

St. Julie's Catholic High School Key Stage 3 to 4 Curriculum 2017/18



What curriculum do we offer?

All students have access to a broad and balanced range of courses relevant to their needs. The curriculum fulfils the legal requirements of the National Curriculum Programmes of Study and Religious Education, with pathways developed at both Key Stages 4 and 5 to offer a more personalised curriculum that is student focused and flexible. The curriculum promotes the differentiation of learning and teaching through the setting of students according to ability, supporting all and stretching and challenging the most able. In some courses students are taught in mixed-ability teaching groups across Key Stages 3 and 4.

In addition to the "fixed curriculum" there is an extensive range of extra-curricular activities (clubs, study visits, enrichment programmes and charity projects) and other planned experiences to enhance the curriculum offer and to make learning at St Julie's Catholic High School memorable, enjoyable and successful.

Why do we offer this curriculum?

- To prepare students for all aspects of life whilst at school and when they leave
- To foster a life-long love of learning
- To develop the "whole" student
- To develop high written and spoken standards in literacy, numeracy and communication in all forms
- To stimulate creativity, confidence and independence
- To encourage the development of every student as an international citizen
- To develop moral values which encourage both personal and social responsibility

A Curriculum for All Groups of students

Beliefs and Values

At St. Julie's Catholic High School, we believe that all students are entitled to an education that will enable them to develop their full potential by finding appropriate challenge in the learning environment. All students have individual needs, which put personalised learning at the heart of our teaching and learning. "Let them be taught what is necessary for life." St Julie's Catholic High School is committed to providing a challenging curriculum for every student. We will also provide opportunities to identify and in turn nurture those who are more able or require specific support.

Specific groups of students such as: most able, disadvantaged, special educational needs and English as an additional language will be supported using a range of strategies. Most able students will be supported daily within their classroom environment through stretch and challenge activities and differentiation. The SEN

Department will support students with identified learning needs as well as continued support within their classroom environment. Disadvantaged students who are eligible for Pupil Premium will receive support, which enables them to make progress from Key Stage 2 to 5.

Curriculum 2017/18

Key Stage 3

In response to the reformed GCSEs and A Levels Year 9 students will start their GCSE options from September 2017 (new curriculum model implemented from September 2015). This is in response to the increased rigour and content of GCSE qualifications. Through schemes of work there will be a key focus on developing students' analytical, evaluative and decision-making skills as well as supporting all ability levels with their higher level numeracy and literacy skills.

Students will continue to have access to a range of courses across Key Stage 3 in order to prepare them for GCSEs (starting in Year 9) and other equivalent qualifications. Year 7 to 11 students will attend thirty taught lessons each week.

Subjects	Yr. 7 No. of lessons per week	Yr. 8 No. of lessons per week	Subjects	Yr. 7 No. of lessons per week	Yr.8 No. of lessons per week
Maths	4	4	Geography	2	2
English	4	4	History	2	2
Science	4	4	PE	2	2
RE	3	3	Dance	I	I
MFL	2	2	Drama	I	I
Computer Science	I	I	Music	I	I
D and T	2	2	Art	I	

Please note that students with a KS2 scaled score of 110 or above will continue with MFL as a compulsory qualification from year 7 to 11.

GCSE Options process (decide in Year 8, to start GCSE options in Year 9)

- All students will choose at least 2 option subjects;
- Top universities are looking for quality grades at GCSE (9/8/7)
 NOT the quantity of GCSEs taken;

- Students are better served with higher grades in 8 or 9 GCSE subjects rather than lower grades in 10 or more GCSE subjects;
- Students will have 3 lessons per week for their option subjects in years 9, 10 and 11, to reflect the greater challenge with the new GCSE specifications;
- We have been working with students on choices in the PSHE programme and in assembly;
- We believe these subjects ensure a balanced GCSE curriculum;
- This combination of subjects improve chances of access to facilitating A level subjects;
- These facilitating subjects improve chances of accessing competitive university courses such as law, medicine and accountancy at leading Russell Group universities (Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Liverpool, Durham, QUB);
- This does amount to a more traditional academic curriculum so it will be challenging.

Universities may ask for a specific number of GCSEs (or their equivalent). For example, a number of medical courses ask for five (sometimes more) A* grades (new grade 8). Modern Foreign Language qualifications are valued by admissions tutors across the best universities and businesses, and as such studying a Language will enhance the prospects of students applying to a range of competitive degree courses and careers choices.

Compulsory qualifications

All Year 9 students will continue to study:

English Language	English Literature	Mathematics
Dual Award Science	Religious Studies	Physical Education (non-
(worth x2 GCSEs)		examined)
Computer Science	French or Spanish (for students with a KS2 scaled score of 110 or above)	

Students who plan to go on to study 'A' Levels and apply to go to university will need to study English Baccalaureate (EBacc) qualifications, including Triple Science, Humanities (Geography and History) and Languages (French or Spanish).

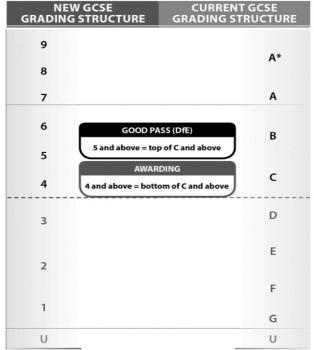
Students who wish to study Separate Sciences must have a desire to study three sciences at A level and study competitive Science courses at university, such as Veterinary Science or Medicine. All other students will study the Double Award

Science course, which still is widely regarded as a good pathway to A level studies and beyond in Science.

Assessment, curriculum and qualifications

Assessment frameworks will be changing nationally as we move towards a new numerical grading system. All parent/carers received a copy of the new St. Julie's assessment framework during summer 2016. GCSE exams will be graded from 9-1, rather than A*-G as has been the case previously.





