**Information about the ICT department at Tanfield School, April 2019**

**The team:**

Tanfield currently has a team of two full time teachers. The departmental vision is very Teaching & Learning orientated with staff being encouraged to be creative in their practice and collaborate with each other and fellow professionals in high achieving North East Schools. The team ensure that students enjoy their ICT lessons, are engaged, challenged and are enthused with cutting edge practises, which will ensure our fantastic students at Tanfield make good or excellent progress.

All members are passionate about ICT and Teaching, and have the highest standards to provide our students at Tanfield with the knowledge to succeed at school and beyond.

**The Curriculum:**

ICT is taught in mixed ability groups from years 7 to 11.

Black pens are used to write answers to tasks, blue for definitions of tier two and three vocabulary and green for notes and improvements to feedback. Each lesson begins with a silent re-cap/starter activity to interleave knowledge across the course.

Homework is low stakes testing with an emphasis on students taking a mature approach to their individualised learning. Tasks are mapped out on the programmes of study for each year group, to support interleaving and retrieval.

KS3 students receive 3 hours of teaching per fortnight. KS4 students receive 6 hours of teaching per fortnight. At KS4 students opt to do ICT or Computing.

**Assessment:**

Assessments take place during week 8 of each cycle 13-week cycle and assess the knowledge, skills and understanding developed across each cycle.