a different purpose. Next, learners will use word processing software to explore a range of formatting tools, and then they will be given a document to format using these tools.  Learners will build on the document that they formatted last lesson and will add appropriate images to it, applying relevant formatting techniques. Learners will look at a selection of images and discuss which image they think would be appropriate for the given scenarios. Next, learners will be introduced to copyright law, and then they will watch a video about Creative Commons licensing. Learners will allocate the appropriate | From KS2, linked learning students should have the learnt how to:  • use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content  • select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information | www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0VzUigrb_g&feature =emb_logo |

|   |   | Creative Commons licence in       |  |
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|   |   | the given scenarios.              |  |
|   |   | Learners will understand that     |  |
|   |   | not all information found on      |  |
| • | Critique digital content                    | the internet is reliable or       |  |
|   | for credibility                             | trustworthy. Learners will look   |  |
|   |   | at techniques to use to help      |  |
| • | order to identify                           | determine the credibility of a    |  |
|   | whether or not a                            | source, and then apply these      |  |
|   | source is credible                          | skills by writing an article that |  |
|   | source is credible                          | could be real or fake. Learners   |  |
|   |   | will determine whether or not     |  |
|   |   | articles are credible.            |  |
|   |   | Building on the concepts          |  |
|   |   | covered in the previous two       |  |
|   | A multi-verfe vergeine                      | lessons, the learners will be     |  |
| • | Apply referencing                           | introduced to the concept of      |  |
|   | techniques and                              | plagiarism. Learners will spend   |  |
|   | understand the                              | time looking at blog posts to     |  |
|   | concept of plagiarism                       | evaluate their layout and         |  |
| • | Evaluate online sources for use in own work | content, then they will           |  |
|   |   | research their own cause and      |  |
|   |   | justify the credibility of their  |  |
|   |   | sources.                          |  |
| • | Organise the content of                     |                                   |  |
|   | the blog based on                           | Learners will create their blog   |  |
|   | credible sources                            | using a software package.         |  |
| • | Construct a blog using                      |                                   |  |
|   | appropriate software                        |                                   |  |
| • |   |                                   |  |
|   | blog based on credible                      |                                   |  |
|   | sources                                     | Learners will create their blog   |  |
| • |   | using a software package.         |  |
|   | techniques that credit                      | as a serial e pasiage.            |  |
|   | authors appropriately                       |                                   |  |
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| • | the content to make it                      |                                   |  |
|   | the content to make It                      |                                   |  |

| suitable for the |  |  |
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| audience         |  |  |

|                       | Computer S  | Science - Year 7 Half Term 4 Pro   | gramming I  |  |
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| What are we learning? | What knowledge,<br>understanding and skills will<br>we gain?  | What does mastery look like?   | How does this build on prior learning?  | What additional resources are available?   |
| Scratch Programming I | <ul> <li>Compare how humans and computers understand instructions (understand and carry out)</li> <li>Define a sequence as instructions performed in order, with each executed in turn</li> <li>Predict the outcome of a simple sequence</li> <li>Modify a sequence</li> <li>Define a variable as a name that refers to data being stored by the computer</li> <li>Recognise that computers follow the control flow of input/process/output</li> <li>Predict the outcome of a simple sequence that includes variables</li> <li>Trace the values of variables within a sequence</li> <li>Make a sequence that includes a variable</li> </ul> | Learners will understand the precise nature of instructions that computers need to execute. Learners will place blocks of code into the appropriate subroutines so that their program will run correctly.  learners will understand variables. Learners will predict, run, investigate, and modify scratch programs using variables. Learners will trace the value of a variable in an algorithm.  learners will understand selection statements and | From KS2, linked learning students should have the learnt how to:  • design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts  • use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output  • use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs | ■ scratch.mit.edu ■ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Five_Little_Ducks ■ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_bug |
|                       | expression that will be evaluated as either true or false   | explain how they can be used<br>to control the flow of a<br>program. Learners will<br>understand expressions that  |   |  |

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|   | Identify that selection uses | evaluate to 'true' or 'false'.     |   |
|   | conditions to control the    | Learners will rearrange code to    |   |
|   | flow of a sequence           | form a working program using       |   |
| • | Identify where selection     | selection.                         |   |
|   | statements can be used in    |                                    |   |
|   | a program                    |                                    |   |
|   | Modify a program to          |                                    |   |
|   | include selection            |                                    |   |
|   | Create conditions that use   |                                    |   |
|   | comparison operators         | Learners will use logical and      |   |
|   | (>,<,=)                      | comparison operators in            |   |
|   | Create conditions that use   | selection statements. Learners     |   |
|   |                              | will predict what programs will    |   |
|   | logic operators              | output given different inputs.     |   |
|   | (and/or/not)                 | Learners must decode selection     |   |
|   | Identify where selection     | statements and evaluate to         |   |
|   | statements can be used in    | 'true' or 'false'. Learners will   |   |
|   | a program that include       | then build a 'Brain game'          |   |
|   | comparison and logical       | Scratch program by adding new      |   |
|   | operators                    | questions to subroutines.          |   |
| • |                              | questions to subroutines.          |   |
|   |                              | Learners will explain the          |   |
|   |                              | concept of iteration, specifically |   |
| • | Define iteration as a group  | focused on count-controlled        |   |
|   | of instructions that are     | iteration. Learners will spot      |   |
|   | repeatedly executed          | patterns and repetition in pre-    |   |
| • | Describe the need for        | existing programs. Learners will   |   |
|   | iteration                    | take inefficient programs and      |   |
| • | Identify where count-        | add iteration to make it more      |   |
|   | controlled iteration can be  | efficient. Learners will create a  |   |
|   | used in a program            | Scratch version of the nursery     |   |
|   |                              | rhyme Ten Green Bottles using      |   |
|   | Implement count-             | count-controlled iteration.        |   |
|   | controlled iteration in a    |                                    |   |
|   | program                      | Learners will explain the          |   |
|   | Detect and correct errors in | concept of debugging and they      |   |
|   | a program (debugging)        | will debug a program. Learners     |   |
|   |                              | will trace the value of the        |   |
|   |                              | variables to debug programs.       |   |