Further information regarding the school curriculum and qualifications can be accessed via our school website www.stjulies.org.uk

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Maths	4	4	5	4	5
English	4	4	5	5	5
Science	4	4	4	5	5
RE	3	3	3	3	3
MFL	2	2	3	3	3
Computer Science	I	I	2	1	-
PE	2	2	2	I	
Art	I	I			
Dance	1				
Drama	1				
Music	İ	I			
History	2	2			
Geography	2	2			
D and T	2	2			

Optional subjects - Year 9 onwards (x3 lessons per week)

Art	Dance	Drama	PE
History	Geography	Business Studies	IT
Sociology	Graphics	Food Technology	Separate Sciences
Creative/Digital			

Year 8 Options timeline for 2017/18

	Information	Key dates	Person/s responsible
• Ye	ear 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 18	Mrs McCourt, Mrs
	_	January 2018	Rooney and Miss Bennett
• Le	tter of invitation to Year 8	Monday 29	Mrs McCourt, Mrs
0	ptions - Parent/Carers	January 2018	Rooney and Miss Bennett
• Ye	ear 8 Options Evening	Wednesday 7	All teaching staff
• Th	nere will be one talk at	March 2018	
5p	m followed by the		
Ma	arketplace .		
• Ye	ear 8 Option forms to be		
giv	ven out in the Year 8		
Inf	formation pack		

•	Year 8 Interviews begin for	Thursday 8	Mrs McCourt, Mrs
	selected pupils	March 2018 –	Rooney and Mrs Bennett
		ongoing	
•	Deadline for Year 8 Option	Friday 23 March	All forms to Mrs Rooney
	forms	2018	
•	Confirmed options sent	April 2018	Mrs Rooney
	home to Parent/Carers		

Assessment, curriculum and qualifications

The reformed GCSEs will remain universal qualifications, with a balance of more challenging subject content and more rigorous assessment structures, enabling pupils achieving higher grades to progress onto A Levels. The Russell Group and other leading universities will have a greater role in the design of new A Levels.

Assessment frameworks changed nationally in 2014. All students now follow a numerical grading system (1-9). All parent/carers received a copy of the St. Julie's assessment framework during summer 2017.

Please see below the curriculum content and overview for each curriculum area starting from September 2017.

Curriculum area: English

Curriculum Leader: Miss Sarson

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Pupils are given a series	Pupils study the	Pupils study the following
of spelling, reading and	following unit:	unit:
writing tests when they	Identity	The Romantics
join the school to ensure	This unit covers a range	This unit covers a range
they are assigned to the	of reading and writing	of reading and writing
appropriate teaching	skills. Students will study	centred around the
group.	fiction and non-fiction	Romantic literary
Once in their groups,	and complete a range of	movement. Students will
they study the following	writing tasks. Students	read an anthology of
units:	will complete two	poetry from the
	assessments which will	Romantics, such as John
The Gothic	embed skills needed for	Clare, William Blake,
This unit covers a range	their future GCSE	William Wordsworth and
of reading and writing	English Language.	John Keats. They will

skills. Students will study fiction and non-fiction and complete a range of writing tasks centred around the gothic literary genre. They will write their own gothic story. At the same time, they will also study the classic 19th century gothic novel, Jane Eyre.

Students will complete two assessments on Jane Eyre which will embed skills needed for their future GCSE English Literature.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar: What do I already know?

This is a bridging unit aimed to build on the excellent work done by students in their primary schools. They will be assessed on their knowledge of SPAG and put that knowledge into practice with a range of written tasks.

At the same time, they will also study a Shakespeare play. We have chosen Twelfth Night to compliment the theme of identity. Students will complete two assessments on Twelfth Night which will embed skills needed for their future GCSE English Literature.

finish by writing their own poem in the style of the Romantics using knowledge they have accumulated.

Writing to Persuade
Students will learn to
write persuasively. They
will read and analyse a
range of fiction and nonfiction including speeches
by some of the famous
orators throughout the
years. They will put their
skills into practice by
writing their own speech
on a contemporary issue.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Pupils are given a series	Pupils study the following	Pupils study the following
of spelling and reading	unit:	unit:
tests in September to	To Kill A Mockingbird	Dystopia
monitor their reading		This unit covers a range
and spelling ages to	Students will study To Kill	of reading and writing
identify those who need	a Mockingbird. Students	skills. Students will study
additional support.	will complete two	fiction and non-fiction
	assessments on To Kill a	and complete a range of

Pupils study the following unit:

Conflict

This unit covers a range of reading and writing skills. Students will study fiction and non-fiction and complete a range of writing tasks based around the theme of conflict. They will also study war poetry. At the same time, they will also study a Shakespeare play. We have chosen Romeo & luliet, to compliment the theme of conflict. Students will complete two assessments on Romeo and Juliet which will embed skills needed for their future GCSE English Literature.

Mockingbird which will embed skills needed for their future GCSE English Literature.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar: the next level.

This is a bridging unit aimed to build on the work done by students in year 7. They will be assessed on their knowledge of SPAG and put that knowledge into practice with a range of written tasks.

The Dramatic Monologue

This unit covers a range of reading and writing centred around the poetic form of the dramatic monologue. Students will read an anthology of dramatic monologues from poets such as Robert Browning and Carol Ann Duffy. They will finish by writing their own dramatic monologue using knowledge they have accumulated.

writing tasks centred around the dystopian literary genre.

At the same time, they will also study the classic or modern novel with a dystopian theme. Choices will include 1984, Animal Farm and The Hunger Games. Students will complete two assessments on the novel which will embed skills needed for their future GCSE English Literature.

Our KS3 curriculum has been designed to prepare students for the challenge of the new linear GCSEs. Students will be given the chance to access a range of challenging literary texts and will read and respond to a variety of contemporary and historical fiction and non-fiction.

