Computer Science	Development Group Meeting 5, January 13th 2025 Short Description
Agenda Item	**Notes**
Overview of updated specification	The Executive provided an overview of updates made to the specification at the previous meeting. The Development Group members discussed suggested changes and naming of the 3 ALTs.
Discussion of Strand 3 and ALT 2.5	Discussion on whether the change to ALT 2.5 (Gaining Insights from Data) maintained integrity and continuity. The Development Group discussed connections across the 3 ALTs and how a visual graphic could help. Welcome for the minor changes to ALT1 and some reflections on ethics and clarity in the strands.
Coherence and manageability across all sections	Minor edits to make the specification more reader-friendly and shore up consistencies. The coherence between the various sections and the strands of learning was generally seen to be strong but could be re-visited around areas such as ethics, AI and how Key Competency development relates to choices in ALTs. A sub-group established to look at manageability and coherence of the modelling core concept for next meeting.
Continuity and Progression	Decision to avoid narrow interpretations of the subject that reinforce misconceptions, such as being for students good at Maths and technology. So emphasis to be on the continuum from Key Skills of JC to Key Competencies of SC, and also what Computer Science can uniquely bring to this section.
Next steps	The Chair thanked members for their attendance and active engagement in the meeting. The Executive will review the discussions and draft materials for the next meeting. The next step is to move into a discussion on assessment. **Next Meeting:** February 13th 2025