

# Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy

# Year 9 Parental Guide for the year ahead







Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this curriculum guide provides you with a one stop shop with everything you need to know for the year ahead.

Alongside this booklet we are delighted to share with you our new website—

#### www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk

The collaboration and relationships between students, parents and school is key to our success as a learning community. Communication is central to these relationships, which is why my colleagues and I will always be available to discuss the education and personal development of your child. As part of this commitment I will personally make it a priority to send a an update to parents every week—this can be found on our new website; and our school Twitter feed and website can also help keep you up-to-date with all the latest news from the school.

As the new Headteacher of BRS in this pack I have also enclosed a copy of our Strategic plan for your information.

<u>Mission statement</u> – To inspire and support all students to achieve exceptional success - academic excellence, spiritual development and social awareness through Christ.

<u>Vision</u> – An Excellent Education for all – so that that each student 'should have life and live it to the full.'

<u>Values</u> Our Catholic Values, which permeate all areas of the school community, are central to all we do. They underpin a highly ambitious vision towards an excellent education for all.

We want everyone to thrive in our caring community: the Sutton way (our moral code) encourages all children to fulfil their aspirations, making full use of the talents bestowed upon them. Central to The Sutton Way are the values of Love, Respect, Hope, Kindness and Resilience.

It is a privilege to lead this wonderful community and I welcome you to come and visit our school for a BRS in Action tour.

So far on the return to school as a school leadership team we could not have hoped for a better response from students who have settled back quickly into life at BRS, behaving extremely well and demonstrating the school values in their interactions with others. Please encourage your children to take advantage of the extracurricular enrichment opportunities available to them as part of their Sutton Experience. Whilst the academic outcomes our young people achieve at the end of Year 11 are vitally important, so is the wider personal development that comes from an excellent all round education. I would also take this opportunity to encourage parents/carers to get in touch with school immediately should there be anything that you think we could do to further support your children to be successful. In the first instance this should be via the Year Leader or the 'BRS Feedback Tab' on the website.

I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

With kindest wishes,

Laura O'Leary

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At Blessed Robert Sutton, our students sit at the very heart of our curriculum. In addition to teaching subjects for their intrinsic value, the purpose of our curriculum is to empower our students, further social justice and prepare them for citizenship within and outside of our school community. As a result, students are timetabled across a wide range of subjects in 55 minute periods as per the timetable below:

Subject	Number of Periods
English	7
Maths	7
RE	5
Art	3
Art Textiles / Food Technology / Design & Technology	3 (on rotation)
Geography	3
History	3
Character	1
Music	1
Drama	1
PE	4
Modern Foreign Languages	4
Computer Science	2
Science	6

#### **The Sutton Experience**

Students also have timetabled: one Literacy lesson to support their literacy; a weekly Character lesson; and a daily 20 minute Tutor Time Reading Session with their tutor followed by an afternoon session focussed on the theme of the day. All year groups celebrate Mass once a half term in addition to the liturgies held at the end of each term.



To provide students with a bespoke place of learning, our new library and wellbeing hub is open to all students before school, at breaktime, lunchtime and after school. In addition to lunchtime enrichment, there is a prep breakfast club for all stu-

dents before school from 8.00am; after school there are homework clubs and enrichment clubs running daily.

We believe that our students deserve the very best education and, to ensure that we meet these aims, we have outlined a clear curriculum plan for each key stage. As a result of this rich curriculum offer, we expect our students to become lovers of learning by the end of Key Stage 3 so that they are ready to embark on the next stage of their curriculum journey as they begin their GCSE studies in Year 9.





# **Key contacts**

For any further information on the curriculum, please do not hesitate class teachers or a member of the pastoral team:

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#### SUTTON EXPERIENCE

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER, 2021 - 22

There are a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students to engage with whilst at Robert Sutton, these will run before school, after school and during lunchtimes.

















**ART** 

SUBJECT	Art & Textiles
Curriculum Leader	Miss H Crowther
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We propose a forward-looking Art curriculum that fosters a broad range of modes of thinking, including visual perception and visual awareness. That embraces the historic, the contemporary and the future; and signposts to potential further and higher education, career choices and opportunities within the visual arts, creative and cultural industries.