They will complete assessments every half term and, over the course of each year, their reading and writing skills will be assessed. We are committed to delivering a

varied and engaging KS3 programme of study but one which also promotes an understanding of and appreciation for high quality and challenging texts.

Curriculum area: Mathematics

Curriculum Leader: Miss Lee

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Number:	Number:	Number:
 Using the 	Further methods for	 Percentages
number system	calculations	 Number properties
 Methods for 	Using the number system	(divisibility tests)
calculation	(negative numbers)	Further accuracy
 Properties of 	Fractions	Geometry (shape,
numbers	Geometry (shape, space,	space, measure):
(factors,	measure):	Further properties
multiples,	 Use of angle facts 	of shapes
primes)	Statistics:	 Constructions
 Accuracy 	Further use of statistical	(including
(rounding)	diagrams	compasses)
Geometry (shape,	Collecting data	 Measuring shapes
space, measure):	Further use of mean,	(area, perimeter)
 Units and scales 	median, mode, range	Statistics:
(reading/interpre	Algebra:	Introduction to
ting/metric/impe	Introduction to Algebra	probability
rial)	(building	Algebra:
 Transformations 	expressions/equations)	Functions and graphs
of shapes	Simplifying expressions	
 Properties of 2D 	Working with formulae	
shapes	 Sequences 	
 Properties of 3D 		
shapes		
 Basic 		
constructions		
(including		
measuring of		
angles and use of		
angle facts)		
Statistics:		

Using st	tatistical	
diagram	s (charts,	
tables)		
 Statistic 	al	
measur	es (mean,	
median	mode,	
range) -	-	
includin	g some	
interpre	etation	

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Number:	Number:	Number:
Accuracy	Multiplying/dividing	 Indices
Use of the number	decimals	Percentages (including
system	Accuracy	increase/decrease)
Methods of	Fractions	Accuracy
calculating	Introduction to ratio	Geometry (shape,
Number properties	and proportion	space, measure):
Fractions	Geometry (shape,	Volume/Surface area
Geometry (shape,	space, measure):	Plans and elevations
space, measure):	Bearings	Statistics:
Properties of shapes	Measuring (circles)	Designing
(further 2D)	Converting measures	questionnaires
Properties of shapes	Transformations	Using grouped data
(further 3D)	Statistics:	Displaying grouped
Geometric	Further probability	data
constructions	Algebra:	Algebra:
(including nets of 3D	Further functions and	Special sequences
shapes)	graphs	Trial and improvement
Statistics:	Working with more	
Statistical diagrams	complex equations	
(displaying data in	Solving equations with	
various ways) Interpreting data	brackets	
Collecting data		
Algebra:		
Setting up and solving		
equations		
Using brackets in		
equations and		
expressions		

Year 9

 Standard form Further percentages Further fractions Geometry: Further area/perimeter 2D shapes Pythagoras' Theorem Further collecting/displaying data Further collecting/displaying data Further expressions/equations Linear Inequalities Angles in Polygons Prime Factorisation Quadratics equations/graphs Quidratics equations/graphs Cubic graphs Prisms Compound units Begin GCSE course (FEB half term) Similarity and congruency of shapes Trigonometry (introduction) Applying statistical interpretations to diagrams (scatter graphs) Enlargement in 2D and 3D Plans and Elevations Functions and Graphs (Linear) Circluding simple/compound interest, reverse percentages) Sequences (Linear, geometric) Similarity and congruency of shapes Trigonometry (introduction) Applying statistical interpretations to diagrams (scatter graphs) Enlargement in 2D and 3D Plans and Elevations Functions and Graphs (Linear)	Term I	Term 2	Term 3
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Curriculum area: Science

Acting Curriculum Leader: Mrs S Bruce

All pupils at KS3 follow the 'Exploring Science' scheme of work.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
7A Cells, tissues, organs	7C Microbes and Bones	7G The particle model
and systems	7D Ecosystems	7H Atoms, elements and
7B Sexual reproduction in	7I Energy	molecules
animals	7J Current electricity	7K Forces
		7L Sound

7E Mixtures and separation 7F Acids and alkalis

Assessment - all classes will do a test at the end of each unit. In addition to this, there will be tasks carried out in class and homework's that will also be assessed.

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There will also be an end of year exam which will cover material from all twelve units covered during the year.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
8A Food and nutrition	8C Breathing and	8G Metals and their uses
8B Plants and their	respiration	8H Rocks
reproduction	8D Unicellular organisms	8K Energy transfers
8E Combustion	8I Fluids	8L Earth and space
8F The periodic table	8J Light	
		Assessment - all classes
Assessment - all classes	Assessment - all classes	will do a test at the end
will do a test at the end	will do a test at the end	of each unit. In addition
of each unit. In addition	of each unit. In addition	to this, there will be
to this, there will be tasks	to this, there will be	tasks carried out in class
carried out in class and	tasks carried out in class	and homework's that will
homework's that will also	and homework's that will	also be assessed.
be assessed.	also be assessed.	
		There will also be an end
		of year exam that will
		cover material from all

	twelve units studied
	throughout the year.

Year 9

Students will be following the new AQA Science specification and will be taking one of the following two routes;

- •Combined Science: Trilogy (2 GCSEs)
- •Separate Sciences, (3 GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

(Please note that students following the combined science route still do all the same units as the Separate science route, but they are not covered in as much depth).

