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**CHESTNUT GROVE ACADEMY**

 **COMPUTING & BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

1. **Introduction:**

The Computing and Business Department is one of our top performing departments, consistently achieving above national pass rate in GCSE Computer Science (in 2019 at KS4 96% of students achieved a grade 4+ (this is 33% above national) and BTEC Business(in 2019 at KS4 97% of students achieved a grade 4+ (this is 31% above national).

A similar pattern of success is evident in the sixth form where we currently run L2 and L3 BTEC Computing and Business.

The Department has a culture of innovation and support and the successful candidate will join a happy and welcoming team. Staff are encouraged to develop their own subject expertise and take leadership of key aspects of the Department’s development. It is an ideal place to develop your career within a supportive and positive environment.

**2. Staffing**.

The Business and Computing team consists of 5 members of staff:

* 1 Head of Department(Computing/ ICT teacher)
* 2 teachers of Business Studies (includes 2iC Sixth Form)
* 2 teachers of ICT/ Computing (include 1 SLT)

**3. Curriculum:**

**Key Stage 4:**

We currently offer the OCR 9-1 GCSE in Computer Science at Year 10 and 11 over 3 lessons a week. As an alternative GCSE we also offer Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technology at Y10 and Y11 over 3 lessons a week, with an average of 20 students studying in each year group.

**16-19:**

In the Sixth Form Computing and Business continues to be a popular choice. We currently offer a L2 and L3 qualification covering a wide range of skills over 5 lessons a week for those on the single award course and 9 hours a week for double award. There is plans to offer A-Level Computer Science in the future.

**4.** **Accommodation and Resources:**

The department has four dedicated ICT suites. The department has a bank of well-developed resources and utilises an online portal as a move towards paperless classrooms.