*"Those who can imagine anything, can create the impossible."* Alan Turing

The Computing Department is centred around equipping students for their future, regardless of the individual pathway they may decide to choose, ensuring that students are prepared for the challenge of a rapidly developing and changing technological world. We provide Quality First Teaching for all students and have high expectations for all our students including disadvantaged learners, high prior attaining and SEND students.

- One of the barriers for students can be a lack of self-belief in their ability to make strong academic progress. The Computing Department delivers positive praise to students through both verbal and written feedback, with the aim of building self-esteem. Throughout the Key Stages we offer clear routes for progression that include both academic and vocational pathways.

- All feedback (written and verbal) has a clear focus on improving and developing students' Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary. Staff will challenge any misconceptions relating to the definitions of key terms and will highlight spelling and grammatical errors.

- Staff will build in formative low stakes testing to ensure that progression is made and all students have the opportunity to maximise their achievement. This will develop students' resilience and consolidate their learning. These low stakes tests will inform smaller lunchtime intervention sessions where targeted revision takes place. Students and Parents are informed and provided with a revision timetable.

- The Computing Department will broaden our students' opportunities for experiences beyond the classroom. We work with Barclays to develop students understanding of apprenticeship programs and the world of work. We encourage students to participate in extra curricula clubs such as completing the IDEA award, and other competitions. Within lessons we include real life case studies and how topics relate to tasks within the workplace.

- For students who may struggle with access to resources the Computing Department provide opportunities for students to access resources at social times and after school. This can be utilised for homework and revision for any subject.

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