

# **Key Stage 4 Options**

## Computer Science Pearson Edexcel GCSE 1CP2



## 10 reasons why to choose Computer Science?

#### **Reason 1**

You will develop your creative, analytical, problem solving and logical reasoning skills.

#### Reason 2

Learn to code and create concise programs.

#### **Reason 3**

Learn and use programming software and services.

#### **Reason 4**

**Evaluate** the security issues and suitability of different computer networks in a given scenario.

#### Reason 4

**Explore** the developing ethics and legal issues of using digital technologies.

#### Reason 5

The future possibilities are unlimited (only going to become more important!)

#### Reason 6

Understand how the internet works and sends data across the globe.

#### Reason 7

Develop your Cyber Security skills and understanding

#### Reason 8

Explore how digital technology is used in a variety of industries.

#### Reason 9

Studying how the computer receives data and turns it into information

#### Reason 10

It will prepare you for further study in Sixth Form to take Computer Science



## What skills do I need for Computer Science?

**Interested in Technology** 

**Able to solve problems** 

Creative

**Patience** 

Resilience

Logical

**Perseverance** 

**Good at maths** 

**Interested in Programming** 



## Course Overview The course is comprised of 2 components:

### **Component 1**

**Principles of Computer Science** 

**Written Exam** 

You will learn what algorithms are, how they are used and how they work. You will also explore data, computers, networks and the issues surrounding technology

## **Component 2**

Application of Computational Thinking

**Practical Exam** 

You will <u>design</u>, <u>write</u>, <u>test</u> and <u>refine</u> programs in order to solve problems using an <u>onscreen environment</u>



### **Assessment**



**Computational Thinking and programming skills** 



75 Marks

50% of the final mark

Marked by external assessor

Your will have a series of assessment points to track your progress

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For more information please speak to your Year 9 teacher

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