#### Year 9 **Autumn Term Spring Term Summer Term Urban** culture Digital media **Everyday Objects** Students will explore photography through Art These unit allows students to explore a theme Students will be given the opportunity to ex-History to develop a wider understanding of the in a GCSE structured project. Students are plore Digital Media techniques such as photoggiven creative freedom to make their own media. Identify how photography has develraphy and photoshop. Increasing their awarechoices and decision, to prepare them ready oped over time. Show understanding of differness of modern technology in Art Practices. ent career opportunities linking to photogfor GCSE, developing independence and resili-Define macro and its use in photography, creraphy. Define animation and stop animation ence. Create a title and visual mindmap linking ating a selection of macro object photographs. and show understanding of the history of the to the theme. Identify different types of print-Use editing apps to manipulate photographs moving image and stop animation. Design their making in Art and describe the process of how and learn about the basic functions and uses of own stop animation that uses a range of techto create a monoprint. Create a monoprint of Photoshop, Develop Photoshop knowledge to niques . Identify careers in Film and TV and Chris Crites work independently and analyse his understand uses of the brush tools, how to apply understanding of costume design and work. Develop knowledge of cool and warm merge two images together and create work in storyboarding to visualise a story. Define surrecolours and more advanced colour theory. the style of a photographer. Identifying issues Recap coloured pencil techniques and add regarding photoshop in the media. Explore the coloured pencil using cool or warm colours. art history movement of Surrealism and identify Develop observational skill and create an obserwork from this style. Define and identify Cubomania. Design and realise intentions for a vational graffiti can. Analyse the work of an Art history—photography independent artist. Developing work in the style surrealist response responding to 1 of 3 of a GCSE project create a selection of Urban Explore modern Art practices of digital media culture photographs and create and observa-What we such a photography, moving image and stop tional drawing from personal photographs. animation. Understanding the history of photeach Realise intentions by designing and creating a Art history—contemporary tography and potential careers in this industry. personal cardboard graffiti painting. and why Students will identify how photography has and conceptual Art developed over time. Define animation and stop animation. Show understanding of the To broaden students understanding of Contem-Art history—Surrealism history of the moving image and stop animaporary Art Practices and Conceptual Art, to help tion. Design their own stop animation that uses influence their own developing Art practices. To provide students with the opportunities to a range of techniques. Define surrealism and Define Conceptual Art and identify the concept explore Surrealist Art and its influences. Define analyse the work of a surreal photographer. behind famous contemporary pieces of Art . Abstract Art and identify Abstract expression-Show understanding of different career oppor-Summarise the impact a concept has on a piece ism and Op Art . Identify key Abstract artists. tunities linking to photography and Identify of artwork and how it changes their opinion. Compare the similarities and differences of an careers in Film and TV. Apply understanding of Analyse the concept behind Damien Hirst's On artist and Abstract artist. Create their own costume design and storyboarding to visualise a pieces of work, identifying key characteristics. concept piece of Art that could be used within a story. Identify the concept behind Ai Weiwei's most game. Define Dada and Surrealist Art and what famous pieces of Art and explain how his work influenced artists of this time and describe the tells a story. Identify the key concepts of Perforkey characteristics of Dada and Surrealist Art . mance Art. Analyse a personal Contemporary or Describe the work of Rene Magritte and analyse Conceptual Art, presenting your finding on a the concepts behind his work. Identify the research page. perks, challenges and job description of a Games Designer . Describe a set designers job role and what skills and qualities they need. Transform an extract from a play into a set design, applying skills of a set designer.