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY
Cell biology	Cell biology and	Organisation
CHEMISTRY	Organisation	CHEMISTRY
Atomic structure and the	CHEMISTRY	Quantitative chemistry
periodic table	Bonding, structure and	PHYSICS - Waves
PHYSICS - Forces	the properties of matter	
	PHYSICS – Energy	

Curriculum Area: Humanities - Geography

Curriculum Leader: Mrs A Wood

Departmental assessments:

Assessments will take place to provide updated progress information for pupil tracking and data point report completion once per half term. These will be a mixture of in depth mastery questions in GCSE style to hone the skill of writing extended answers to questions in Geography, as well as tests which focus on pupils understanding and applying gained knowledge to exam questions.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Map Skills: this is the introductory module in Year 7 which develops skills in teamwork, numeracy literacy and direction. Extreme Weather: Students will understand the difference between weather and climate; how extreme weather is formed; and its impact on people and the environment.	An extended project investigating Africa: This massive continent is often misunderstood and misrepresented, so this unit of work aims to expand students' knowledge and understanding about where it is, which countries are part of Africa (with a focus on Mali, Egypt and Sudan amongst others) including conflict, climate, river and coastal landscapes and processes	Threats of Changing Populations: the global population is continuously rising and changing, and students will examine why this is the case and what it means for our future as a nation and a global population.

There will be a continual focus on gaining a mastery of the subject content and focusing on more depth of detail in the topic areas covered across the whole year.

Year 8

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
An extended project	Economic Activity and	Settlement: Students
on Russia compared	International	investigate what a
with Kenya: A unit that	Development: A study	settlement is and how
allows students to utilise	of the different roles and	they can be modelled
independent working	employment sectors in	and have changed over
skills by comparing	industry today in different	time. Case studies of
aspects of two very	countries of different	Liverpool and of shanty
different countries –	economic standing.	towns including Dharavi
Russia and Kenya. The	Particular focus on the	and Kibera are also
unit covers their	UK economy moving	researched and
locations, levels of	from primary to tertiary,	understood.
development, physical	and China increasing its	Ice Worlds: A study of
and human features,	secondary activities at the	how ice has changed and

ecosystems and animal
kingdoms. Resulting in a
detailed project and
understanding about
parts of Africa and Asia.

same time. This study will link in with a focus on the ways in which different countries develop at different rates and what the implications are of this for our world.

continues to change our world's landscapes. Including different forms of erosion, landforms and human activity in cold environments.

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Year 9

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Geographical skills: an	Coastal landscapes:	Physical Geography
introduction to the key	Students will understand	fieldwork: Once the
skills that students will	what shapes our	River Landscapes work is
need to succeed in	coastlines; erosion and	complete, students are
Geography GCSE; 4 and 6	weathering, and human	required to complete a
figure grid references,	activities; with a case	river field studies
scale, GIS, photo	study of a distinctive	investigation. The
interpretation, graphical	coastal area.	remainder of this term
skills, cartographical skills	River landscapes:	will be spent setting an
and statistical skills.	Students will understand	enquiry question,
The changing	what shapes our river	carrying out fieldwork
landscapes of the UK:	environments; erosion	data collection,
Starting with geology and	and weathering, and	researching secondary
physical and human	human activities; with a	data, processing and
processes that act upon	case study of a distinctive	presenting all the data,
the landscape and change	river and its course.	analysing the findings and
it.		concluding and reflecting
		on the study.

Curriculum Area: Humanities - History
Curriculum Leader: Mrs A Wood

Departmental key assessment dates

Assessments will take place to provide updated progress information for pupil tracking and data point report completion once per half term. These will be a mixture of in depth mastery questions in GCSE style to hone the skill of writing extended answers to questions in History using sources and acquired knowledge, as

well as tests which focus on pupils understanding and applying gained knowledge to exam questions.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
The invaders -	The Power of the	Depth Study:
Britain pre 1066: A	Church and the	Elizabeth I:
unit to compare Roman	Crown: Students study	To follow on from the
civilisation with Anglo-	how time moved on in	study of the Power of the
Saxon population.	History through the	Church and the Crown,
Students will study what	Crusades, Reformation	this unit is designed to
Britain was like in the	and the creation of the	offer a depth study into
Iron age, why the	Church of England, an	one of the prominent
Romans invaded Britain,	investigation into Henry	figures in British History.
why they left and how	VIII and his role in this	It will cover who
the Saxons changed our	and then moving on to	Elizabeth was, the
country.	study Elizabeth I and her	context in which she
Living, Working and	'Middle Way' (Religious	lived, what life was like at
Dying in the Middle	Settlement). An	that time in History, and
Ages: The Battle of	understanding will be	issues surrounding her
Hastings in 1066 won by	gained of the chronology	time on and off the
William; how did he rule	involved here, as well as	throne.
England? What were a	the changing power of the	The Industrial
medieval village and	church in England over	Revolution: A study of
town like? What was	time.	the industrial revolution
medieval medicine like		in England – how and
and how did the Black		why it came about, what
Death come about as a		it meant for the working
result?		classes; conditions people
		lived and worked in, jobs
		that they did, and the
		dangers it created. How
		the revolution changed

the landscape of England
forever

There will be a continual focus on gaining a mastery of the subject content and focusing on more depth of detail in the topic areas covered across the whole year, as well as a thematic study of Health in Britain being included in each topic.

Year 8

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Should Liverpool	Civil Rights	The Holocaust: A
apologise for the	Movements in the	specific focus will be
Slave Trade? A study	USA: An investigation	placed on students
of the history of the	into how far racial	studying this horrific
British Empire and how	equality in civil rights has	element of WW2. What
it functioned. This is	been achieved by the 21st	the Holocaust was, how
linked to the Slave Trade	Century. This will include	it came about and how it
– looking into life in	studying how far the	was run as well as what
Africa before it started	American civil war ended	the effects of it were and
and how slaves were	slavery; who Jim Crow	have been since the end
treated in their passage	and Jesse Owens were,	of WW2.
and in the plantations as	what the Klu Klux Klan	
well as Liverpool's role	are, the roles of Rosa	
in the Slave Trade.	Parks, Martin Luther King	
Finally, why was it	and Malcom X and where	
abolished and its legacy.	we stand today on civil	
	rights.	
	Britain at War: A study	
	of WWI and WW2,	
	looking at the new kind of	
	war that took place –	
	Trench Warfare in WWI	
	and how WW2 was	
	fought by Britain. Why	
	the wars happened and	
	the effects of them will be	
	included in this study.	

