



Y9 IT & COMPUTING

PLATINUM	Express algorithms as flowcharts and written description. Accurately develop an algorithm into a flowchart and find ways to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. Demonstrate the use of pseudocode to solve a problem. Convert an algorithm into an accurate flowchart with only minor errors.	Create a program that can perform a range of mathematical calculations. Demonstrate the use of multiple data types within a single program. Demonstrate add to, amend, restructure and search a list. Be able to write an 'if — else if — else statement' independently. Be able to create a program using Python that uses more than 1 procedure or function in its operation.	To be able to explain the hexadecimal number system. To be able to convert hexadecimal to denary and vice versa up to 255. To be able to convert hexadecimal to binary and vice versa. To be able to explain the use of hexadecimal numbers to represent binary numbers.	Annotate the spreadsheet to demonstrate clear understanding of why I am using specific formula and functions. To be able to create a report based on queries. Complete all tasks without help. Annotate the database clearly explaining why you have taken those steps.	Identify input and output devices for more complex scenarios. Explain how characters are encoded using the ASCII system. Use an ASCII reference chart to convert a character into binary and its decimal equivalent.	I have successfully added some ActionScript to a button to create interaction. My plan is very clear and could be used by someone else to produce a very similar animation. I can explain why an animation I produced is suitable for a specific audience and purpose
GOLD	ldentify the sequence of actions to solve a problem. Determine the order of a sequence to correctly solve a problem. Develop an algorithm. create a comprehensive flowchart that describes a problem.	Create a program that performs calculations on 2 numbers. Write informative comments. Use appropriate datatypes. Restructure a list using the correct technique when programming using Python. Be able to write an 'if statement' program independently. Write a program in Python that requires a process to be repeated, therefore using iteration, independently.	Develop a logical, original cipher code and use this code to write an encrypted message. Convert positive denary whole numbers (0-255) into 8-bit binary numbers and vice versa. Learn a technique to help create a strong and memorable password to protect school work and online privacy.	Use If statements and conditional formatting when required. Create a chart with appropriate axis and labels. To know what data validation and data verification is and apply these rules to a database. Complete all tasks with some help. Added action buttons and hyperlinks to the presentation.	Perform simple binary arithmetic. State strengths and weaknesses of different storage devices Describe briefly how data is stored on a CD.	Use a wide selection of drawing and animation techniques to create an animation that is suitable for a specific audience and purpose.
SILVER	Explain what algorithms are used for. Draw a simple flowchart making use of correct symbols.	Perform simple mathematical calculations Write comments against some of their code previously written. Explain what a variable is procedures and functions in the creation of a simple program.	Confidently decrypt and encrypt messages using ciphers. Understand how computer viruses are transmitted, how to recognise them and how to reduce the risks of downloading them.	To be familiar with the names of the parts of a spreadsheet and apply formula. Use simple operators. Create a PowerPoint with the specification met. Create a form for the table and add command buttons.	Give examples of computer hardware and software. Suggest appropriate input and output devices for a simple scenario. Explain what RAM and ROM are used for.	Use multiple layers Use tweening and frame- by-frame techniques. Create an animation that carries an effective message. Add sound effects.

					Show how numbers and text can be represented in binary.	
BRONZE	Describe what an algorithm is and convert an algorithm into a flowchart. There may be inaccuracies or errors. Understand how a flowchart works.	Write a simple program with an output using IDLE. Create a simple program with an output that can be saved. Create a program that can ask for an input and return the input as part of a message. Use the correct symbol to indicate a comment.	Decrypt at least one hieroglyphic message and one Caesar cipher message. Understand the importance of secure passwords.	To effectively evaluate existing logos. Use graphic software to create your own logo and poster. To understand what a database is and why we use databases To be able to add, edit and delete data in a database.	Distinguish between hardware and software. Draw a block diagram showing CPU, input, output and storage devices. Name different types of permanent storage device Explain the impact of future technologies.	Create a simple animation using simple drawing and frame-by-frame techniques. Explain how frame rate and speed affect the smoothness of the animation. Create an animation that carries a simple message.