## **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**





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SUBJECT	ENGLISH
Curriculum Leader	Miss B Robinson
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	Year 9	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
		Year 9 begins with studying the	The next unit of study in Year 9	The final is the Shakespearian
		classic novel 'Oliver Twist'.	is the Modern Novel. After the	comedy 'Much Ado about
		Reading is led by the applica-	heavy cognitive workload of	Nothing'. As in Year 7, students
		tion of context such as the un-	'Oliver Twist', this unit allows	study the play in original but
		derstanding the judicial system	students to build and develop	shortened form. This allows stu-
		of the Victorian Era, and the	their skills but with more acces-	dents to experience Shake-
		views of society at the time	sible texts. Classes study mod-	speare in his original language,
		about class and poverty. Once	ern novels that tackle contem-	but without having to tackle
		again, students are guided to	porary issues such as identity,	excessive lengths of text. This
		consider understanding be-	racism and prejudice. Again,	unit once again applies con-
		yond the plot, and to really	the unit holistically incorporates	textual ideas in order to pro-
		explore how Dickens was a	both reading and writing tasks	mote a deep understanding of
		social commentator who want-	at suitable points, to ensure	the ideas presented, especially
ı	What we	ed to incite change in his soci-	that students are honing and	around marriage and relation-
١	teach	ety.	developing key skills.	ships in the Elizabethan Era.
	and why			Students are encouraged to
				consider how perspectives
				have changed over 400 years,
				and to create convincing ar-
				guments about the events and
				characters, using textual refer-
				ences confidently to support
				their ideas.
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# **GEOGRAPHY**

SUBJECT	DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
Curriculum Leader	Mr E Davies-Tagg
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Year 9	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
What we teach and why	In Year 9 and their final year of KS3 Geography, pupils will continue to develop their understanding of geographical knowledge and skills with an initial enquiry into sustainability and 'How can we protect our planet for future generations?'	Pupils will then complete an enquiry into tourism and assessing how a diverse range of physical and human factors can have an impact in 'How does tourism affect fantastic places?' In the Spring term pupils will then be introduced to the foundational knowledge required for the AQA Geography GCSE which will enable them to decide if Geography is the best choice for further study.	Pupils will be introduced to the diverse physical and human geography of hot and cold environments before an enquiry into the changing economic world.





St Ralph Sherwin

# **HISTORY**

SUBJECT	HISTORY
Curriculum Leader	Mr E Davies-Tagg
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Year 9	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
What we teach and why	In Year 9 pupils' key enquiry shall be: 'How did the World Wars influence Britain and the wider world?' In Year 9 pupils will recap the significance of the British Empire and Britain's role in the world by the late-19th Century. Pupils will study the M.A.I.N. (Militarism, Alliance, Imperialism and Nationalism) causes of WW1 in 'What were the causes and consequences of World War One?'Pupils will then study the Treaty of Versailles and its impact on German society, focussing on the radicalisation of politics and life in early Nazi Germany (How far did the Treaty of Versailles lead to the rise of the Nazis?).	Pupils will then complete an empathetic investigation into the Holocaust developing an understanding of the development of anti-Semitism in Europe, how and why the Jewish people amongst other victims of the Holocaust were persecuted and considering 'Why is the Holocaust Significant?' Pupils will then assess 'How did World War Two impact Britain?' before assessing Britain's role in the Cold War 'How "Cold" was the Cold War?'	Pupils will conclude with an investigation into Ancient medicine, laying the foundations for the Year 10 Thematic Study: Britain, Health and the People c.1000 to Present (How far did religion and superstition influence Ancient medicine?).



## **MATHS**

SUBJECT	MATHS
Curriculum Leader	Mrs R Schofield
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# Year 8 catch up units— Autumn term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Developing Geometry			Reasoning with Data								
Angles in parallel lines and polygons		trapez	a of tia and cles	Line		The	data ha	ndling c	ycle	Measu loca	

# Year 9 Curriculum

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
	Reasoning with Algebra					Constructing in 2 and 3 Dimensions						
Autumn	Straight line		solv	ng and ving tions	conjectures		Three-dimensional shapes		Constructions and congruency			
	Reasoning with Number					Reasoning with Geometry						
Spring	Num	Numbers Using percentages		Maths and money		Dedu	ction	Rotation and translation		Pythagoras' Theorem		
	Reasoning with Proportion						Representations and Revision					
Summer		ement milarity	& prop	g ratio portion lems	Rai	tes	Proba	ability	Algebraic representation		Revision	





