

<b>Subject: Computer Science</b>		
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## What's in the Course?

Exam 1 Computer Systems	Exam 2 Computational thinking, algorithms and programming	Programming Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems Architecture</li> <li>• Memory</li> <li>• Storage</li> <li>• Wired and wireless networks</li> <li>• Network topologies, protocols and layers</li> <li>• System security</li> <li>• System software</li> <li>• Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algorithms</li> <li>• Programming techniques</li> <li>• Producing robust programs</li> <li>• Computational logic</li> <li>• Translators and facilities of languages</li> <li>• Data representation</li> </ul>	Learn Python programming and complete a project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programming techniques</li> <li>• Analysis</li> <li>• Design</li> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Testing and evaluation and conclusions</li> </ul>

## Should I Choose GCSE Computer Science?

GCSE Computing is a direct follow on from the Entry Level Computer Science course you have been completing in Year 9. The topics and content are very similar, but presented at a much higher level.

- This is one of the most challenging GCSEs on offer. You need good maths skills and logical reasoning.
- DO choose it because you're interested in how computers work.
- DO choose it because you want to learn programming skills that are in huge demand in a wide range of careers at the moment.

***Want to do project based ICT that doesn't involve so much maths?  
Why not consider the CiDA option?***

Information about the Computer Science course is available at:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-computer-science-j276-from-2016/>