



Curriculum in Each Year

Although we have a wealth of experience in teaching at St Joseph's we keep the curriculum regularly under review.

Curriculum

Our ambitious curriculum is designed to support academic success, focussing on building strong foundations in the core subjects of Religious Education, English, Mathematics and Science. Students are encouraged to add breadth, exploring languages, Geography and History and a range of creative subjects to build-up their cultural capital. Students have 30 lessons per week of 50 minutes.

At Key Stage Three (Years 7 and 8) students follow a broad range of subjects including Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, a language French or Spanish (the language alternates each year), Geography, History, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Computing, Design Technology, Art, Food Technology and RP. RP is a lesson which covers Personal and Social Education, Careers and Moral Issues, and is a chance for students to debate the big issues of the day.

Students are grouped by ability and are placed into teaching sets. Movement between groups can occur after the first assessment point in December.

At Key Stage Four (Years 9,10 and 11) all students follow a core curriculum of Religious Education, English, Mathematics, the Sciences and Physical Education with a small number of students taking a Further Mathematics course. The majority of students take either Geography or History and a number of students will also take one language.

Further optional subjects include Art, Business Studies, Child Care, Design Technology, Hospitality and Catering, Performing Arts, Photography, Computing, and Sports Studies.

Students are grouped by ability for Religious Education, English, Mathematics, and the Sciences. In addition, they receive a programme of information, advice and guidance to help prepare them for life beyond Year 11. Students not studying three separate sciences have a lesson devoted to revision techniques, catch-up and keeping healthy delivered by our Learning Support experts.

We are currently reviewing the curriculum in Year 9 in preparation for our current Year 8 and their options choices.