Tuition, Medical and Behaviour Support Service

Curriculum Policy
Computing and ICT

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Computing and ICT are being used in all areas of the curriculum to help pupils with their understanding in other curriculum areas. ICT is viewed as an integral skill for the pupils to learn as it is now needed for all careers.

Staff at TMBSS are positive role models of ICT using computer in lessons to help with learning and show basic understanding of digital literacy.

**Aims and Objectives**

This policy is a working document which provides guidance and information on all aspects of Computing and ICT in the school for staff, parents/carers and governors. To be accessible to all of these groups, the document needs to be available on the website and presented in a way that is easy to understand.

The computing and ICT curriculum aims to help pupils develop skills on a computer that:

- Develop their ability to think in a logical order
- Develop their creative problem thinking skills
- Develop their basic ICT skills
- Develop the awareness on E safety.

Computing covers the three main strands of Computing Creativity, Programing and Digital Literacy. At Key stage 4 computing is cover by the formal qualification of OCR National Creative I Media in which they can gain an award or a certificate.

**Equal Opportunities Statement**

The school is committed to the provision of Computing and ICT to all of its pupils. Our programme aims to respond to the diversity of children’s cultures, faiths and family backgrounds.

**Methodology**

Pupils in Key Stage 3 will follow the TMBSS Key Stage 3 syllabus for Computing, this will be a three year programme following scheme of work. The Centres will initially all teach Year 1 of the scheme of work commencing September 2015, followed by Year 2 of the scheme of work, followed by Year 3 of the scheme of work. Work will have to be differentiated to meet the needs of individual pupils. This approach is used so that there is consistency in the teaching of Computing across all Secondary Centres also ensuring that pupils on shared placements or pupils who move from one Centre to another do not duplicate work or miss any essential modules.

This approach will also help the staff teaching Computing as we will be able to assess work across all the centres able to give support to one another making sure that there is a consistency in the quality of Computing teaching.

Pupils in Key Stage 4 will be following the OCR Nationals Creative I media qualification. Depending on time of entering TMBSS the pupils can complete an award or certificate in the Creative I Media course. As far as possible each student will start on the R082 unit as that is needed for the Award. However there is flexibility to fit in with pupils interests.
**Literacy across the curriculum**
In Key Stage 3 pupils will be given a list of key words with definitions relating to the particular module they are studying. Pupils will be expected to learn these words and their meaning helping to develop their vocabulary and their understanding of the modules being taught.

In both Key Stages all pupils will be expected to use correct written English, using sentences and paragraphs to form their answers and include the correct punctuation and accurate spellings for at least the keywords.

**E-Safety Policy**
TMBSS realises that E-safety wide is a service wide issues. That it is the responsibility of the staff to pay attention to the health and safety risk of using a computer. This policy understand that every time pupils access the computer they could be exposing themselves to danger, whether knowingly or unknowingly. Furthermore, pupils may engage in high risk activities that are inappropriate or illegal.

- In each unit of the KS3 curriculum there is a lesson on different areas of E – Safety meaning the pupils get the message of E – Safety reinforced all year.
- All pupils will have the opportunity to join in with an E-Safety Awareness session with CEO’s
- TMBSS will be joining in on E-Safety day.
- External Web monitoring and filtering software has been deployed across all desktop and laptops across the Service.