



Student Curriculum at St John Bosco College

Aims of the Policy

The purpose of the curriculum is to help pupils to:

- develop lively, imaginative and enquiring minds
- acquire knowledge and skills relevant to adult life and a world of rapid and continuous technological change
- have sound numeracy and literacy skills
- develop personal and moral values, respect for shared values and for other cultures, religions and ways of life
- develop an understanding of the world in which they live
- appreciate human achievements and aspirations
- take their place in society as good Christians, honest citizens, able to earn their bread

Curriculum provision

Our curriculum provision is designed to meet the needs of our pupils and the developments in the National Curriculum and provides a broad, balanced and relevant spectrum of learning opportunities.

Our curriculum provision is reviewed annually to inform planning and provision for subsequent years.

Key Stage 3

On entry to KS3 all pupils are tested and grouped according to their aptitudes and abilities. All pupils study the following: English, Maths, Science, RE, Technology, PE, Geography, History, MFL (French or Spanish), Music, and Art. For those students for whom English is not their first language there is English as An Additional Language (EAL) provision. Provision for pupils to study Computing and PSHE is delivered through drop-down activities and/or mapped across other curriculum subjects.

Key Stage 4

Our pupils begin their KS4 studies in year 9 with GCSE material being taught across the full range of subjects. At the end of Year 9, pupils opt to specialise in a narrower range of courses Level Two (GCSE or equivalent) qualifications best suited to their needs and abilities.

All KS4 pupils follow courses and are expected to sit exams in

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Sport/PE
- Religious Studies

Students also choose three optional subjects from:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Geography
- History
- Modern Foreign Language (Spanish or French)
- Product Design
- Sociology
- Music

Some students will also have the opportunity to sit GCSEs in their home (community) languages where appropriate. Other GCSE option subjects may be added to the KS4 offer according to pupil demand/need.

Religious Education in the curriculum

As a Roman Catholic College Religious Education is central to our curriculum and accounts for 10% of teaching time in each year group.

The Wider Curriculum

Our curriculum addresses wider spiritual, moral and social themes. Through their work in a variety of subject areas and curriculum activities pupils will learn about a range of topics. For example:

British Values/PREVENT strategy

Racial Diversity

Discrimination (age, gender, race)

Safeguarding (personal safety, health and wellbeing, e-safety)

Ethical and moral issues

Sustainable development and environmental protection

Poverty, Fairtrade and Business Ethics

Pupils at KS4 also get the opportunity to study computing/ICT through dedicated drop-down activities.

Sixth Form

The Sixth Form curriculum provides

- a broad range of Academic Level 3 courses allowing for progression from Key Stage 4 alongside a smaller number of vocational courses at Level 2 and 3
- Opportunities for pupils to achieve the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Religious Education for all year 12 students (via the EQP element)
- Opportunities to study for and retake GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics are offered to year 12 students.

The following subjects are offered in the Sixth Form:

Subject	Qualification
Art	A Level
Business Studies	A Level
Chemistry	A Level
Economics	A Level
Geography	A Level
Health and Social Care	BTEC Level 2 and 3
History	A Level
ICT	Cambridge Tec Level 2 and 3
Mathematics	A Level
Media	A Level
Music	A Level
PE	A Level
Philosophy	A Level
Physics	A Level
Product Design	A Level
Psychology	A Level
RE	A Level
Science (applied)	BTEC Level 2 and 3
Spanish	A Level
Sport	A Level
Extended Project Qualification	AS
English	GCSE (resit)
Mathematics	GCSE (resit)

The wider curriculum in the sixth form provides opportunities for students to undertake charity and community work as well as make a positive contribution to the life of the school through service as prefects and mentors for the younger children.

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