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Year 9

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Development of	GCSE History –	Weimar Germany
Historical skills	Germany Depth	1918-1933:
(particularly source	Study	The occupation of the
skills and analysing	Part one: Germany	Ruhr; hyperinflation.
interpretations).	and the growth of	Weimar Germany:
Topic 1: The Industrial	democracy. Germany	Weimar democracy;
Revolution and Victorian	1890-1918. The rule of	political change and
Britain.	Kaiser Wilhelm: the	unrest, 1919–1923;
Topic 2: Women and the	growth of parliamentary	Spartacists; Kapp
Vote	government; the	Putsch; the Munich
Both of these topics will	influence of Prussian	Putsch; the Stresemann
provide a basis for GCSE	militarism;	era; economic
•	industrialisation; social	developments including
History, specifically in	reform and the growth	the Dawes Plan and the
terms of the skills acquired	of socialism; the	Young Plan; Weimar
and practised whilst	domestic importance of	culture.
studying these units.	the Navy Laws.	
, 3	Impact of the First	
	World War: war	
	weariness, economic	
	problems; defeat; the end	
	of the monarchy;	
	reparations.	

Curriculum Area: French

Curriculum Leader: Ms H. Mathison

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Greetings	 Family members 	 Ir/er/re Regular
Basic questions-	Pets	verbs in the
name/ages/birthdays/how	 Use of il/elle 	present tense all
you are/where you live	with avoir/être	subject pronouns.
		 Use of negatives

•	Numbers-1-100
•	Simple opinions
•	Days and months
•	Ist person singular verbs
	avoir and être
•	Basic connectives

- Classroom instructions
- Classroom objects
- Colours
- Adjectival agreement.
- Definite/indefinite articles.
- Cultural-Christmas

- Verb s'appeller
- Description of personality
- Agreement of adjectives
- **Physical** description
- nationality
 - Possessive pronouns
 - Qualifiers
- Cultural- Easter
- Preparation of speaking assessment

- Revision of opinions with reasons
- Use of infinitive
- School subjects
- School timetable/the school day
- The time
- Cultural- School life in France
- Film Belle and Sebastien or Petit Nicolas and cultural work.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
 Hobbies and free time Sports Freetime activities Using computers, the internet, mobile phones Expressions of frequency Genders and plurals Giving basic opinions and reasons Present tense of er ir and re verbs Irregular verbs faire, aller,être, avoir Verbs jouer and faire Adjectival agreement 	 Places in the city and local area Location Points of the compass Description of local area Opinions Activities in the local area Saying what you are going to do at the weekend Giving and asking for directions. Adjectives and agreement Il y a, il n'y a pas de/d' Using connectives Using on peut +the infinitive 	 Food fruit/vegetables/basic foods and drinks vocabulary Meals Describing what you have for each meal and times you eat Saying what you like and dislike Partitive article Present tense of manger/boire Prendre Giving reasons Healthy/unhealthy eating habits. Develop understanding of cultural differences regarding food Using the past tense Likes dislikes followed by le/la/les/l'

Using the immediate Negative followed by Time (numbers) Qualifiers future de/d' tense(revision of Describing your house Connectives the verb aller) and bedroom Asking where a place is Understanding prepositions Year 9

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
 Going on holiday Countries Nationalities and Languages Types of transport Accommodation types Booking a hotel room Asking/describing what there is to do Weather phrases in present Holiday activities, Opinions accommodation / travel Revision of present/further work on the perfect tense/immediate future/conditional tense phrases 	 Data about yourself Family members, family status, siblings Character adjectives, Hair, eyes, height Nouns, description of pets. Colours and size Birthday presents and last year's birthday What presents you received/What you did/how you celebrated your last birthday Pocket money/household jobs Comparison/superlative of adjectives adjective agreements Imperfect tense opinions 	 Places in a town and social activities Arranging a social activity in Liverpool Saying what activities are available in Liverpool Describing where you would like to live using the conditional tense and describing an ideal place Talking about the environment Saying what you did last weekend and what you would like to do next Shopping habits Buying clothes

Curriculum area: Spanish

Year 7

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
 Greetings Basic questions-formation of questions and question words name/ages/birthdays/how you are/where you live Numbers-I-100 Simple opinions Days and months Ist person singular verbs tener and ser Basic connectives Classroom instructions Classroom objects Colours Adjectival agreement , siblings, pets Definite/indefinite articles Cultural-Christmas 	 Family members Use of 3rd person singular with tener/ser/estar Verb llamarse Description of personality Agreement of adjectives Physical description(hair/eyes) nationality Possessive pronouns Qualifiers and intensifiers Where you live and who you live with Basic opinions Cultural- Easter Preparation of speaking assessment 	 Ar/ir/er Regular verbs in the present tense all subject pronouns Use of negatives Revision of opinions with reasons Use of infinitive Talking about leisure and sports using the verbs hacer/praticar and jugar Weather phrases and seasons. Key verbs on hobbies Role-play units: After end of year assessment Body parts Transport Buying food Clothes

	Term I		Term 2		Term 3
•	Hobbies and free	•	Places in the city	•	Food
	time		and local area		fruit/vegetables/basic