| Independently design and    | The main activity for the lesson |
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| apply programming           | will be learners' main           |
| constructs to solve a       | summative assessment task        |
| problem (subroutine,        | where they are required to       |
| selection, count-controlled | independently work through       |
| iteration, operators, and   | tasks to complete a dance        |
| variables)                  | move game.                       |

|                        | Computer S   | cience - Year 7 Half Term 5 Pro  | gramming II   |  |
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| What are we learning?  | What knowledge,<br>understanding and skills will<br>we gain?   | What does mastery look like?   | How does this build on prior learning?  | What additional resources are available?   |
| Scratch Programming II | <ul> <li>Define a subroutine as a group of instructions that will run when called by the main program or other subroutines</li> <li>Define decomposition as breaking a problem down into smaller, more manageable subproblems</li> <li>Identify how subroutines can be used for decomposition</li> <li>Identify where condition-controlled iteration can be used in a program</li> <li>Implement condition-controlled iteration in a program</li> <li>Evaluate which type of iteration is required in a program</li> </ul> | Learners will explain subroutines. Learners will create a dance battle game by decomposing dance moves and creating subroutines for each move.  Learners will explain the concept of condition-controlled loops. Learners will predict, run, investigate, and modify code in order to build condition-controlled loops and a successful program.  Learners will apply each type of iteration available to them in Scratch. Learners will identify the correct iteration type to use in different scenarios. Learners will implement iteration in their own programs as they start to develop them. | From KS2, linked learning students should have the learnt how to:  • design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts  • use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output  • use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs | ■ scratch.mit.edu ■ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Five_Little_Ducks ■ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_bug |
|                        | Define a list as a collection<br>of related elements that  | Learners explain the concept of a list and how data is stored by indexing values. Learners use   |   |  |

| are referred to by a single | their investigative skills to     |  |
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| name                        | discover the essential tools that |  |
| Describe the need for lists | Scratch can offer surrounding     |  |
| Decompose a larger          | lists.                            |  |
| problem into smaller        |                                   |  |
| subproblems                 |                                   |  |
| Apply appropriate           |                                   |  |
| constructs to solve a       |                                   |  |
| problem                     |                                   |  |

|                       | Computer  | Science - Year 7 Half Term 6 Sp  | readsheets   |  |
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| What are we learning? | What knowledge,<br>understanding and skills will<br>we gain?  | What does mastery look like?   | How does this build on prior learning?   | What additional resources are available? |
| Spreadsheets          | <ul> <li>Identify columns, rows, cells, and cell references in spreadsheet software</li> <li>Use formatting techniques in a spreadsheet</li> <li>Use basic formulas with cell references to perform calculations in a spreadsheet (+, -, *, /)</li> <li>Use the autofill tool to replicate cell data</li> <li>Explain the difference</li> </ul> | Learners can explain the concept of spreadsheets and why spreadsheets are useful.  Learners can navigate a spreadsheet via its rows and columns, and can use the cell referencing system. Learners can locate and select ranges of cells and change cells' background colour and border properties.  learners can enter text into cells of a spreadsheet. Learners will perform calculations on the data using basic formulas and cell references. Learners will apply the autofill tool to duplicate cells and continue a linear pattern. Learners will combine the autofill tool with basic formulas to quickly populate a results column with calculations. | From KS2, linked learning students should have the learnt how to:  • design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts  • use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs  • select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, |  |
|                       | <ul> <li>between data and information</li> <li>Explain the difference between primary and secondary sources of data</li> <li>Collect data</li> </ul>  | Learners will explain the difference between data and information. Learners will explain the difference between primary and secondary sources of data. Learners will design a  | evaluating and presenting data and information   |  |

|              |  | survey to collect some data of    |
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|              |  | their own for use.                |
| in a spread  | Construction   | learners will apply functions to  |
|              | Create appropriate charts     in a spreadchast   | analyse data in a spreadsheet.    |
|              | <ul> <li>in a spreadsheet</li> <li>Use the functions SUM,<br/>COUNTA, MAX, and MIN in</li> </ul> | Learners will create charts from  |
|              |  | data. Learners will apply four    |
|              |  | functions: SUM, MAX, MIN, and     |
|              | a spreadsheet  | COUNTA.                           |
|              |  | Learners will apply 3 additional  |
| Analyse data | Analyse data   | functions: COUNTIF, AVERAGE,      |
|              | <ul> <li>Use a spreadsheet to sort</li> </ul>  | and IF. Learners will use these   |
| and filter d | and filter data  | functions to sort and filter a    |
|              | <ul> <li>Use the functions</li> </ul>  | spreadsheet. Learners will work   |
| AVE          | AVERAGE, COUNTIF, and IF   | on a larger data set to be        |
|              | in a spreadsheet   | familiar with using large sets of |
|              | •  | data. Learners will analyse real- |
|              |  | world data using spreadsheets.    |
|              | Use conditional formatting   |                                   |
|              | in a spreadsheet   | Learners will apply conditional   |
|              | Apply all of the   | formatting using rules the        |
|              | spreadsheet skills covered   | learners themselves set.          |
|              | in this unit   |                                   |