

## **THE COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT JOHN RUSKIN SCHOOL**

The computer science department is a one teacher department with a history of outstanding GCSE results. As John Ruskin School is small in comparison with other secondaries, sole teachers of subjects also report directly to the head teacher on outcomes and progress twice per year. There is lots of support available in school, as a staff we work together; we work hard and we have extremely high standards.

In all year groups at Key Stage 3, there are two computer science classes – they are mixed ability groups – as we are strong advocates of mixed ability teaching and our results confirm that this approach works. Computer science is a popular choice at Key Stage 4 with groups running in both Year 10 and Year 11. In both 2017 and 2018 computer science was one of our strongest attaining subjects. In 2018 83% of students achieved a 4+ and 67% achieved a 5+. For the past two years computer science has made a significant contribution to our whole school Progress 8 figures which have placed us in the top 10% of schools nationally.

There is a dedicated room for ICT which was enhanced in the summer of 2017 with upgraded terminals for students and screen for staff. Smaller sets of IT resources are around the school.

The current post holder has been a highly successful member of staff and contributed significantly to our whole school improvement. As an example he has introduced the use of Google Docs and currently manages the school website, (a responsibility that could be available for the successful candidate).

Next year we are considering introducing an additional IT lesson into Year 7 as part of a technology carousel. This is aimed at supporting other areas by developing students' basic IT skills and computer literacy.

It is an exciting time to join JRS, we are expecting a return visit from Ofsted to confirm we are outstanding and offer a welcoming, supportive environment to teach in. In return we are looking for a dedicated, hard-working teacher that will go the extra mile for our students and continue to deliver excellent outcomes.