COMPUTING AND BUSINESS AT HALL PARK ACADEMY

STAFFING

The Computing and Business Faculty are a committed team of ICT, Computing and Business specialists who each contribute to our successful work within all Key Stages. We regularly share good practice, support each other and develop a range of teaching and learning strategies that fully exploit the potential new technologies have to offer. The team consists of 3 full-time members of staff including a Faculty Leader, a Subject Leader for Business Studies and a teacher of Computing.

COMPUTING CURRICULUM

Key Stage 3

When students join Hall Park Academy they have varied experiences of computing. We aim to establish and build on this prior knowledge. One lesson a week is taught in mixed ability groups with the emphasis on progressing beyond learning skills into a fuller understanding of the ideas and concepts behind the use of computers and their usage in the real world. This includes programming and computer Systems.

Key Stage 4

We currently offer GCSE OCR Computing. Two classes in Year 10 evidence it being very popular with many students opting for it year on year. Post-16 We currently offer A-Level ICT and A-Level Computing. Both courses are well established with many students opting for them year on year.

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BUSINESS CURRICULUM

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GCSE Business Studies is offered to students as part of the pathways in Year 9. This is a popular and thriving subject.

Post-16

The faculty offers A Level Business Studies, which is a popular subject and has a tradition of strong outcomes.

ACCOMMODATION

We have 4 fully equipped computer rooms in the faculty. This includes two main teaching classrooms for delivering the computing classroom and two rooms that are bookable resources for staff in school. These computing classrooms have recently been refurbished with new computers. There is also a Computing and Business Faulty office. This secure area makes an excellent base for preparation and working with colleagues.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Members of the faculty are encouraged to take advantage of CPD opportunities and share their experiences wherever possible. As a Redhill Trust school, all staff are members of the Redhill College of Leadership and Development and as such benefit from unlimited access to a comprehensive programme of CPD suitable for college at all stages of their career.

Within Hall Park Academy, our CPD offer includes our popular Teaching & Learning Communities which look at various strategies to support students.

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