•	Sports	•	Location		foods and drinks
•	Freetime activities	•	Points of the		vocabulary
•	Using computers,		compass	•	Meals
	Using computers, the internet, mobile phones. Expressions of frequency Genders and plurals Giving basic opinions and reasons. Present tense of er ir and re verbs Irregular verbs faire, aller,être, avoir Verbs jouer and faire Adjectival agreement Time (numbers) Qualifiers Connectives	•			•
		•	place is Understanding		

prepositions
Year 9

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
 Going on holiday 	Data about yourself	 Places in a town
 Countries, 	Family members, family	and social
Nationalities and	status, siblings	activities
Languages	Character adjectives	 Arranging a
 Types of transport 	 Hair, eyes, height 	social activity in
 Accommodation 	 Nouns, description of 	Liverpool.
types	pets. Colours and size	
 Booking a hotel 	Birthday presents and	 Saying what
room	last year's birthday	activities are

Curriculum Area: Religious Education

Curriculum Leader: Mrs S Foster

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
About Belonging – the importance of community A Matter of Identity – our school mission Parish community- the role of the priest, bishop and Pope	The Kingdom of God- parables of the kingdom of God, the work of CAFOD Jesus the Saviour – Jesus' mission. Celebrating Easter – Holy Week and the	Judaism – an overview of the Jewish faith Joys and Challenges of living in the Kingdom of God- joys and challenges; rights and privileges Joy and challenges in the world- suffering and
What is God like?- truth and Bible, creation	Easter Vigil	inspirational people

What is Jesus like? – Jesus and discipleship, work of L'Arche Celebrating Christ's Mass – Luke's Nativity story

There will be assessments on Parish Community; the role of the Bishop; the work of the L'Arche Community; and a summative End of Term Assessment drawing together all work from the Term.

Called to Change – forgiveness
Signs of Identity-celebrating initiation – baptism and Eucharist
Holy Spirit- gifts and fruits
Celebrating Pentecost-

the birth of the Church

Pupils will complete three formal assessment tasks chosen from the following topics: baptism; Lent; Kingdom of God – plus a summative End of Term Assessment drawing together all work from the Term. A lesson in hope- the Resurrection Lives of sacrifice and service- the communion of Saints; saints today

Pupils will complete assessment tasks on joys and challenges; the Saints; and Judaism- plus a summative End of Year Assessment drawing together all work from the Year

Year 8

	Term I	Term 2	Term 3
to	ople of God:- Called serve	Why do we celebrate?	What is justice? I. What is Catholic
1. 2. 3.	Why do promises matter? What is a covenant? What do Biblical covenants have in common? What does God's unconditional love mean to me?	 Why is Eucharist a celebration? How do we live sacrifice? How much do I live as a covenant person? Are there limits to forgiveness? 	Social Teaching & how can we put it into action? 2. What are some of the key principles of CST? What are they challenges they bring? 3. How can Catholics serve their
5.6.7.	Can one person change the world? What did the covenant mean to the Hebrew people? What is the new covenant & how did	 5. What is sin? 6. What is conscience? 7. The Sacrament of Reconciliation 8. What does forgiveness mean to me? 	neighbour? 4. How can I live justly? An exploration of Hinduism
	Jesus establish it?		

8.	What was Jesus' new	
	commandment?	
9.	What does Jesus as	
	the New Covenant	
	mean to me?	

Year 9

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
How do we live as People	What inspires and	Introduction to AQA
of God (I)?	challenges the people of	GCSE Religious Studies-
A study of the faith of	God?	Specification B.
Islam	What is Truth?	
How are Muslims called	Understanding our	A Study of Catholic
to life?	beliefs- reasons for belief	Christianity
Issues faced by Muslims in	History of Christianity-	
contemporary society	Christian divisions and	Perspectives on Faith:
Key figures in Islam	denominations	Philosophy
Muslim beliefs, teachings	What do Christians	A Study of Judaism
and practices	believe?- Beliefs,	
	teachings, sacraments	
Who is God for the	What am I called to be-	
people of God?	Vocation, Holy Orders,	
How do we make sense	religious life	
of the world?- Creation		
Do science and religion	How do we live as People	
conflict?	of God (2)?	
Why is there suffering?	Is all life of value?- The	
Where does suffering	Sanctity of Life, issues this	
come from, what does it	raises, humans and	
reveal about God?	animals	
Responses to suffering	The nature of abortion-	
Living as people of God-	law, controversy and	
Justice, Jesus and	religious viewpoints	
compassion	The nature of euthanasia-	
	law, controversy and	
There will be	religious viewpoints	
assessments on the Islam;		
science and religion;	There will be assessments	
suffering and justice; and	on Christianity, vocation,	
a summative End of Term	sanctity of life; and a	
Assessment drawing	summative End of Term	
	Assessment drawing	

together all work from	together all work from	
the Term.	the Term.	

Curriculum Area: Design & Technology Curriculum Leader: Mr P Radburn

Year 7		
Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Resistant Materials Different types of materials and their classifications The Design Process Use of hand tools and machinery Writing of specifications Pupils will undergo a project where they design and make a wooden toy train with a moving mechanism. This project aims to familiarise pupils with the workshop and its tools and machinery Assessment - All classes will have Focused Marked Tasks which assess their creativity and ability in practical work. The final practical outcome will be assessed in conjunction with their theory work to ascertain their final grade	 Food Technology During the first visit to the food department pupils will learn about hygiene and safety and the working routine of the Food room Pupils will learn about nutrition and how health is directly related to health They will also learn about where food comes from, seasonality and the working characteristics of foods Pupils will design a layered salad which could potentially go on sale in the school canteen to encourage teenagers to stay for school lunch in line with the School Food Plan Pupils will carry out a variety of practical lessons to include: coleslaw, fruit salad, ratatouille, savoury 	Textiles Technology Introduction to textile tools, techniques and materials including the sewing machine, Pupils design and make a phone cover which includes electronic textiles, using a sewable LED light. This project aims to familiarise pupils with textile materials and developments in technology. Pupils can use recycled materials, hand embellishment techniques and the sewing machine. Assessment - All classes will have Focused Marked Tasks which assess their creativity and ability in practical work. The final practical outcome will be assessed in conjunction with their theory work to ascertain their final grade.
	crumble, cheese	

scones, layered salad and pizza. Practical Food learning journeys will be completed at the end of each practical session which will monitor and track	
pupil skill progress.	

