



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

5. PARENTS' GUIDE TO THE CURRICULUM

We aim to provide a stimulating and enriched curriculum that meets with national curriculum requirements and that is compatible with developing the subjects and skills that are central to our specialist school status. As a Catholic school, the study of Religious education takes up a significant amount curriculum time and we aim to foster in all that we do a love of God and a strong moral and spiritual framework. We are committed to harnessing new computer and other technologies to give our pupils an edge in their learning. The school day is divided into 5 periods each 1 hour long – giving 25 periods in a school week.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) the week is comprised of:

Year 7		Year 8	
Subject	No. of Periods	Subject	No. of Periods
English	4	English	4
Maths	5	Maths	5
Science	3	Religious Education	3
Physical Education	2	Science	3
Technology/Food	1	Physical Education	2
Religious Education	3	History	2
Spanish/French	2	Geography	2
Music/Art/Drama	1	Spanish/French	2
Geography	2	Technology	1
History	2	Drama/Music/Art	1

One group in Year 7 will follow an Integrated Curriculum course for 15 periods a week which will include English, Maths, RE, Science, History, Geography, IT and then Art, Technology, Drama, Music and PE.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 9 - 11) pupils follow a core curriculum consisting of:

Subject	Years 9 & 10	Year 11
Mathematics	5 periods	5 periods
English	5 periods	5 periods
Science	4 periods (All following Additional Science)	4 periods
Religious Education	3 periods	3 periods
Physical Education	2 periods	2 periods

Pupils also have the option to study **four** guided choice subjects from the following:

GCSE Subjects:

Spanish/ French/Textile Technology/Food Technology/ Art & Design/History/Psychology/Physical Education/ Geography/ Drama/Media Studies/Business Studies/ Sociology/ Computer Programming/Additional Science

BTEC Subjects:

Art & Design/Business/Sport/Health & Social care/Music Technology/Performing Arts /Media/CIDA(Information Communication Technology)