

Topic	Key Knowledge	Key Skills	Assessment Opportunities
	What will all students KNOW by the end of the topic?	What key skills will be learnt/developed by the end of	What are the key pieces of
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		end of the topic?	assessed?
Systems	Students will be able to:	Students will:	Students will be assessed by:
, architecture and			
Storage	Understand what the CPU of a computer does.	Begin to program in Python following the Try,	SLR 1 Student workbook
-	Know what major components of the CPU are.	Investigate, Make and Evaluate challenges and Defold	SLR 1 End of topic test
	Know the stages of the fetch, execute cycle.	2D games tutorials.	
	Understand the need for secondary storage.		
	Know the common types of storage.		
	Know the characteristics of storage devices.		
	Understand the suitability of storage devices for given		
	applications.		
	Understand the advantages and disadvantages of		
	devices based on their characteristics		
	Know what is meant by the term		
	"embedded system."		
	Know several examples of embedded systems.		
	Know what a microcontroller is		
Systems	Students will be able to:	Students will:	Students will be assessed by:
Software			······
	Understand the need for operating systems.	Continue programming in Python following the Try,	SLR 2 Student workbook
	Understand the functions of operating systems.	Investigate, Make and Evaluate challenges and Defold	SLR 2 End-of-topic test
	Understand how the operating system handles the	2D games tutorials.	SLR 3 Student workbook – part 1
	management of the processor(s).		SLR 3 End-of-topic test – part 1
	Understand how the operating system handles. the		
	management of the memory.		
	Understand how scheduling works.		

	Understand what a device driver is. Understand the need for virtual memory. Understand how the operating system handles file management. Understand how the operating system handles user permissions. Understand how the operating system handles user management. Understand anti-malware utilities. Understand defragmentation utilities. Understand data compression utilities. Understand backup utilities.		
Data Representation	Students will be able to: Understand why computers systems use binary to store data. Understand that computers use binary to represent many different types of data and instructions. Understand number bases: Denary (base 10), Binary (base 2), Hexadecimal (base 16) Explain why hexadecimal is often used in computer science. Understand how binary can be used to represent whole numbers. Under how hexadecimal can be used to represent whole numbers. Understand how Two's complement can be used to represent both positive and negative integers in binary. Understand what binary shift achieves and their	Students will: Continue programming in Python following the Try, Investigate, Make and Evaluate challenges and Defold 2D games tutorials. Know how to convert denary whole numbers (0 to 255 and -128 to +127) into 8-bit binary numbers and vice versa. Know how to convert binary whole numbers (0 to 255 and -128 to +127) into hexadecimal. Know how to convert denary whole numbers (0 to 255 and -128 to +127) into hexadecimal. Know how to add together up to two 8-bit binary numbers. Know how to perform a left and right logical binary shift and how to perform a left and right arithmetic binary shift.	Students will be assessed by: SLR 3 Student workbook – part 2 SLR 3 End-of-topic test – part 2

	Understand what is meant by the terms bit, nibble, byte, kibibyte, mebibyte, gibibyte and tebibyte.	Know how to represent the capacity of data storage using these units and be able to convert between them.	
Computer Networks.	Students will be able to:	Students will:	Students will be assessed by:
protocols and layers	Know what is meant by a 'computer network'. Know the different types of networks: LAN and WAN. Understand the advantages / disadvantages of networking. Understand what the internet is. Understand what IP address is. Understand what routers are and why they are important. Understand what packets are and what sort of information packet headers contain. Understand that Ethernet is a wired method of connection. Understand that Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, RFID/NFC and ZigBee are wireless methods of connection. Understand the benefits and drawbacks of wired versus wireless connections. Know what factors affect the performance of networks. Understand the importance of 9 common protocols and what they are used for. Know why protocols are layered. Understand the four layers that make up the TCP/IP protocol model. Know what star, bus, mesh networks are.	Continue programming in Python following the Try, Investigate, Make and Evaluate challenges and Defold 2D games tutorials. Be able to recommend a connection type for a given scenario. Understand how to construct expressions involving file size, transmission speed and time.	SLR 4 Student workbook SLR 4 End-of-topic test

Network and	Students will be able to:	Students will:	Students will be assessed by:
cybersecurity			
	Describe the main purpose of network security.	Continue programming in Python following the Try,	SLR 5 Student workbook
	Explain what penetration testing is and what it is used	Investigate, Make and Evaluate challenges and Defold	SLR 5 End-of-topic test
	for.	2D games tutorials.	
	Explain the difference between black-box and white-		
	box penetration testing.		
	Understand what an "ethical hacker" is.		
	Define the term malware and describe what malware		
	is and how it can be protected against.		
	Describe the following form of malware: Virus,		
	Worms, Trojans, Ransomware, Keylogger.		
	Describe what social engineering is and how it can be		
	protected against.		
	Explain the following form of social engineering:		
	Pretexting, Phishing.		
	Describe what social engineering is and how it can be		
	protected against.		
	Explain the following form of social engineering:		
	Baiting, Quid pro quo		
	Understand and be able to explain a range of security		
	measures, including Anti-malware, Encryption,		
	Acceptable use policies, Backup and recovery		
	procedures		

Ethical, legal and	Students will be able to:	Students will:	Students will be assessed by:
environmental			
issues	Understand the environmental impact of computers	Continue programming in Python following the Try,	LR 6 Student workbook
	in terms of: Manufacturing, Use, Disposal, Recycling	Investigate, Make and Evaluate challenges and Defold	SLR 6 End-of-topic test
	Know a range of things to consider beyond	2D games tutorials.	
	development when implementing new computer		
	systems.		
	Understand at least one ethical issue of digital		
	technology.		
	Know the principles of the Acts of Parliament:		
	Data Protection Act 2018, Computer Misuse Act 1990		
	Privacy and Electronics Communication Regulation		
	2003		
	Understand some of the legal impacts of computer		
	science and its related technologies.		
	Understand the difference between: Artificial		
	intelligence, Machine learning, Robotics		
	Understand the concepts of Accountability, Safety,		
	Algorithmic bias and Legal liability in relation to the		
	above topics.		
	Understand the term intellectual property.		
	Understand the following methods of protecting		
	intellectual property: Copyright, Patents, Licensing		
	Trademarks		
	Understand the difference between open source and		
	proprietary software		
Text adventure	Dedicated lessons for students to attempt an extended text-based space adventure game called Telium to consolidate coding completed so far.		
game			
Programming	Programming tasks include the creation and use of:		
skills	Functions, Parameters, Variables, Constants, Concatena	ation, selection (If, Else, Switch), number data types inc., I	ntegers & decimals, Casting, Random,
	string manipulation, iteration such as For, Foreach in, S	tep, While, input, Sanitisation & validation, arrays & lists,	use of serial files, try, catch, strip etc.