Form 5 – Computer Studies Scheme of Work

Theme	Wk	Class Work	Practical Work	Reference
General Computer Knowledge	1	Computers – A definition How a Computer Works Input / Output Devices Keyboard Mouse What is a floppy diskette Simple care procedures	The more time spent in this session the less elsewhere Turning on / off, wall power, unit power User Logon Accounts Mouse, practise Use MS Hearts to provide a collaborative learning environment and initiate perception that the class learns together. Use solitaire on nonnetworked systems.	Course Notes – MSDOS p2 Windows 95 Manual Software Windows 95 Step-by-Step Windows 95 Tutorial Windows 95 Help Windows 95 for Dummies
	2	WIMP – Windows Interface Items Icons – Pictures Task Bar Start Button Desktop Windows on Work Dialog/Windows Items Text box Check box option button default button list box combo box toolbars status bar	Windows 95 Interface Use MS Encarta to introduce a networked based application with applications in many other subjects for the students. • Mouse skills are developed • Text box dialogs introduced • Option Buttons (radio buttons) • Menus User Interface options Paintbrush/Microsoft Word Printer Cut and Paste operations • Take an article from Encarta to Word, add signature from paint. Use only the brief of an article relevant in another class, eg. History.	
	3	Major causes of computer problems Serial / Parallel Devices	Connecting / Removing Printers Removing / Adding Printer (Driver) Printing from Software • Each student to produce a timetable of their course for the Term.	Windows 95 Step-by- Step Windows 95 Help Notes Printer Manual Windows 95 for Dummies
	4	Modem Impact / Non-Impact Printers	Introduce the use of A: and C:, demonstrate with an opened machine Save files to diskette Copy files between Hard Disk and floppy	
Operating	5	Computer Viruses	Run anti-virus software	Anti-virus Help Anti-virus Manual
System	6	List main functions Different Operating Systems File System	Check diskettes for virus Creating a System Disk Saving Files onto the floppy diskette Using Help	MS-DOS Manual Notes
	7	Disk Storage (track, sector, format) Booting' a computer Startup Disk Backing Up	Anti-Virus Software - Run - Detect a Virus - Remove a Virus	

Word	8	Advantages & Disadvantages	Install Exercise Files	Lesson 1 – 4
Processing	9	Wordwrap	Save Files to Floppy Diskette	MSWord97 Step-by-Step
	10	Font / Font-size	Editing	
			Text Formatting	
			Saving to Floppy Disk	
			Paragraph Formatting	
			Shortcut Keys	
			Toolbar Shortcuts	
			Spell Checker / Thesaurus	
Programm-	11	QBasic IDE	QBasic Lab	Notes
ing		Print	(incomplete)	QBasic Help
		Variables & Memory Storage		
		Variable Assignment		
		Keywords		
	12	Commenting / Documenting Code		
		Operators		
		Conditional structures		
	13	Iterative structures		

Term 2

Theme	Wk	Class Work	Practical Work	Reference
CPU	1	CPU Diagram Dataflow a computer Binary Numbers	Continue exercises for previous lab topic	
	2	ASCII		
	3	Bytes, kilobytes, mega, giga Memory Addressing Primary Storage Secondary Storage		
Spread- sheets	4	Definition Formulas Reference System What if scenarios	Starting, Saving Excel's Formula Bar Editing Formulas Column width, Row height Fill Cells	Lesson 1 – 4 Excel 97 Step-by-Step
General Computer	5	Computer Categories		
Knowledge	7	Hardware & Software System Software –vs- Applications Identify some important applications		
Database	8	Non-electronic database Tables, fields, records		Lesson 1 – 4 Access 97 Step-by-Step
	9	Design Principles Forms		
	10	Advantages & Disadvantages Updating Backing Up Security Issues		

Term 3

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MS-DOS an Operating System	1	File System FAT – File Allocation Table System Startup Files	BIOS Lab MS-DOS Lab	
		Common DOS commands (date, time, del, ren, copy, type, md, cd, rd, dir, tree, cls, format, command.com)		
	4	Command Line Parameters		

Project Based Learning

The following are a list of recommended projects for students to apply and enhance their understanding and skills relative to course objectives and personal interests.

Project		Skills Development	
English	One English paper should be	Typing, Keyboard practise	Coordination with
Papers	required for word processing each	Font sensibility	English Department
(everyone)	term (total of three wordprocessed	Layout sensibility	required
	papers) as a minimum start.	Styles	
		Printing	
Accounting	Obtain Worksheet examples from	Formulas	Coordination with
(everyone)	accounting staff and have students	Editing	Accounting Department required
	develop spreadsheets and how to		Department required
	achieve solutions for this.		
Sports	Obtain school sports records	Database Management	
Records		Database Design	
(elective)		Database Data Entry	
		Database Backup	
ThinkQuest	ThinkQuest 98 is about sharing the	HTML HyperText Markup Language	
98	knowledge and learning achieved	The Internet	
(elective)	by students with the rest of the	Electronic Mail	
	world. A broad range of topics are	Modems	
	nominated each year for	Network Bandwidth	
	ThinkQuest, resources on	Graphics Design	
	ThinkQuest 98 have been sent to	Styles	
	FWC and will be made available to	Screen Display Design	
	schools when received.	Research Investigation and Writing	
		Questionnaire Design	
	Examples of the works are		
	available on http://www.qsc.edu.to		
3 Day	If students are interested in	User interaction	Great benefit for the student and school
Training	showing their friends how to use	User Interface	student and school
Course	computers, organise them to	Almost everything there is with basic	
(elective)	develop their own Introduction to	introduction.	
	Computers Training Course		