



Blessed Robert Sutton
Catholic Voluntary Academy

Key Stage 4
Parental Guide for
the year ahead



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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.

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 an update to parents every week—this can be found on our website; and our school Twitter feed and website can also help keep you up-to-date with all the latest news from the school.

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

Vision – An Excellent Education for all – so that each student **‘should have life and live it to the full.’**

Values – 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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KEY STAGE 4 - CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

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	9
Maths	8
Options subjects	5
PE	3
RE	5
Science	9 in Y10 and 10 in Y11

The Sutton Experience

Students also have timetabled: a fortnightly Character lesson in Y10 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 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 students 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 and be fully equipped to embark on the next stage of their curriculum journey.



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Key Contacts

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

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THE SUTTON EXPERIENCE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER, 2023-24

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.

Monday

Lunchtime

- Year 7 & 8 Book Club RA/SD Library
- All Years Silent Study A106
- All Years Basketball Sports Hall
- All Years Trampoline Gym

Library Open to All Students

Afterschool

Tuesday

Lunchtime

- All Years Chess Club WG A107
- All Years Dance GYM
- All Years Hair & Beauty Careers Hub
- All Years Silent Study A106
- Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Sports Hall
- Yr10 & Yr11 Further Maths AMD

Library Open to All Students

Afterschool

- Yr7, 8 & 9 Football PH Asho
- PREP+ A105
- LEXIA A106
- All Years Production Rehearsal AMD Hall

Wednesday

Lunchtime

- All Years Silent Study A106
- All Years Computing A105
- All Years Dog Club HE A101
- All Years Table Tennis JD Sports Hall
- Enterprise Club Careers Hub
- All Years Key Stage 4 Book Club RA/SD Library
- All Years Chaplaincy Team A201

Library Open to All Students

Afterschool

- Fuzz Club A203
- PREP+ A105
- LEXIA A106
- All Years Science WOW B206

Thursday

Lunchtime

- All Years Drama WH GYM
- All Years Silent Study A106
- All Year Netball EG Sports Hall
- French Club All Years A112
- Spanish Club All Years A111

Library Open to All Students

Afterschool

- All Years Science Club B206
- PREP+ A105
- LEXIA A106
- All Years Rugby Field
- All Years Production Rehearsal AMD Hall

Friday

Lunchtime

- All Years Badminton RW Sports Hall
- All Years Silent Study A106
- Board Games PLH Library

Library Open to All Students

Afterschool

- PREP+ A105
- LEXIA A106

Prep Sessions

Pupils can access staff support in A105 (computer room in Sutton block) during the following school times:

- 8am – 8:25am: Monday – Friday
- 10:40-11am: Monday – Friday
- 12:50-1:30pm: Monday – Friday

These sessions are for pupils to complete homework, revision or additional Lexia practice.

As well as this we also offer our Prep+ sessions from 3-4pm Tuesday-Friday. Pupils can either book a weekly slot/s or as and when they need to.

To book a regular slot please contact Mrs Kucharik:
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KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

SUBJECT	Art
Curriculum Leader	Mrs J Langston jlangston@brs.srscmat.co.uk

KS4 Art GCSE

'The Eduqas GCSE in Art and Design is designed to provide engaging, challenging, coherent and meaningful learning experiences through a flexible structure that supports the sequential and incremental development of creative practice. A rewarding and immersive programme of study broadens experience, develops imagination and technical skills, fosters creativity and promotes personal and social development. The focus of the specification is to nurture an enthusiasm for Art, Craft and Design and, through a broad introductory foundation programme, to develop critical, practical and theoretical skills that enable students to gain a holistic understanding of a range of practices and contexts in the visual arts, crafts and design fields.'

