



Dear Parent / Carer of

8th October 2018

Computer Science GCSE

I am writing to update you about your child's Computer Science GCSE.

The course content for this qualification has already been covered in previous years, leaving most of this year's Computing lessons free to cover the compulsory programming project (see below for more information) and some revision and exam preparation.

We have however managed to find some additional time each week for students who are not taking Triple Science. These additional triple science lesson each week have been replaced by an extra revision session of Computer Science and provides time to revise the course material already covered. This is only for students not doing triple science.

Students following Triple Science will not get this additional lesson each week so we will also provide some additional sessions for them - see below for more information.

We have provided additional resources that any student may use but we particularly encourage all Triple Science students to make full use of Google classroom resources during their revision time at home.

Can access Google classroom on a desktop or mobile device at:

- <https://classroom.google.com>
- Username : normal school username@highlearn.uk
- Password: Normal school password

All students taking Computer Science are aware of how to gain access because this tool is already being used in Computer Science lessons. Google classroom will be equipped with all the teaching materials from all lessons, including the extra revision sessions. These will include a range of resources, ranging from lesson PowerPoints to levelled practise questions and supporting videos for all examined components.

Computing Project

This year «Forename» will have to complete a programming project which is a compulsory component of the GCSE Computer Science course which is not assessed (ie does not form any part of the grade for this qualification). This is the same across all exam boards nationally for this subject and has been determined by the government. Students will not be awarded a grade for this project but are expected to complete it to the best of their ability. Students will have a minimum of 20 hours to complete the project. Whilst it is not assessed, completing this project will help students in the exam and give them real coding experience.

Students taking Triple Science hours will have additional timetabled sessions during academic review day and a set timetabled day during the PPE period in December to make sure they have the necessary 20 hours to complete this part of the course.

Yours sincerely

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