



Computing/ICT Department Information

Staffing

- Three full time teachers and two part-time teachers

Responsibilities within the Computing/ICT Department

- The Head of Computing/ICT (also Head of Faculty)
- The Head of Computing/ICT is responsible for the vision and ethos of the area, curriculum and examination policy, monitoring standards of teaching and learning, liaison with senior leaders, staff issues (including staff development), finance and discipline of students.

Curricular Policy (as of September 2017)

a) Key Stage 3 (Years 7-8)

- Students spend one lesson a week studying a curriculum covering both Computing and ICT.

b) Key Stage 3 (Year 9)

- Students can opt to take either computer science or Vocational ICT as an option. They spend two lessons per week studying their chosen subject.

b) Key Stage 4 (Years 10 - 11)

- Students study for three lessons in a week in Year 10
- Students study for three lessons in a week in Year 11

c) Years 12 and 13

- Timetable provision is four lessons per week in Year 12 and 13.

Setting

In all Year groups students are taught in mixed ability groups.

Courses

At Key Stage 4 there are currently two different courses offered:

- OCR Computer Science GCSE is also offered as an option subject
- Vocational ICT is offered as an option subject – currently Cambridge National Creative iMedia

At Key Stage 5 there are two different courses running:

- Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in IT
- Cambridge Technical Diploma in IT

Examination

The Department has a record of examination success at all levels and has sent many students on to higher education. We are currently in the top 25% of providers nationally at Key Stage 5 for vocational courses. This is a success record that has been consistent over time.

Departmental Accommodation

- A suite of four specialist classrooms each offering 30 PCs and printing facilities.
- All classrooms have interactive whiteboards and speakers.
- All full-time staff have their own teaching room.

