

Year	Topic title	SUMMARY OF KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION	APPROXIMATE DURATION (lessons)	Term 1a							Term 1b							Term 2a							Term 2b							Term 3a								
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Year 10	Comp 3 - A1 Modern Technologies	Communication Technologies, Cloud storage, Cloud computing, Cloud technologies, Traditional systems, implications for organisations.	6																																					
	Comp 3 - A2 Impact of modern technologies	Changes to modern teams, how organisations use modern technologies, impact on industry, Inclusivity & accessibility, positive & negative impacts of modern technology	6																																					
	Comp 3 - B1 Threats to data	Why systems are attacked, external threats, internal threats, impact of security breach	4																																					
	Comp 3 - B2 Prevention and management of threats to data	User access restriction, data level protection, finding weaknesses and improving system security	4																																					
	Comp 3 - B3 Policy	Defining responsibilities and security parameters, disaster recovery policy, actions to take after an attack	6																																					
	Comp 3 - C1 Responsible use	Shared data, responsible use, environmental considerations	2																																					
	Comp 3 - C2 Legal & ethical	Equal access, net neutrality, acceptable use policies, social v business, data protection principles and the internet, intellectual property, criminal use of computer systems	6																																					
	Comp 3 - D2 Forms of iteration	Data flow diagrams, flowcharts, system diagrams, tables, written information	6																																					
	Comp 1 - A1: What is a user interface?	Definitions of user interfaces, types of interfaces, range of uses	6																																					
	Comp 1 - A2: Audience Needs	Factors affecting choice of user interface, Hardware and Software influences	6																																					
	Comp 1 - A3: Design principles	Accessibility needs, skill level, demographics, colours, font style/size, language, amount of information, layout, user perception, retaining user attention, intuitive design.	6																																					
	Comp 1 - A4: Designing an efficient user interface	Keyboard shortcuts, input messages, eash reversal of actions, large objects, focus time, selection time.	6																																					
	Comp 1 LAA Assignment		10																																					
	Comp 1 - B1 Project Planning Techniques	Methodologies, Project Planning Basic Tools, SMART aims/objectives, Audience and purpose, Project Requirements	9																																					
	Comp 1 - B2 Create a project plan	Constraints, Risks, Timelines, Planning tools: Gantt Charts, Pert charts, Critical Path planning	9																																					
	Comp 1 - B3 Creating an initial design	User requirements, Input requirements, Output requirements, User accessibility needs, Visualisation, Hardware, Software, Testing																																						
	Comp 1 - C1 Developing a user interface	Features - awareness of intended device, user requirements, overall look and feel, route, outputs, navigation & ease of use																																						
	Comp 1 - C2 Refining a User interface	Refining the design, Document the changes through each iteration																																						
	Comp 1 - C3 Review	Strengths and Weaknesses of the user interface & project planning techniques																																						
	Comp1 Assignment 1AB																																							
Year 11	Comp 2 - A Characteristics of data and information	Characteristics of data and information	2																																					
	Comp 2 - A2 Representing information	Representing information	2																																					
	Comp 2 - A3 Ensuring data is suitable for processing	Ensuring data is suitable for processing - validation & verification	2																																					
	Comp 2 - A4 Data collection	Data collection - data collection methods & features, big data	2																																					
	Comp 2 - A5 Quality of information	Quality of information and its impact on decision making	2																																					
	Comp 2 - A6 Sectors that use data modelling	Sectors that use data modelling - types of sectors, data modeling decision making	2																																					
	Comp 2 - A7 Threats to individuals	Threats to individuals - invasion of privacy, fraud, targeting vulnerable groups of people	2																																					
	Comp 2 Assignment 1 LAA																																							
	Comp 2 - B1 Data processing methods	Data processing methods - manipulation & processing methods	6																																					
	Comp 2 - B2 Produce a dashboard	Produce a dashboard - data summaries, presentation methods, presentation features	6																																					
	Comp 2 - C1 Drawing conclusions	Drawing conclusions based on the data - trends, patterns, anomalies, Errors, making recommendations	6																																					
	Comp 2 - C2 How presentation affects understanding	How presentation affects understanding - information being misinterpreted, biased or inaccurate	6																																					
	Comp 2 Assignment 2 ABC		12																																					
Year 12	Unit 2 - A1 Relational database management systems	Data structures, algebra sets, relationships, relational keys, integrity constraints, entity relationships	3																																					
	Unit 2 - A2 Manipulating data structures and data in relational databases	Data structures, data types, queries, reports, security	9																																					
	Unit 2 - A3 Normalisation	Anomalies, primary keys, foreign keys, composite keys, data dictionary, stages f	3																																					
	Unit 2 - A4 Relational database design	Database design - conceptual, logical and physical modelling and entity relationship modelling, relational algebra, user interface, prototyping, quality and appropriateness	15																																					
	Unit 2 - B1 Documentation	Reviewing and brief, data structure designs, user interface design, extracting and presenting data, test plans.																																						
	Unit 2 - C1 Producing a database solution	Creating, setting up and maintaining data tables, creating links, relationships between data tables, applying data validation rules, generating outputs - user interface, reporting, data entry forms, sub-forms, applying security measures to control access to data: passwords, user access levels																																						
	Unit 2 - C2 Testing and defining the database solution	Testing types of errors, referential integrity, functionality, security. Selection and use of appropriate test data, erroneous data, extreme data. Using testing outcomes to improve and refine a database solution.	9																																					
	Unit 2 - D1, D2, D3 Database evaluation	DB1 database design evaluation, evaluation of database testing, and evaluation of the database	3																																					
	Unit 2 Exam practice		18																																					
	Unit 3 - What is social media?	Understand what social media is, Name 5 social media sites used by businesses, ways to promote products and services through social media.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Features, audience and target audiences	Research features of social media sites, identify the structure of different sites, identify the target audience for each social media site.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Social media to support business aims and needs	Use of social media to advertise, Web and mobile device integration, Audience profiling, Business aims and objectives.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Engaging with target audience	Basis of potential social media posts for the business, advertisements, reviews and questionnaire feedback	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Developing contacts	Selecting appropriate media, identify how well businesses can use their media link.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Risks and issues	Identify real life disasters that have happened for business who use social media. Why these problems have occurred. How these problems could have been avoided.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Business requirements	How small businesses can promote itself, why social media does not suit all businesses. The purpose why businesses use social media - target audience. Which social media websites are most suitable for a small business.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Developing an online community	What information should be posted on social media? Survey/questioning/respond to comments. Ways of monitoring social media streams. Ensure links to company's website. Guidelines for content/confidentiality/security. Separating personal content. Legal/ethical implications.	6																																					
	Unit 3 - Final assignment		30																																					
	Unit 1 - A1 Digital devices, their functions and use	Multifunctional devices, the function and use of digital devices	5																																					
	Unit 1 - A2 Peripheral devices and media	Peripheral devices used with other devices to form																																						

