

## **Computing Department**

The Computing department at present is made up of two full time specialists both with degrees in Computing and Masters level qualifications. There are contributions from a number of teachers who teach as a second subject in Key Stage 3. We also have a department apprentice dedicated to supporting teachers across all key stages. Following the promotion of James Rice to be head of department in another school, we are looking for a replacement who will be similarly highly-qualified.

### **KS3**

One discrete computing lesson a fortnight is delivered to Years 7 and 8 and 2 per fortnight to Year 9. An online set of resources to accompany schemes of work is available to view on our VLE. A great deal of development has taken place in recent years and we have been teaching a multimedia curriculum since 2011. We regularly develop new resources and each year our schemes of work are adapted and updated.

### **KS4**

We offer OCR GCSE Computing and Edexcel CiDA NG units as an option to Key Stage 4 pupils. We have outstanding results in CIDA (100% pass rate for the last 5 years with a very high percentage of A\* students). We have excellent results in Computing (100% pass rate). Our student numbers have grown significantly.

### **KS5**

We offer the OCR Computer Science A level and Edexcel BTEC L3 in Creative Media (Games Development). Our BTEC students had outstanding results and 60% of our computing students chose to pursue a degree in computer science at University. Our KS5 provision is excellent, catering for a wide range of students and our numbers increase each year.

### **Infrastructure**

We are a very well resourced department with access to a large range of equipment and to computers across the school including three departmental teaching rooms. Our IT support is excellent.

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