

# BLESSED ROBERT SUTTON CATHOLIC SPORTS COLLEGE ANNUAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT 2015 - 2016

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## **Context**

- The school has a statutory duty to offer a balanced and broadly based curriculum which:
  - i) Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and society
  - ii) Prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life
- The school is legally required to follow the statutory National Curriculum which sets out subject content for those subjects that should be taught to all students
- Provision is also made for a daily act of collective worship and the school teaches religious education to all pupils in both key stages 3 and 4
- Sex and Relationship Education is taught within a framework that reflects the Catholic ethos of the school
- A structured Guidance (sometimes referred to as PSHE in schools) programme is taught to pupils in both key stages. This is designed to develop them as citizens (Citizenship) and their personal, social, health and economic education

## **Our Curriculum is in Transition**

Due to recent government changes to the National Curriculum the school has adopted these models as outlined below from September 2015:

- Years 7 & 8 will sit the new style GCSEs in all subjects and this will require the development of skills to sit terminal exams including:-
  - Extended writing
  - Written accuracy and fluency
  - Memory development
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy

- Year 9 will sit the new style GCSEs in most subjects and will therefore need to be taught accordingly for this
- Year 10 will sit the new style GCSEs in English and Maths only
- Year 11 will sit the current style of GCSEs only
- The new KS3 National Curriculum will be fully in place at the school by September 2017 for the new Year 7 cohort which will be the first to have studied the new KS1 and KS2 curriculum

### **The Structure of the Curriculum at Our School**

Age	Key Stage 3 11 – 14	Key Stage 4 14 - 16
Year Groups	7-9	10-11
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
English	✓	✓
Maths	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓
Religious Education	✓	✓
Physical Education	✓	✓
Guidance (PSHE)	✓	✓
Sex and Relationship Education	✓	✓
<b>Foundation Subjects</b>	✓	✓
Art and Design	✓	✓
Design and Technology	✓	✓
Computing	✓	ICT only in Year 11 Computing and ICT in Year 10
Languages	French and Polish in Y7 & Y8 French, German and Polish in Y9	French, German and Polish
Geography	✓	✓
History	✓	✓
Music	✓	✓

### **What is taught and what are students expected to know?**

#### **Our KS3 Assessment Processes are in Transition**

Due to recent government changes relating to the abolition of National Curriculum levels the school is operating a transitional set of assessment arrangements as follows:

#### **Key Stage 3**

- The use of National Curriculum levels will currently be retained until the end of the 2015 – 2016 academic year
- During the 2015 – 2016 academic year consideration will be given as to what KS3 assessment arrangements will be the most appropriate to operate from September 2016 onwards to reflect the move towards the new GCSEs

Do you wish to find out more about the New National Curriculum?

You can find information about all subjects at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>

Information about the new GCSEs in English and Maths can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-mathematics-subject-content-and-assessment-objectives>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-english-language-and-gcse-english-literature-new-content>

You can always of course contact the relevant Subject Leader or Mrs McCauley, Deputy Headteacher, or myself at the school.

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