#### MFL

SUBJECT	MFL	
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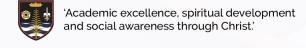
#### Accès Studio Rationale

Throughout the first term and possibly longer students will work from Accès Studio, which covers the most common areas of vocabulary and introduces basic grammar principles which some may have visited in KS2. This course provides consolidation as well as catch up for those who may not have studied French. Students move on to the Studio 1 course which covers national curriculum levels 1-5 and offers fully integrated grammar explanations and ensures logical and rigorous progression and assessment. Topics covered include:

Studio 2/3/4	La Révolution fran-	Using irregular ER verbs, using the perfect tense.
Year 9	çaise.	3 tense in writing, describing a day out.
	<b>Qui suis-je</b> ? Fami- ly,Friends, going out	Using depuis, using negatives, using the comparative.
	Le temps de loisirs : sport, internet, music (Studio 2 R)	using devoir and pouvoir, using the present and near future tenses
	Jours ordinaire, jours de fête : Food and celebrations.	

Students are given the opportunity to learn in a variety of ways. They work individually, with partners, in groups, on the computer and via digital resources. Each student has access to a digital homework platform, which both reinforces and prepares for class work.

Students explore cultural aspects of francophone countries around the world and are encouraged to research the way people live in these communities and draw comparisons with their own lifestyle in England. Lessons are designed not just to support the learning of the language, but also to develop effective linguists, with a set of skills and habits, which will support them in the learning of any language.





# **KEY STAGE 3 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2021-22**



#### PΕ

SUBJECT	PE		
Curriculum Leader	Mrs E Goddard		
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#### Year 7

Introduce new core skills and activities to our students to foster connection and engagement.

#### Year 8

Build on core skills, developing quality, selection and application in both a competitive and non-competitive environment.

#### Year 9

Develop core skills by selecting and applying their applications in various scenarios, as well as establishing links with more advanced skills.





RE

SUBJECT	RE		
Curriculum Leader	Mrs L Taberner		
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Year 9	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
What we teach and why	Our year 9 curriculum aims to build on what students have learnt in Year 7 and 8. Students will carefully consider religious commitments in the modern world through the study of vocation, morality and ethics and relationships. The Year 9 curriculum requires students to apply key concepts learned in Year 7 and 8 and apply these to new topics, such medical ethics and warfare. The curriculum enables students to build on subject specific vocabulary and to focus on key concepts needed for Eduqas GCSE	Students in Year 9 will explore what it means to be created and loved by God. The curriculum is designed to give students the information they need to develop healthy relationships of all kinds and to know the positive effects that good relationships have on mental well-being and identity. RSHE lessons are designed to allow students to grow in faith and love so they are able to enjoy healthy and safe relationships later in life.	Students will begin the study of Judaism. Students will explore common and divergent views and the basis of beliefs, teachings and practices of Reform and Orthodox Judaism. Students will continue to build on their analysis and evaluation skills, applying knowledge to a range of religious ideas and issues. We aim for students to be culturally and religiously diverse through the study of Judaism and to develop skills to enable them to be successful at GCSE.



