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Curriculum Policy

He has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor... to set the oppressed free. Luke 4:18

All Catholic Schools should endeavour to offer to all, and especially to the poor and marginalised, the opportunity of an education, of training for a job, of human and Christian formation. Christ at the Centre 2012.

The consensus of education researchers is that carefully planned and sequenced knowledge acquisition is central to narrowing gaps in learning between the advantaged and the disadvantaged. Knowledge is needed to acquire knowledge and to acquire skills.

As a Catholic school, with a clear mission to educate all, especially the poor and the marginalised, our curriculum is knowledge based. Woven through this knowledge-based curriculum is the opportunity to develop the mind and body, and the opportunity for Christian and human formation.

Mind, Soul and Body

Mind

The great conversation of humanity

Cultural literacy

Big ideas and concepts

Applying knowledge

Soul

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging symbol

Catholic teaching and spirituality

Ethics

Community

Body

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Wellbeing

Creativity

Changing the world



Year 7 to 9

All pupils study

- Religious Education
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Art
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Either French or Spanish
- History and Geography
- Computer Science
- Technology
- Physical Education
- Personal Development

Alongside timetabled subjects, students begin the journey of developing skills of independent study. There are opportunities for careers information, guidance through the pastoral and brighter futures programme.

Year 10 and 11

All pupils will study a core programme of

- Religious Education
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Physical Education

All pupils will study at least one of the English Baccalaureate subjects. Some pupils will be guided towards study of both a modern foreign language and a humanity.

- Modern Foreign Language
- History
- Geography
- Computer Science

Alongside timetabled subjects, students begin the journey of developing skills of independent study. There are opportunities for careers information and guidance, and personal development through the pastoral and brighter futures programme.

Students will take further qualifications from a range of Humanities, Arts and Technology subjects; GCSE and vocational qualifications are available.

Students and parents will be guided to the most appropriate qualifications. We will emphasise the opportunities presented by studying the full suite of English Baccalaureate subjects.



Year 12 and 13

Saint Benedict will provide a range of subjects, both A Level and vocational. Students who wish to study at Russel Group universities will find a broad range of facilitating subjects available. These will sit alongside a smaller range of vocational qualifications.

All students will follow a General RE course.

AS WE KNOW WE ARE LOVED BY GOD,
WE WILL LEARN TO LOVE OURSELVES
AND CARE FOR OUR OWN BODY, MIND AND SOUL

SONG OF SOLOMON 4:7