This specification encourages students to:

- actively engage in the creative process of art, craft and design in order to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop creative, imaginative and intuitive capabilities when exploring and making images, artefacts and products
- become confident in taking risks and learn from experience when exploring and experimenting with ideas, processes, media, materials and techniques
- develop critical understanding through investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills
- develop and refine ideas and proposals, personal outcomes or solutions with increasing independence

Assessment

Students will be assessed through a personal learning checklist for each unit of work, grading their progress based on a RAG rating and a teacher digital tracker. A formal assessment of each unit will take place using the 4 GCSE assessment objectives.





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Component 1: Portfolio

60% of qualification: 120 marks

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

40% of qualification: 80 marks

Part 1: Preparatory study period

Externally Set Assignment materials by the exam board. **One** of the assignments is to be selected by the student and are developed during the preparatory study period which inform the resolution of the student's ideas in the 10 hour exam.

Part 2: 10 hour period of sustained focus work

The resolution of the student's ideas from the preparatory work must be completed during the designated 10 hours of sustained focus work under supervised conditions.

Our key stage 4 Art curriculum aims to ensure the following skills and knowledge are developed for them to achieve a GCSE in Art

This specification encourages students to:

- actively engage in the creative process of art, craft and design in order to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop creative, imaginative and intuitive capabilities when exploring and making images, artefacts and products
- become confident in taking risks and learn from experience when exploring and experimenting with ideas, processes, media, materials and techniques
- develop critical understanding through investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills
- develop and refine ideas and proposals, personal outcomes or solutions with increasing independence

Possible areas of study include:

- Drawing
- Lens and light-based media
- Mixed media
- Printing
- Painting



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SUBJECT	Computer Science
Curriculum Leader	Mrs J Langston jlangston@brs.srscmat.co.uk

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum enables students to study different aspects of technology, focusing on areas such as programming, hardware, software and networking.

Course description

Content Overview	Assessment Overview
<p>J277/01: Computer systems</p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.1 Systems architecture • 1.2 Memory and storage • 1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols • 1.4 Network security • 1.5 Systems software • 1.6 Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology 	<p>Written paper: 1 hour and 30 minutes 50% of total GCSE 80 marks</p> <p>This is a non-calculator paper.</p> <p>All questions are mandatory.</p> <p>This paper consists of multiple choice questions, short response questions and extended response questions.</p>
<p>J277/02: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming</p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.1 Algorithms • 2.2 Programming fundamentals • 2.3 Producing robust programs • 2.4 Boolean logic • 2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments 	<p>Written paper: 1 hour and 30 minutes 50% of total GCSE 80 marks</p> <p>This is a non-calculator paper.</p> <p>This paper has two sections: Section A and Section B. Students must answer both sections.</p> <p>All questions are mandatory.</p> <p>In Section B, questions assessing students' ability to write or refine algorithms must be answered using either the OCR Exam Reference Language or the high-level programming language they are familiar with.</p>





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Assessments

At KS4, Computer Science pupils will be assessed formatively using a range of peer and self-assessment, as well as through marking and feedback in the form of clear targets and questioning by teachers to ensure consistent progression. Pupils will regularly complete exam questions in lesson and as homework.

Summative assessment practices at KS4 result in Year 10 and Year 11 pupils having three SPCs throughout the year (including one Mock Exam). SPCs will be in the form of either half a GCSE Paper or a Full GCSE Paper depending on content coverage.

Exam board OCR GCSE Computer Science (J277)

Past papers <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/computer-science-j277-from-2020/assessment/>

Ways to help my child succeed

Encourage your child to complete independent revision at home; revising from knowledge organisers, making flashcards, completing past papers and continually reflecting on their work. Ensure that at home there is a quiet place to revise away from distractions. Ensure students have access to 6 A Day, Axised Revision Guide and CGP Computer Science revision guide and are working through the tasks effectively.