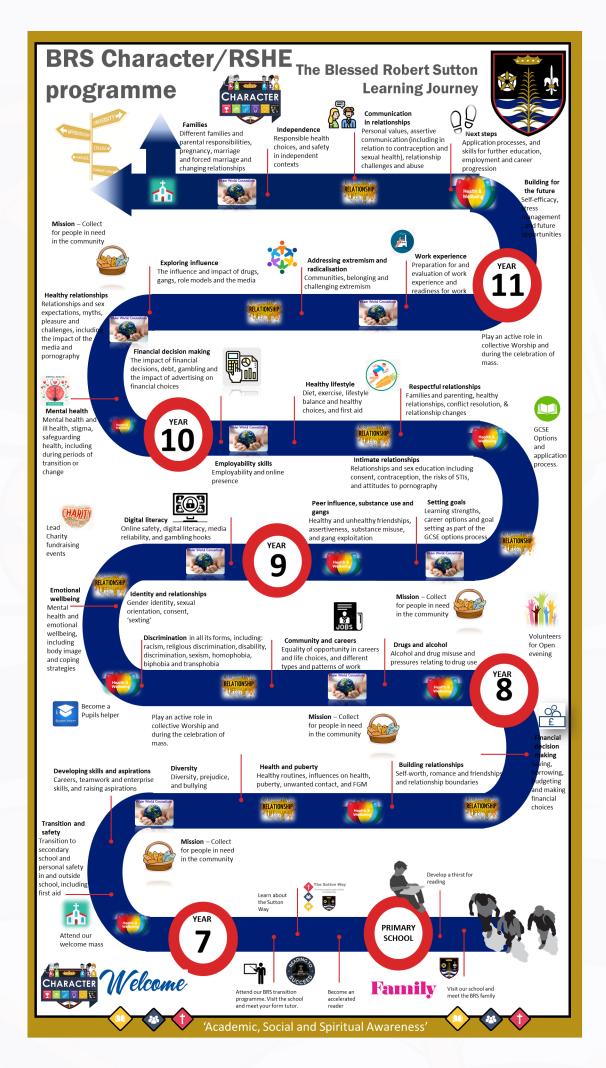


# **SCIENCE**

SUBJECT	SCIENCE	
Curriculum Leader	Miss H James	
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Year 9	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	In science we follow the AQA KS3 Specification. There are 10 Core Science Topics which are broken in two parts A and B. Part B builds on knowledge from part A.	Teaching Topics:  Wave part B: Wave Properties. Students are expected to use the wave mode to explain observations of the reflections,	This term in order to effectively prepare students for GCSE, the students complete 2 bridging units.
	We aim to create an equal balance between biology, chemistry and physics topic across the year.  Teaching Topics:  Ecosystems Part B: Respiration. Students are expected to use data from investigating fermentation with yeast to explore respiration  Ecosystems Part B: Photosynthesis. Students are expected to use lab tests on variegated leaves to shoe that chlorophyll is essential for photosynthesis  Earth Part B: Climate. Students are expected to investigate the contributions that natural and human chemical processes make to our carbon dioxide emissions	absorption and transmission of waves  Reactions Part B: Chemical Energy. Students are expected to investigate phenomenon that relies on an exothermic and endothermic reaction	The content makes links from the KS3 content and links it to the KS4 content. The topics which have been chosen are foundation topics for a large proportion
		Reaction Part B: Types of Reactions. Students are expected to investigate changes in mass for chemical and physical processes	The students recall knowledge learnt at KS3 but place it in a KS4 context.
What we		Genes Part B: Evolution . Students are expected to review the evidence for theories about how a particular species went extinct  Genes part B: Inheritance . Students are	Knowledge is then extended to offer the students challenge.  Teaching Topics:
teach and why		expected to model the inheritance of a species trait and explore the variation in the offspring produced	<u>Cell Biology:</u> During this unit students recall that cells are the building blocks of life. Student recall the structure of plant and animals cells alongside what each
	<u>Earth part B: Earth Resources</u> . Students are expected to predict the method used for extracting metals based on their position in the reactivity series	Capital Culture Curriculum:  This term students will complete 2 Science Big Idea units	organelle does with the cell. Students will extend this knowledge to include how cell multiply and divide and the role of stem cells within the body.
	<u>Wave Part B: Wave Effects</u> . Students are expected to relate the impact of different types of waves on living cells to their frequency and the energy carried by the wave	Knowledge Recall:  During this unit students will recall and practice skills learnt across the previous terms. This will culminate in the students sitting an End of Key Stage progress re-	Particle Model of Matter: During this unit students will recall the particle arrangement of solids, liquids and gases. Students will also recall the processes which happen as substances change state. This
	Capital Culture Curriculum:  This term students will complete 1 Science Big Idea unit.	view. Once this has been completed the students will have any misconceptions identified challenged and corrected before moving onto Year 10 and starting GSCE.	is then extended to think about pressure in gases and what impacts pressure in gases.











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