

## Curriculum

Our school curriculum reflects the wide range of learning experiences we provide for our students. As a Voluntary Aided school, we teach the latest National Curriculum as prescribed by the Department for Education.

We offer a full range of National Curriculum subjects, ensuring that each child follows a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. Our curriculum promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of students at the school. It promotes the values that reflect our modern British society and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

Our curriculum is organised as a two week timetable of 50 one hour lessons.

### Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

During the first three years at St Bede's, students follow subjects according to the National Curriculum. As well as the "core subjects" of English, Mathematics and Science, students also study Religious Education and the "foundation subjects" of Art, Computing, Design technology, Drama, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Music and Physical Education, together with Personal, Social and Health Education.

A summary of the time allocation for each subject at Key Stage 3 is shown in the table below.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 7 (hours)</b>	<b>Year 8 (hours)</b>	<b>Year 9 (hours)</b>
English	3	3	3
Mathematics	3.5	3.5	3.5
Science	3	3	3
Religious Education	2.5	2.5	2.5
Art	1	1	1
Computing	1	1	1
Design Technology	1	1	1
Drama	0.5	1	1
Geography	2	2	2
History	2	2	2
Modern Foreign Languages	2	2	2
Music	1	1	1
Physical Education	2	2	2
Transition lesson	0.5		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>

PHSE is taught through the curriculum and whole school Aspire days.

### **Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)**

In Year 10 and 11 students work towards predominantly GCSE qualifications. They follow a core curriculum of Religious Education, English Language, English Literature, Information and Creative Technology, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and PHSE. Students then have a choice of option subjects from a guided option form. We offer a range of GCSE and BTEC courses but recognise that some students require a personalised curriculum to meet their needs and alternative courses, including vocational qualifications, may be appropriate.

Our 2016 options booklet gives a detailed outline of all GCSE or equivalent courses currently on offer.

A summary of the time allocation at Key Stage 4 is shown in the table below.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 10 (hours)</b>	<b>Year 11 (hours)</b>
Religious Education	2.5	2.5
English Language and Literature	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	5	5
Information and Creative Technology	2.5	2.5
Physical Education	2	2
Option A	2.5	2.5
Option B	2.5	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>

At both Key Stage 3 and 4 we recognise that careers education and guidance form an important part of the curriculum. A variety of support and advice, including an independent careers advisor and other external sources, is provided to help students progress into further education, training or employment.

Should you require any further information regarding the curriculum at either Key Stage 3 or 4, please contact Mr D. Milton on (01254) 202519.