

Wednesday 19 September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 7 English, Mathematics and Science curriculum 2018-19

We hope your daughter has enjoyed her first couple of weeks at St. Julie's Catholic High School.

During September we posted home a copy of the school curriculum (KS3 curriculum booklet) to all parents (available on the school website www.stjulies.org.uk and weekly bulletin). As a follow up to this I would like to outline the level of work set in English, Mathematics and Science in Year 7. Following the rigour of the KS2 SATS in May 2018, we have implemented a range of strategies to support the transition from KS2 to 3. Our Key Stage 3 team work closely with local primary schools and receive expert guidance and support from the local authority to support rapid progress through Year 7.

Part of this process highlighted the need to review KS2 skills during the first few weeks of term. This is a crucial element to support students' recall, retention and memorisation skills. Ensuring students have a solid foundation of knowledge and understanding is essential before moving to the next stage. At St. Julie's we are developing a mastery curriculum to ensure that students have a love of learning and a deep understanding of key concepts that will be covered in the GCSE public examinations.

Baseline assessments will take place and question level analysis has been completed across each department to monitor and track student's knowledge and understanding of key topics. During the autumn term students will complete standardised assessments to accurately benchmark and support early intervention programmes. Students will also complete self-regulation activities to help pinpoint their key strengths and areas requiring a greater focus.

There are a range of activities, events and workshops which take place throughout the year to support students' numeracy and literacy skills. During the summer term, the Mathematics department achieved the Gold Award as part of the Liverpool Counts numeracy initiative. Likewise, the English department took part in the National Reading Quality Mark award to support literacy development across the curriculum and achieved the Gold Award.

Over the next couple of months workshops will be planned for parents/carers and we will outline support strategies at home and how to access excellent online materials such as Dynamic Learning for Mathematics.

If you require any further information regarding the support your daughter receives in English, Mathematics and/or Science please do not hesitate to get in touch with school. Thank you for your continued support of your daughter's education.

Yours faithfully

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