

Holly Lodge High School - OCR A level Computer Science (2021-2023)

The course will give students an understanding and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including: abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation. Students will be able to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so. This in turn will allow them to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically. It will enable students to develop the capacity to see relationships between different aspects of computer science whilst applying mathematical skills.

A LEVEL

Computer Science

Grade	Points
A*	56
Α	48
В	40
C	32
D	24
E	16
U	0

A level exams:

- 1. Computer systems 40% (2.5hrs)
- 2. Algorithms & programming 40% (2.5hrs)

- Revision and consolidation of learning

Mock exams

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science including to analyse problems in computational terms

- Elements of computational thinking

- Algorithms to solve problems and standard algorithms

Programming project completed

Data types, data structures and algorithms

YEAR 13

Mock exams

Transition Activity

Programming task

assessment

- Analysis of the problem
- Design of the solution
- Developing the solution
- Evaluation

AO3: Design, program and evaluate computer systems that solve problems, making reasoned judgements about these and presenting conclusions

Problem solving and programming

Programming project starts

YEAR 12

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation

- Software and software development
- The characteristics of contemporary processors, input, output and storage devices

Exchange data

Cultural Capital

- Cognitive and Problem **Solving Skills**
- Interpersonal Skills
- Employee workshops
- University Visits

Course Outcomes

This course will enable learners to progress to higher study or to progress directly to employment. This qualification is suitable for learners intending to pursue any career in which an understanding of technology is needed. The qualification is also suitable for any further study as part of a course of general education.

Size and Structure

A level (2 year course)

3 Components for study:

- 1. Computer systems (40%)
- 2. Algorithms & programming (40%)
- 3. Programming project (20%)