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Term I	Ter	rm 2	Term 3
Resistant Materials	Foo	od Technology	Textiles Technology
The aim of this unit is	•	Pupils will continue	Mood boards, product
to teach Year 8 pupils		to learn about	analysis and
how to develop skills in		nutrition, diet and	questionnaires to
Resistant Materials and		health. They will	develop a recyclable
Graphics.		look at special	bag based on the
We are focusing on		dietary needs for	inspiration of an artist,
'Mini Projects' which		different groups of	this project also
will keep the pupils		people and	focuses on the needs
interested as well as		investigate how	of others and
giving them an		people's food needs	promotion of a charity
overview of Resistant		change with age and	of the pupils choice.
Materials/Graphics and		level of activity. They	Pupils use and develop
the aspects required to		will plan a meal for a	practical knowledge
achieve a good grade in		specific group of	and creative thinking.
it. This project should		people in line with	Use knowledge of
also raise confidence in		the School Food	materials and
the workshop as well		Plan.	equipment to make a
as in their designing,	•	They will learn more	bag.
planning and evaluation		about the working	Assessment – All
skills which are both		characteristics of	classes will have
relevant skills should		foods when they	Focused Marked Tasks
the pupils opt into this		carry out sensory	which assess their
area next year.		analysis and make	creativity and ability in
Pupils will gain the		cookies, bread,	practical work. The
knowledge; skills and		Bolognese, macaroni	final practical outcome
understanding they		cheese, risotto,	will be assessed in
need to carry out the		curry and quiche.	conjunction with their
DMA successfully	•	Practical Food	theory work to
through product		learning journeys will	

evaluation activities and focused practical tasks. They Use models and scale drawing to help clarify ideas. Learn how to draw in I Point Perspective. Use feedback from peers and teaching staff to help influence their work. Learn about the properties of wood and how to utilise them. Learn how to use equipment effectively & safely.	be completed at the end of each practical session which will monitor and track pupil skill progress.	ascertain their final grade/level. •

Year 9 NCFE L2 Creative Design; Graphics

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Unit 01 (intro);	Unit 01;	Unit 01;
Understand graphic	Risk assessment and	Serif Draw and Aps-
materials, processes	health and safety	Ethos.
and techniques.	work underpins this	Final outcomes are
Opportunity to	initial activity.	produced using the laser
experiment in a range of	Developments include	cutter.
media including paint,	work in colour, tone,	Unit 02 (intro);
pencil, print and	shape and form. Batik	Research sources of ideas
cad/cam.	and poly-prints support	in a graphic context.
Initial focus on primary	colour theory work at	Students engage in a variety
and secondary research	this stage.	of research techniques with
supported with	Students demonstrate	an artist focus such a
investigations into	skills using cad/cam and	(Robert Sabuda (card
typographic styles.	in particular; Techsoft	engineer/illustrator).
	2D design,	·

Year 9 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
SI – General practical	S5 – use of equipment	S9 – Tenderise and
skills	S6- Cooking methods	marinate
S2 – Knife skills	S7 – Prepare, combine	\$10- Dough making
S3 – Preparing fruit and	and shape.	SII- raising agents
vegetables.	S8 – Sauce making	S12 – Setting mixtures.
S4 – Use of the cooker	Theory -	Theory -
Theory -	Methods of heat	Understand and how
Health and safety and	exchange.	acids denature protein
introduction to practical	Know understand	when making marinade.
learning journey.	concept of grilling	Functions and working
Hypothesise about	including Maillard	characteristics of
inaccurate weighing and	reaction.	ingredients used in
measuring.	Poaching as a method of	dough.
Tests for readiness.	cooking.	Understand working
Eatwell Plate and	Microwave cooking,	characteristics of
application (case studies)	steaming, pressure	ingredients used to make
Presentation and styling	cooking, boiling,	pastries.
of foods	simmering, and baking,	
Understanding of macro	roasting.	Understand raising agents
and micro nutrients.	Theory of Fish.	and carry out
Fruit and understanding	Sauce making –	experiments using
of enzymic browning.	understanding how starch	different raising agents
Methods of cooking	ratios affect viscosity.	and different flour.
(introduction)	Sauce reduction and how	Practice – assessment
Assessment –	this process affects	I – forming hypothesis,
Nutritional needs of	intensity of flavour and	carrying out experiment
teenagers and application	affects viscosity.	and writing up of results.
of healthy eating message.	Understanding how to	(choux pastry or bread)
	make an emulsion sauce.	

Curriculum Area: Social Studies and Computer Science

Curriculum Leader: Mrs D Black

Year 7 Core – Computer Science

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Network and Internet Safety	Software types Data Flow Diagrams	Computer Architecture

Input and Output Devices Storage Devices Operating Systems

Assessment – All classes will produce a series of documents which will be used for assessment at the end of practical units. For theory units assessment will take the form of end of unit tests.

Flowol
Control Systems
Assessment – All classes
will produce a series of
documents which will be
used for assessment at
the end of practical units.
For theory units
assessment will take the
form of end of unit tests

John von Neumann Architecture Processors Programming in Scratch

Assessment – All classes will produce a series of documents which will be used for assessment at the end of practical units. For theory units assessment will take the form of end of unit tests. End of year tests will also take place during this term covering the year's content.