Useful websites

Craig'n'Dave YouTube Videos

ComputerScienceUK YouTube Videos

BBC Bitesize – Computer Science



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SUBJECT	Food & Nutrition
Curriculum Leader	Mrs J Langston jlangston@brs.srscmat.co.uk

Our key stage 4 Food curriculum aims to ensure the following skills and knowledge are developed for students to achieve a GCSE in Food Preparation and Nutrition

Food and Nutrition in our school will equip students with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to cook and apply the principles of food science, nutrition and healthy eating. Our curriculum will encourage students to cook and enable them to make informed decisions about a wide range of further learning opportunities and career pathways as well as develop vital life skills that enable them to feed themselves and others affordably and nutritiously, now and later in life.

Through food and nutrition, students will demonstrate effective and safe cooking skills by planning, preparing and cooking using a variety of food commodities, cooking techniques and equipment.

Develop knowledge and understanding of the functional properties and chemical processes as well as the nutritional content of food and drinks.

Understand the relationship between diet, nutrition and health, including the physiological and psychological effects of poor diet and health.

Develop an understanding of the economic, environmental, ethical, and socio-cultural influences on food availability, production processes, and diet and health choices.

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of functional and nutritional properties, sensory qualities and microbiological food safety considerations when preparing, processing, storing, cooking and serving food.

Understand and explore a range of ingredients and processes from different culinary traditions (traditional British and international), to inspire new ideas or modify existing recipes.

Assessment

Students will be assessed using PLC check lists for each topic in year 10 based on RAG. During year 10 students will complete knowledge checks at the start of every lesson and formal knowledge checks each half term. Students will be assessed on their practical skills every lesson and also complete written assessments in the form of GCSE papers/style questions to demonstrate their knowledge and understating.

During year 11 students will complete their NEA 1 and NEA 2 which is internally marked and moderated before submission to the exam board.

Exam Board – AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition

50% Written exam at the end of year 11

50% NEA (non exam assessment) 2 pieces of work submitted

NEA1 = 15% and NEA 2 = 35%





KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

SUBJECT	Design Technology
Curriculum Leader	Mrs J Langston jlangston@brs.srscmat.co.uk

GCSE Design and Technology will prepare students to participate confidently and successfully in an increasingly technological world. Students will gain awareness and learn from wider influences on Design and Technology including historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic factors. Students will get the opportunity to work creatively when designing and making and apply technical and practical expertise.

Our GCSE allows students to study core technical and designing and making principles, including a broad range of design processes, materials techniques and equipment. They will also have the opportunity to study specialist technical principles in greater depth.'

This specification encourages students to:

- actively engage in the creative process of art, craft and design in order to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop creative, imaginative and intuitive capabilities when exploring and making images, artefacts and products
- become confident in taking risks and learn from experience when exploring and experimenting with ideas, processes, media, materials and techniques
- develop critical understanding through investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills
- develop and refine ideas and proposals, personal outcomes or solutions with increasing independence

Assessment

Students will be assessed through a personal learning checklist for each unit of work, grading their progress based on a RAG rating and a teacher digital tracker. A formal assessment of each unit will take place using the GCSE assessment objectives.

Exam: 50% of qualification: 100 marks

Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks)

A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding.

Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks)

Several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in-depth knowledge of technical principles.

Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks)

A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.

Non-examined Assessment (NEA): 50% qualification: 100 marks

- Work will be marked by teachers and moderated by AQA



KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

SUBJECT	English
Curriculum Leader	Mr M Ratchford mratchford@brs.srscmat.co.uk

At Blessed Robert Sutton, we deliver the AQA GCSE English Literature and AQA English Language course. The two GCSE are taught discretely, with dedicated books and lessons for Literature, and separate books and designated lessons each week focusing on Language.

Course description

<u>Literature</u>		<u>Language</u>	
<u>Paper 1</u>	<u>Paper 2</u>	<u>Paper 1</u>	<u>Paper 2</u>
Shakespeare	Modern Text	Fiction extract	Comparison of 2 non-fiction extracts
19 th century text 'Jekyll and Hyde'	Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology	Creative writing	Persuasive writing

In Year 10 study, students begin by studying a Modern Text (Literature Paper 2 Section A) ('Blood Brothers' or 'Animal Farm'). The teacher, using knowledge of the class' ability and interest, decides on the text chosen for each group. This way we can ensure that students are studying texts that are accessible to them, and offer them opportunities to engage fully with the text.

