

GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE



Things to consider...

- ▶ **Less practical and more theory based.**
- ▶ **Very challenging. One of the hardest GCSE subjects. (not for everyone).**
- ▶ **You need to enjoy and be good at Maths.**
- ▶ **Its about understanding how computers work.**
- ▶ **A big chunk of the course involves creating algorithms and programming.**
- ▶ **100% written examination. No coursework.**

What will you study?

Content

Computer systems (Component 01)

Systems architecture
Memory and storage
Computer networks and protocols
Network security
Systems software
Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology



Computational thinking Algorithms & programming (Component 02)

Algorithms
Programming fundamentals
Producing robust programs
Boolean logic
Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments

How the course is structured

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2 components

Component 1: Computer Systems -worth 50%

Component 2: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming -worth 50%

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