



Saint GREGORY'S
Bath

OUR CURRICULUM and ASSESSMENT - SEPTEMBER 2019/20

The curriculum at St Gregory's has evolved in response to the needs of students, but we are proud that it has never wavered from our ethos and mission. We hold Religious Education at our core and all students are prepared for GCSE examinations in RE. We have always believed in providing a broad and balanced curriculum, with academic rigour at the fore. Consequently, all students study English, mathematics and at least two sciences to GCSE. Options subjects offer the students the opportunity to pursue wider curriculum areas, such as the performing arts, humanities and languages.

Our specialisms are performing arts and science and this is reflected in our curriculum provision. All students study dance, drama and music at Key Stage 3. This not only enhances the cultural life of the school, but builds the confidence of all students in public speaking and performance. The school productions are stunning and involve large numbers of students throughout the school.

At Key Stage 3 we encourage those students to choose two languages at first in year 7 from Spanish, Mandarin, German and French. We are part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme. Physical education is vital for team building as well as aiding the students' physical and mental wellbeing. All students follow a core PE curriculum, with good numbers opting to study PE at GCSE and beyond. Personal, Social and Health Education is taught in discrete lessons at KS3 and in a cross-curricular fashion at KS4. All teachers weave the social, moral, spiritual and cultural dimensions of learning into their lessons.

Parental and student voice is important to us. We do not alter the curriculum to improve league tables or performance measures, focussing instead on a balanced curriculum, achievement and progress. We constantly strive to provide the best broad and balanced education for our students.

We are proud of our curriculum and offer and the excellent results it leads to.

Jo Tidball, November 2019

ASSESSMENT

Since September 2014 National Curriculum Levels have ceased to be used nationally. The new measures of “Attainment 8” and “Progress 8” place a focus on progress from KS2 to KS4, with a much freer rein for schools to track at KS3.

Targets are set for each student using the KS2 scores and a flight path model.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
5	7	9	9	9
5	7	8	8	8
4	6	7	7	7
3	5	6	6	6
3	4	5	5	5
2	3	4	4	4
2	2	3	3	3
1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1

KS4

New specifications are now in place for all GCSE subjects. They are all graded on the 1 – 9 scale – see OfQual for more details.

GROUPINGS

At KS3 students are taught in mixed ability classes for most subjects. Setting will be used in maths for Years 7, 8 and 9. English and science will have the independence to decide groupings in years 8 and 9.

At Key Stage 4 maths and English have complete freedom to set students by ability in their subject. Other subjects use a mixture of mixed ability and setting, depending on options groups.

OUR CURRICULUM

Year 13							*Reduced time PP Prior Park
GEN RE 2	Core Maths EPQ	Chemistry Geography PE	History Psychology Biology	Physics Gov +Politics Sociology	English Lit Maths Psychology	Enrichment 2	
	5	Perf Arts Sociology Fine Art	Photography PP Music PP Further Maths Phil + Ethics	Bus Studies Biology Spanish	Eng Lang/Lit Dance* Geography		
		9	9	9	9		

Year 12								*Reduced time PP Prior Park
GEN RE 2	Core Maths EPQ	Chemistry Eng Lang/Lit PE	History Geography Biology	Physics Gov +Politics Sociology	Perf Arts Further Maths Dance*	Fine Art Bus Studies Geography Biology	Enrichment 2	
	5	Psychology English Lit Music PP Photography PP	Maths Phil + Ethics	Psychology Spanish			Sociology	
		9	9	9	9			

Year 11							
RE	English	Maths	Science	Triple Science	Options	5 each	PE CORE
5	9	9	8	Geography	French	Dance	4
				History	German	History	
				Art	Mandarin	Computing	
				Drama	Spanish	Music	
				PE	Geography	Spanish	
					Photography	Geography	
					History	Photography	
					Drama	Food	

Year 10							
RE	English	Maths	Science	Triple Science	Options	5 each	PE CORE
5	9	9	8	Geography	Art	Business Studies	4
				History	Child Development	Computing	
				PE	Drama	German	
				Dance	Geography	Drama	
				French	History	Food	
				Spanish	Music	Geography	
				Photography	Triple Science	Spanish	

Year 9

RE	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Languages	PSHE	Drama	Dance	Comp/ Food	Music	Art	PE
5	7	7	7	3	3	4	1	2	1	2	2	2	4

Year 8

RE	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Languages	Drama	Dance	Comp/ Food	PSHE	Music	Art	PE
5	7	7	6	3	3	5	2	1	2	1	2	2	4

Year 7

RE	English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Languages	Drama	Dance	Comp/ Food	PSHE	Music	Art	PE
5	7	7	6	3	3	5	2	1	2	1	2	2	4