

# The Curriculum

## KEY STAGE 3

In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students currently study:

Art	History	Science
Drama	IT	French or Spanish
Design Technology	Maths	Welsh
English	Music	PE
Geography	Numeracy	Religious Studies

## KEY STAGE 4

In Years 10 and 11 we currently offer:

Art	Graphics	Photography
Business	Health and Social	Product Design
Child Development	History	Religious Studies
Drama	Hospitality	Science
Engineering	IT	Sociology
English	Maths	Spanish
Fashion	Media	Travel and Tourism
French	Music	Welsh
Geography	PE	Welsh Baccalaureate

## KEY STAGE 5

In Years 12 and 13 we currently offer:

Applied Science	French	Photography
Art & Design	Geography	Physics
Biology	Health & Social Care	Psychology
Business	History	Religious Studies
Chemistry	Information Technology	Sociology
Criminology	Mathematics	Spanish
Design & Technology	Media Studies	Sport
Electronics	Music	Travel & Tourism
English Literature	Performing Arts	Welsh

# The Curriculum Continued

## **Home Learning**

Home Learning is an important part of everyday school life.

All subjects have written Home Learning into their schemes of work. This means that we do not give a Home Learning timetable. We will always give a reasonable amount of time for Home Learning to be done. Home Learning clubs are run by a number of departments and the Learning Resource Centre is available most lunch times and after school from Monday to Thursday.

We hope that you will play a part in making sure that your daughter or son has a quiet place in which to do their Home Learning and that you will make sure that they do all their work on time and to the best of her or his ability.

## **Deadlines**

It is very important that students get used to working to deadlines, and we try to encourage this from Year 7 onwards. Students who hand work in late may find that their grade is reduced or that the work is marked but ungraded. This may seem harsh but, if work is handed in past a deadline for a GCSE, we will be unable to submit marks to the exam board in time.

As you can see, meeting deadlines is an important habit to develop.

## **Sex Education**

Sex Education forms part of the Personal and Social Education

Programme. It is taught by a team of teachers who meet regularly to plan, prepare and review the programme.

## **Confidentiality (individually and in the classroom)**

Team members make it clear to students in their groups that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed for any disclosures made in or out of the classroom; teachers use their professional judgement regarding consultation with colleagues, specialist support services, parents or the Local Authority.

## **The right to withdraw children from Sex Education**

The Government's circular on sex education allows parents to withdraw children, without any explanation, from sex education lessons that fall outside the National Curriculum Science Syllabus.

We hope that we can reassure parents that the content of our sex education lessons is well balanced and well managed and of great importance to young people. However, should you wish to withdraw your child please let us know.

## **Reports**

Two reports will be sent home per year. One is a progress report. One is a full subject report.

The reports will provide information on your child's progress in each of the subjects they study.

In addition to the reports there is a tutor evening where you are invited to make appointments with teachers to discuss your child's progress.

# Home Learning Guide

This section gives information about Home Learning arrangements at St Julian's. We hope that this information will help you to be clear about our expectations, and to support your child in the completion of Home Learning.

We set Home Learning for the following reasons:

- To provide an opportunity for students to work independently
- To develop good study habits
- To check that classwork has been understood
- To extend work and understanding
- To prepare for future lessons
- To raise achievement

Home Learning is therefore a very important part of school life, and all subjects have incorporated Home Learning into their schemes of work. Home Learning is a vital part of the learning process. There is not a Home Learning timetable as such, but you will see that Home Learning is set regularly, and that a reasonable amount of time is given for tasks to be completed.

It should be noted that failure to complete Home Learning will result in a Departmental Detention.

## **Blended Learning**

In addition to the home learning guide above, due to current circumstances we may be asked to imbed a 'Blended Learning Policy'. Once further guidance has been received from the Welsh Government and Local Authority, we will share further details.