We start GCSE study with this element of the Literature exam to help students settle into the new curriculum, as they have previously studied modern texts at KS3. The demands of the exam for this text are challenging – this is the only literature question whereby students do not have a copy of the text, therefore, starting the two year course with this allows students maximum opportunity to revise and hone their skills in assessments in Year 10 and Year 11.

After the Modern Text, students will move onto the Shakespeare element of the Literature course (Literature Paper 1 Section A). Classes either study 'Macbeth' or 'Romeo and Juliet', depending on their ability. Using two terms of the school year allows for teaching to be thorough and learning to be effectively secured, helping students to grasp the plot and key ideas. Students often find this aspect of the curriculum difficult, and therefore much time is dedicated to ensuring a strong grasp on the text is established.



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For the Language curriculum, lessons in Year 10 focus on the first paper, which is fiction comprehension and creative writing.

Year 11 begins with the study of the 19th century text 'Jekyll and Hyde' (Literature Paper 1 Section B). By this stage in their academic career, students should be increasingly confident and proficient at reading texts, and their understanding of Victorian society is well honed from KS3 study

Finally students study the 15 poems in the 'Power and Conflict' anthology (Literature Paper 2 Section B), while developing skills for Unseen Poetry (Literature Paper 2 Section C). The poems are taught in a sequence that allows links to be drawn between each, and therefore allow students to develop their skills of comparison through the journey of learning. The teaching of comparison in Literature marries well at this point with the comparison skills established through the study of Language Paper 2, which is an exam based on comparing two sources.

For the Language curriculum, lessons in Year 11 focus on the Language Paper 2, which is comparison non-fiction comprehension and persuasive writing.

Exam board

AQA

Past papers

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Assessments

Students are assessed at 3 points in each year of GCSE study, in line with SPC deadlines.

All assessments are in the style of the exam, and are conducted in exam conditions.

Testing is cumulative over time, with each SPC revisiting previous texts.

Regular marking of students' books ensures teachers track progress within lessons

Ways to help my child succeed

Develop the habit of revision – little and often

Encourage awareness of current affairs, and discuss with your child contemporary issues

Encourage reading – both fiction and non-fiction texts



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SUBJECT	Geography
Curriculum Leader	Mr E Davies-Tagg edaviestagg@brs.srscmat.co.uk

Geography at Key Stage 4 is based on a balanced framework of physical and human geography, allowing students to investigate the link between the two themes, and approach and examine the battles between the man-made and natural worlds. Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), higher income countries (HICs), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

Course description

In Year 10 and 11 pupils will continue to develop their geographical knowledge and skills by studying three key areas:

Living with the Physical Environment

This unit is concerned with the dynamic nature of physical processes and systems, and human interaction with them in a variety of places and at a range of scales. The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the tectonic, geomorphological, biological and meteorological processes and features in different environments, and the need for management strategies governed by sustainability and consideration of the direct and indirect effects of human interaction with the Earth and the atmosphere.

Challenges in the Human Environment

This unit is concerned with human processes, systems and outcomes and how these change both spatially and temporally. They are studied in a variety of places and at a range of scales and must include places in various states of development, such as higher income countries (HICs), lower income countries (LICs) and newly emerging economies (NEEs). The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the dynamic nature of these environments that change over time and place; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments

Geographical Applications

The Geographical applications unit is designed to be synoptic in that students will be required to draw together knowledge, understanding and skills from the full course of study. It is an opportunity for students to show their breadth of understanding and an evaluative appreciation of the interrelationships between different aspects of geographical study.