Year 8 Core - Computer Science

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Boolean logic Binary & ASCII Computer Legislation Assessment – All classes will produce a series of documents which will be used for assessment at the end of practical units. For theory units assessment will take the form of end of unit tests.	Network Topologies Network Types Technology's impact on society Assessment – All classes will produce a series of documents which will be used for assessment at the end of practical units. For theory units assessment will take the form of end of unit tests.	Programming theory Loops If, then and else Algorithms Assessment – All classes will produce a series of documents which will be used for assessment at the end of practical units. For theory units assessment will take the form of end of unit tests. End of year tests will also take place during this term covering the year's content.

Year 9 Option - Computer Science GCSE

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
J276/01 - Computer Systems J276/01 - Systems Architecture J276/01 - Memory J276/01 - Storage J276/01 - Wired and wireless networks J276/01 - Network topologies, protocols and layers Assessment — For theory units assessment will take the form of ongoing and end of unit tests.	J276/01 - Computer Systems J276/01 - System security J276/01 - System software J276/01 - Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns Assessment – For theory units assessment will take the form of ongoing and end of unit tests.	J276/02 - Computational thinking, algorithms and programming J276/02 - Algorithms J276/02 - Programming techniques J276/02 - Producing robust programs J276/02 - Computational logic J276/02 - Translators and facilities of languages J276/02 - Data representation Assessment – For theory units assessment will take the form of ongoing and end of unit tests. End of year tests will also take place during this term covering the year's content.

Term I	Term 2	Term 3
Sociology	Sociology	Sociology
Unit I	Unit I	Unit I
Sociology Basics	Sociological	Key Sociological
	Research Methods	Theories
In this Unit students will		
study key sociological	In this unit for work	In this unit of study
concepts that will enable	students will learn about	students will learn about
them to progress within	investigating society and	the key sociological
their study of the subject.	collecting and using	principles and theorists
These Concepts include:	information and	that underpin sociological
Culture and	evidence. Students will	theory. Concepts that
subculture	study and learn about	

- Values
- Identity
- Status
- Roles
- Primary Socialisation
- Secondary
 Socialisation

Business

Business Paper I **Business Activity** Within this topic area students will study the need for business activity and the specific purposes of a variety of different organisations. They will investigate key entrepreneurs and learn about the characteristics of a variety of successful entrepreneurs. Students will also study business plans and learn about the contents of these documents as well as their importance.

primary methods of research including questionnaire, observations, interviews and content analysis. Students will also learn about secondary methods of research as well as quantitative and qualitative sources of information. Students will also investigate how to assess the reliability of research conducted by sociological experts and discuss issues of bias and social desirability.

Business

Business Paper I Marketing Within the marketing topic areas students will study and learn about the different market research techniques available to businesses as well as market segmentation. Students will look at the Marketing Mix and learn about the key four elements of this business model, Product, Price. Place, and Promotion.

students will cover include:

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- Students will also study the key sociological studies conducted by famous sociologists including Durkheim, Parsons, and Webber et al.

Business

Business Paper I People Within the people topic of study students will learn about the key stages of the recruitment and selection and its importance. As part of this students will be involved in creating and completing a curriculum vitae, letter of application and application form. Students will also look at the motivation and training of employees as well as the importance of industrial relations and employment law.

Departmental key assessment dates: Students will be formally assessed at least once per half term. This assessment will be graded with a GCSE and effort grade. Other pieces of work done by students will be formally assessed using the examination criteria.

Curriculum Area: Performing Arts

Curriculum Leader: Miss J Roberts

Curriculum area: Dance

Year 7

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Introduction to Dance	Culture	Darkwood Manor
Shrek	Mary Poppins	Little Mermaid

Year 8

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Introduction to GCSE	Chicago	Lion King
(12 weeks)	Gangs	Hairspray

Year 9

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Component 2:	Component 2:	Component 2:
Look at warm up/ cool	Look at diet/hydration	Look at safe dance
down		practise
	Looking at the set work	
Looking at the set work	Within her eyes	Looking at the set work
A Linha Curva performed	performed by James	Artificial things performed
by Rambert Dance	Cousins Company.	by StopGap Dance
Company.		Company.
	Looking at the set work	
Looking at the set work	Infra performed by the	Looking at the set work
Shadows performed by	Royal Ballet.	Emancipation of
Phoenix Dance Theatre.		Expressionism performed
		by Boy Blue
		Entertainment.

Curriculum area: Drama

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3

Introduction to Drama	Cultures	Darkwood Manor
Matilda	Legally Blonde	Charlie and the
		Chocolate Factory

Year 8

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Introduction to GCSE	Joseph	Wonderland
	Gangs	My Fair Lady

Year 9

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Introduction to GCSE	Component 1-	Component 3: Texts in
Component 1-	Understanding Drama	practice
Understanding Drama	(Blood Brother)	Component 3: Texts in
(Blood Brothers)	Component 2: Devising	practice (Mock
	drama (Blood Brothers	Performance)
	theme)	

Curriculum area: Music

Year 7

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
'Introduction to Music'	'Samba and Music of	'Listening Skills'
'Keyboard Skills'	Brazil'	'Hairspray'
	'Class Band/Ensemble	
	Skills'	

Year 8

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
'Introduction to GCSE Class	'Song Writing'	'Listening Skills'
Band/Ensemble Skills' 'Diembe Drumming	'West Side Story'	'Singing Skills'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
'Ensemble Skills'	'Solo Performance Skills'	'Aural Skills'
'Aural Skills'	'Composition Skills'	'Ensemble Recording'

Curriculum area: Core Physical Education

Year 7

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Fitness Testing	Gymnastics	Athletics
Indoor Athletics	Hockey	Rounders
Netball	OAA	Tennis

Year 8

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Fitness	Gymnastics	Rounders
Football	Handball	Athletics
Netball	OAA	Tennis

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Fitness	Gymnastics	Rounders
Basketball	Basketball	Tennis