



St Bede's Catholic High School

Our Curriculum

Curriculum Structure

Vision

We are striving to create a world class Catholic education that encourages our students to want to make the world a better place. We will underpin this vision with values of love, faith and hope.

What is the purpose of the curriculum at St Bede's?

We will develop GRITTY skills amongst all our students. Each element of our GRITTY curriculum will be explicitly taught through a holistic education, in and out of the classroom. We will focus on the GRITTY characteristics during the delivery of course content, extra-curricular programmes, assemblies and throughout our everyday lives. It will be the focus of our content and character education.

(See the Whole School GRITTY map for more details regarding the elements and delivery of the GRITTY character curriculum)

Method of Implementation

In order to achieve the vision and aims of the GRITTY curriculum, we have structured designed to facilitate broad and balanced subject coverage.

The review of 2017/18 lead to a change in the option process. Five pathways with the more able being advised to choose an MFL and a Humanities subject

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7		RE 5			Eng 5					Mat 6			Sci 6		Geo 5		His 5		Fre 5		Ge 5		CSc 5	Art 5	DT 5	Mu 5		PE 6		
8		RE 5			Eng 5					Mat 6			Sci 6		Geo 5		His 5		Fre 5		Ge 5		Art 5	DT 6	CS 5	Mu 5		PE 6		
9		RE 5			Eng 5					Mat 6			Sci 6		Geo 5		His 5		Fre 5		Ge 5		Art 5	DT 5	CS 5	Mu 5		PE 6		
10		RE 5		Eng Lang + Lit 6						Mat 7		2 x Sciences (Combined) 6			PE 6		Opt A		Opt B		Opt C			Opt D						
11		RE 5		Eng Lang + Lit 6						Mat 7		2 x Sciences 6			PE 6		Opt A		Opt B		Opt C			Opt D						

Note: the number underneath each subjects indicate the numbers of 'sets' the year group is split into for that subject. 'Blue' indicates a change from 2016/17 to 2017/18.

KS3

The curriculum is arranged around a 30 period 50 minute, 1-week timetable and the number of periods allocated to each subject per week at KS3 is as follows:

Year 7

Religious Education	3	Geography	2
English	5	Design Technology	1
Mathematics	4	Computer Science	2



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Science	3	Art & Design	1
Modern Foreign Lang.	3	Music	1
Physical Education	3		
History	2		

Year 8

Religious Education	3	Geography	2
English	5	Design Technology	1
Mathematics	4	Computer Science	1
Science	4	Art & Design	1
Modern Foreign Lang.	3	Music	1
Physical Education	3		
History	2		

Year 9

Religious Education	3	Geography	2
English	5	Design Technology	1
Mathematics	4	Computer Science	1
Science	4	Art & Design	1
Modern Foreign Language	3	Music	1
Physical Education	3	Drama	1
History	2		

KS4

As in KS3, the KS4 curriculum is arranged around a 30 period 50 minute, 1-week timetable and the number of periods allocated to each subject per week at KS4 is as follows:

Y10

Year 10			
Religious Education*	3	Option 1	3
English Lang. & Lit.*	4	Option 2	3
Mathematics*	4	Option 3	3
Science*	6	Option 4	3
Physical Education*	1		



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Y10 Pathways

The Blue Pathway 10 SUBJECTS	RS	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Sciences Comb x 2 or Separate. x 3	MFL or Humanities Subject	Free choice including English Express if appropriate	Free option choice from the subjects on offer	Free option choice from the subjects on offer
NB: If separate Sci chosen it uses up one of the free choice subjects									
The Green Pathway 9 SUBJECTS	RS	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Sciences Comb	English Express	Free option choice from the subjects on offer	Free option choice from the subjects on offer	Free option choice from the subjects on offer
The Purple Pathway 10 SUBJECTS	RS	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Sciences Comb x 2 or Separate. x 3	MFL subject	Humanities subject	Free option choice from the subjects on offer	Free option choice from the subjects on offer
NB: If separate Sci chosen it uses up one of the free choice subjects									
The White Pathway (Exceptional circumstance only)	RS	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Sciences Comb	Specialised provision			
The Yellow Pathway 7 SUBJECTS + college	RS	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Sciences Comb	English Express	College	Free option choice from the subjects on offer	

GCSE Subject Options

Art (GCSE)

College Courses (e.g. motor vehicle maintenance, hair and beauty and engineering)

Computer Science (GCSE)

Design Technology (GCSE)

Drama (GCSE)

English Express (Non-GCSE)

Food Preparation & Nutrition (GCSE)

French (GCSE)

Geography (GCSE)

German (GCSE)



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History (GCSE)

Separate Sciences (with the compulsory Science this leads to separate GCSE's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Media Studies (GCSE)

Music (GCSE)

Physical Education (GCSE)

Impact of the curriculum

- Over the last three academic years our Progress 8 figure has been well above the national average.
- We believe this reflects a curriculum which contributes to positive progress for the majority of students across the school.
- We offer bespoke courses and provisions to support students in their academic and personal development as part of our offer.
- The percentage of students undertaking the EBacc suite of subjects is steadily growing through our options pathway system.
- We stress to students and parents that while we guide and recommend pathways it is ultimately the decision of the student which is final.
- We are continually looking to broaden and refine our curriculum in order that it can be a specialised offer for each individual student.
- Both KS3 and KS4 curricula are reflected upon regularly by leaders across the school and governors.

Pupil Premium Impact

- The vast majority of our students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding perform very well compared with national averages. In the school's recent history, these students have outperformed pupils not in receipt of the premium which bucks the national trend.
- Their basics attainment is frequently well above the national average for non-disadvantaged students nationally.

SEND

- SEND students receive bespoke support which is closely planned, implemented and reviewed using our Provision Map software.
- A detailed learning plan is available for every student but in particular those with special educational needs or disabilities.

The GRITTY curriculum strives to give all students the skills to live fulfilling and exciting lives.