Exam board

AQA GCSE Geography (8035)

Past papers

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources>





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SUBJECT	History
Curriculum Leader	Mr E Davies-Tagg edaviestagg@brs.srscmat.co.uk

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum enables students to study different aspects of the past, so they can engage with key issues such as conflict, understand what drives change and how the past influences the present.

Course description

Paper	Topic	Description
Paper 1: Understanding the Modern World (50% of GCSE, 2 hours, 84 marks)	Period Study – America, 1840-1895: Expansion and consolidation.	This period study focuses on the development of America during a turbulent half century of change. It was a period of expansion and consolidation – the expansion to the west and consolidation of the United States as a nation.
	Wider World Depth Study– Conflict and Tension, 1894-1918.	This wider world depth study enables students to understand the complex and diverse interests of the Great Powers and other states. It focuses on the causes, nature and conclusion of the First World War and seeks to show how and why conflict occurred, and why it proved difficult to bring the war to a conclusion.
Paper 2: Shaping the Nation (50% of GCSE, 2 hours, 84 marks)	Thematic Study – Britain, Health and the People c.1000	This thematic study will enable students to gain an understanding of how medicine and public health developed in Britain over a long period of time. It considers the causes, scale, nature and consequences of short and long term developments, their impact on British society and how they were related to the key features and characteristics of the periods during which they took place.
	British Depth Study: Norman England, c.1066-c.1100	This option allows students to study in depth the arrival of the Normans and the establishment of their rule. The depth study will focus on major aspects of Norman rule, considered from economic, religious, political, social and cultural standpoints of this period and arising contemporary and historical controversies.





Assessments

At KS4, History pupils will be assessed formatively using a range of peer and self-assessment, as well as through marking and feedback in the form of clear targets and questioning by teachers to ensure consistent progression. Pupils will regularly complete exam questions in lesson and as homework.

Summative assessment practices at KS4 result in Year 10 and Year 11 pupils having three SPCs throughout the year (including one Mock Exam). SPCs will be in the form of either half a GCSE Paper (40-44marks) or a Full GCSE Paper (84marks) depending on content coverage. SPCs will feature a range of 4 to 16 mark questions based on the following Assessment Objectives:

A01	A02	A03	A04
Apply Historical knowledge.	Explain and analyse second order concepts.	Use sources to make judgements.	Consider similarities and differences between sources.

Ways to help my child succeed

Encourage your child to complete independent revision at home; revising from knowledge organisers, making flashcards, completing past papers and continually reflecting on and updating PLCs. Ensure that at home there is a quiet place to revise away from distractions. Use the PiXL app and PiXL Independence Booklets.

Useful websites

- BBC Teach History – YouTube
- BBC Bitesize History





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SUBJECT	Maths
Curriculum Leader	Miss R Schofield rschofield@brs.srscmat.co.uk

At Blessed Robert Sutton, we deliver the OCR 9-1 Mathematics GCSE. There are two tiers of entry and all examinations take place at the end of year 11.

Year 10 Scheme of Learning



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Similarity						Developing Algebra					
	Congruence, similarity and enlargement			Trigonometry			Representing solutions of equations and inequalities			Simultaneous equations		
Spring	Geometry						Proportions and Proportional Change					
	Angles & bearings		Working with circles		Vectors		Ratios & fractions		Percentages and Interest		Probability	
Summer	Delving into data						Using number					
	Collecting, representing and interpreting data						Non-calculator methods		Types of number and sequences		Indices and Roots	

Year 11 - Scheme of Learning



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Graphs						Algebra					
	Gradients & lines		Non-linear graphs		Using graphs		Expanding & Factorising		Changing the subject		Functions	
Spring	Reasoning						Revision and Communication					
	Multiplicative		Geometric		Algebraic		Transforming & Constructing		Listing & describing		Show that...	
Summer	Revision						Examinations					

Past papers and revision materials

<https://corbettmaths.com/2019/04/01/gcse-practice-papers/>

Assessments

A small assessment will take place after each unit of work. Formal summative assessments will take place termly in line with the whole school assessment policy. The final exam consists of three papers, each being 1 hour 30 minutes.



