

20th June 2022

Dear Parents/Cares

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the teaching of computer science at the Academy.

As you may be aware, one of our staff members has had a long term absence and Mr Kennedy left at Easter. We appointed Mr Bennett on a supply basis but have been unable to fill in the other vacancy with a specialist in this area.

I understand that you will have concerns, and I have outlined below some of the measures we have put in place:

*For those Yr 9 and Yr 10 groups that have Mr Bennett on their timetable:*

- A robust and concise Semester Plan, according to existing curriculum plans, is being followed
- Students have been completing digital workbooks (as they would have done with Mr Kennedy) and Mr Bennett has been providing feedback. Students have responded to the feedback and Mr Bennett is monitoring this. This is being overseen through support from one of the other school's in the trust in order to ensure that all essential knowledge is being met.

*For those Yr 9 students that do not have Mr Bennett on their timetable:*

- Work is set according to the semester plan.
- Students are completing the digital workbooks. Mr Bennett monitors their work and has completed an end of topic assessment with them. This is also being overseen through support from one of the other school's in the trust in order to ensure that all essential knowledge is being met.
- Mr Bennett is planning to alternate between the Yr 9s that he sees and doesn't see to fill gaps in any assessment knowledge.

I can assure you that we are doing all that we can to keep the students motivated and up-to-date with their subject. Mr Shore will be returning to work as of next week, and we have made two fantastic appointments in this area, both starting in September.

I do apologise as this has fallen below our standards but feel confident going forward that there will be quality first teaching in place for your son/daughter in this curriculum area.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions about this matter and thank you for your support.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Boorman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the word.

**Lisa Boorman,  
Principal**