



12 January 2023

Dear Respected Parent/Guardian

Assalaamu alaikum - Peace be with you

**Re: Support for our Computer Science pupils**

As you will be aware from our Information Advice and Guidance Booklet, we currently have a national shortage of Computer Science teachers. This has impacted our school. Until December, we had a temporary Computer Science specialist who, due to circumstances, left at the end of the term. We have not been successful in securing a replacement so far.

This is not ideal, and we have worked hard to find a solution that will support our pupils' development in the subject over these last four months. Below outlines the support and provision pupils have received to date. It also outlines the plans we have in place to fix the remaining knowledge gaps over the final months.

- Pupils have been provided with **individual revision guides that include workbooks** and exemplar exam questions.
- We have invested in GCSE Pod and this resource has Video Podcasts for the entire course.
- **Class resources have been invested in**, allowing a teacher to guide pupils' learning.
- Pupils continue to have **two lessons per week where specific work linked to the specification is being taught.**

Masterclasses have started with subject specialists from our sister school Eden Girls' Waltham Forest. These are likely to continue, especially once we get into half term 4 and 5. Information about dates and times will come out in due course.

**Tuesday after school lessons with a computer science specialist**

We have been successful in securing an excellent Computer Science Teacher who is able to deliver **remote lessons every Tuesday.**

- These sessions will run every **Tuesday from 3:15pm-4:15pm** and we need 100% attendance.
- The focus of these sessions is knowledge delivery across Paper 2.
- Right now, we have sourced 10 weeks of support.
- Sessions will start on **Tuesday 17 January** and finish on **Tuesday 21 March.**
- All sessions have been well planned and follow a clear scheme of learning that will be shared with pupils.

We recognise that asking your child to stay on site until 4:15pm every Tuesday may be a challenge for some of you but ask that you ensure this time is invested in this subject. **Please complete the attached form to confirm attendance.**

**Parents Evening**

We know some of you may wish to speak to a teacher specifically about Computer Science. Mr Fahim Chowdhury, Assistant Principal and Line Manager for Computing is available for your daughter to make an appointment. He will be present for the whole of Year 11 Parents' Evening on **Thursday 19 January.**

Kind Regards,

Lisa Kiely

Deputy Principal



## Attending Computer Science Intervention for 10 weeks – Parent consent form

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I give consent for my child to have remote sessions with a specialist Computer Science Teacher under the supervision of staff at Eden Girls' School, Slough.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Ms Kiely by Monday 16 January 2023.

**Thank you in advance for your continued support.**