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KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

SUBJECT	MFL—French
Curriculum Leader	Mrs A Coons acoons@brs.srscmat.co.uk

The specification covers three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers. Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where MFL is spoken.

Theme 1: Identity and culture	<p>1: Me, my family and friends—Relationships with family and friends, Marriage/partnership</p> <p>2: Technology in everyday life—Social media, Mobile technology</p> <p>3: Free-time activities—Music, Cinema and TV, Food and eating out, Sport.</p> <p>4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities</p> <p>Review from last year</p>
Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest	<p>1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region</p> <p>2: Social issues—Charity/voluntary work, Healthy/unhealthy living</p> <p>3: Global issues—The environment, Poverty/homelessness</p> <p>4: Travel and tourism</p>
Theme 3: Current and future study and employment	<p>1: My studies</p> <p>2: Life at school/college</p> <p>3: Education post 16</p> <p>4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions</p>

How you can help your child

- Be positive about language learning
- Remind them that it is easier to learn French than a lot of people think, because many words are closely related to English
- Avoid statements like “languages are hard” or “everyone speaks English”
- Help your child learn their vocabulary
- Encourage them to find out about countries where French is spoken on the Internet
- Support your child in completing homework tasks
- Encourage your child to attend weekly intervention and to use duolingo at home



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KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

SUBJECT	MFL—Spanish
Curriculum Leader	Mrs A Coons acoons@brs.srscmat.co.uk

The specification covers three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers. Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where MFL is spoken.

Theme 1: Identity and culture	1: Family, friends and technology use (review from last year) 2: Free-time interests 3: Mealtimes and typical foods, festivals in the Spanish speaking world
Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest	1: Holidays (review from last year) 2: My local area, towns and cities 3: The environment and social issues
Theme 3: Current and future study and employment	1: My studies & school life (review from last year) 2: Education post 16, earning money and future work

How you can help your child

- Be positive about language learning
- Remind them that it is easier to learn Spanish than a lot of people think, because many words are closely related to English
- Avoid statements like “languages are hard” or “everyone speaks English”
- Help your child learn their vocabulary
- Encourage them to find out about countries where Spanish is spoken on the Internet
- Support your child in completing homework tasks
- Encourage your child to attend weekly intervention and to use duolingo at home





KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OFFER, 2023-24

SUBJECT	PE
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Year 10

Students can develop more advanced skills in isolation and under competitive pressure in authentic scenarios.

Year 11

Students can develop more advanced skills with more consistency, accuracy, control and frequency in competitive scenarios.

Core PE Assessment

Students are assessed at the end of each sport using descriptors of levels for each sport. Students are taught the basic skills in each sport in Year 7, in Year 8 and 9 these skills are built upon through a progressively more challenging scheme of work where they are taught more tactical and then advanced skills. Student's highest individual, team and then the next best score (individual or game) contribute to their final grade.

At KS4 students are challenged by being taught tactical awareness and development through more advanced skills. They may also be taught through a sport education model as students become more proficient and the students take on more of a lead of the lesson while the teacher becomes the facilitator. In KS4 Core, students are scored on their Attitude to learning in order to foster positive attitudes and encourage their lifelong participation in PE & sport.

Ways to help my child succeed

Students should be encouraged to take part regularly in sport and exercise outside of school.

Useful websites

<https://sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/>

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/sports-development/sports-clubs>



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GCSE Physical Education

A GCSE in Physical Education equips pupils with the knowledge, understanding, skills and values they need to develop and maintain their performance in physical activities. Pupils also gain an understanding of how physical activities benefit health, fitness and well-being.

The GCSE P.E. course has theory and practical elements.

