



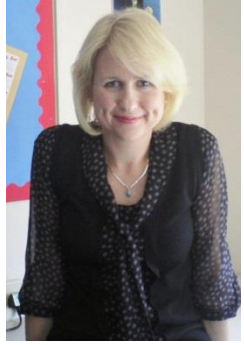

The Department

The Computing Department at St Richard's is a small, friendly and successful department of dedicated, experienced professionals. Our aim is to ensure that pupils enjoy a rich and varied Computing curriculum delivered through engaging and inspiring lessons.

The pupils are encouraged to develop their digital literacy skills and become independent learners using their ICT skills to their full potential. We are committed to preparing them for life in a digital age – as well as developing their digital skills, we make sure they are fully aware about the dangers of life online. The pupils are very enthusiastic about using computers and pupil voice gives very positive feedback about their lessons.

Teachers are encouraged to develop and find new and exciting ways to deliver the curriculum. The department shares good practice and resources and the Schemes of Work are continually refined and developed as a result of teacher and pupil feedback. We have a wide range of software available and three dedicated IT suites with around 30 PCs in each and an interactive whiteboard.

The department is forward thinking and is keen to embrace new technologies and meet the challenges of the new Computing curriculum. We have a Code Club set up by our more able pupils who are keen to develop their programming skills.

			
Mr Fegan – Subject Leader of Computing and ICT	Mrs Forster-Simmons – 2 nd Charge of Computing and ICT	Ms Cook – Teacher of Computing and ICT	Mrs Handrihan – Teacher of Product Design and Computing

Curriculum Content

Key Stage 3

Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups with two nurture groups in each year. The curriculum covers the National Curriculum Programme of Study for Computing.

Year 7 – 2 x 50 minute lessons each week

Year 8 – 1 x 50 minute lesson a week

Year 9 – 3 x 50 minute lesson a fortnight

Key Stage 4

Year 10 & 11 – 3 x 50 minute lessons a week

The current year 10 and 11 study either GCSE ICT with the Edexcel exam board or GCSE Computing with OCR exam board.

	2013	2014	2015
GCSE:	97% A*-C	94% A*-C	100% A*-C