The Theory Element is worth 60% and this consists of the following:

Theory Exam 1:

Anatomy and Physiology

Movement Analysis

Training and Data

Theory Exam 2:

Health and Fitness

Psychology of Sport

Socio-cultural issues in Sport and Fitness

The practical element is worth 40% and comprises of practical activities and coursework. Pupils will be assessed in three approved practical activities (sports.) Pupils can be assessed in activities inside and outside of school. Pupils must be willing participants in order to succeed in this element of the course (with attendance at extra-curricular clubs highly recommended). This element is referred to as the NEA (Non Examined Assessment).

Exam board—Edexcel GCSE Physical Education

Past papers

<https://robertsutton.fireflycloud.net/physical-education/ks4/gcse/practice-exam-papers>

Assessments

In GCSE PE students are tested after each unit, known as knowledge curriculum tests. These assessments will test all of the knowledge and skills that the students have developed up to that point. Each assessment aims to cover questions from a range of difficulties, ensuring that students at different attainment levels can be distinguished between.

These assessments are colour coded.

Red – Historic weaknesses

Amber - Last topic

Green – Current topic



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SUBJECT	RE
Curriculum Leader	Mrs L Taberner ltaberner@brs.srscmat.co.uk

At KS4, our students build on their prior learning, while developing sophisticated analytical and evaluative skills. This enables students to be more questioning in their study of the impact of religious and non-religious belief on the lives of people in the modern world. Students follow Eduqas Religious Studies: Route B

Eduqas GCSE Religious Studies: Route B

In Year 10 students will study Judaism and Foundational Catholic Theology

Paper 3: Judaism (25%)

Students must know, understand and express common and divergent views and the basis for beliefs, teachings and practices. References to relevant sources of wisdom and authority are expected, including scripture and/or sacred texts.

Paper 1: Foundational Catholic Theology (37.5%)

Origins and Meaning: This theme requires students to consider religious and non-religious beliefs about the origins and value of the universe and human life. Students are expected to make relevant references to scripture, other sources of authority and contrasting scientific and/or nonreligious world-views such as those held by Atheists and Humanists.

Good and Evil: This theme requires students to consider philosophical questions concerning the origins and nature of good and evil and different religious answers to the problem of evil and suffering. Students are expected to make relevant references to scripture and other sources of authority.

In Year 11 students will study Applied Catholic Theology.

Paper 2: Applied Catholic Theology (37.5%)

Life After Death: This theme requires students to consider religious beliefs about the nature of life and death. Students are expected to make relevant references to scripture and other sources of authority.

Sin and Forgiveness: This theme requires students to consider philosophical questions concerning the nature of criminality and the rationale for punishment. Through a study of teachings and beliefs, questions relating to the justifiability of capital punishment will be explored. Students are expected to make relevant references to scripture and other sources of authority.

Exam board—Eduqas Religious Studies: Route B

Past papers

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/qualification-resources.html?subject=ReligiousStudies&level=GCSE&pastpaper=true>



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SUBJECT	Science
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Pupils will follow the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum through the AQA KS3 syllabus and in KS4 they will move to study AQA Trilogy GCSE Combined Science or choose to study AQA Trilogy GCSE Separate Science. As a result, the Science Curriculum aims to enable pupils to:

- Develop a range of practical skills which will allow pupils to apply and observe scientific theories
- collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through practical work that deepens their understanding of scientific processes
- communicate scientific information in a variety of ways, including through graphs, tables, diagrams and through extended pieces of writing
- develop scientific knowledge that questions the world we live in
- develop knowledge of how the human body functions including mechanisms for breathing, digestion and reproduction; how chemicals react and bond together; how forces interact; develop an understand of the structure of our planet and how we impact it; understanding our energy usage;
- prepare our pupils for life in an increasingly scientific and technological world today and in the future
- encouraging open-mindedness, self-assessment, perseverance and developing the key scientific skills of hypothesising, observing, interpreting, explaining, analysing and evaluating



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