



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

DRAFT CURRICULUM POLICY

Date approved by Governors:
Review Date:

School Mission Statement

At Saint Augustine's we believe that every person is made and loved by God. This is why we respect one another. Within our school community our young people will learn to act justly, love tenderly and recognise God in their lives.

Our school helps families to educate their children in accordance with the principles and teachings of the Catholic Church in an environment which inspires, encourages and supports the development of our pupils through nurturing their gifts and talents.

Our school community will keep alive the memory of Jesus through the Eucharist and through the practice of our Faith. We want everyone at Saint Augustine's to experience the joy of the Gospel in their journey through school and beyond.

Together we will work to make a difference in our community and in the wider world. We follow the example of Saint Augustine by stepping out in faith and celebrating our reasons for living and hoping.

Curriculum

The curriculum is arranged around a 49 hour, 2-week timetable and the number of hours allocated to each subject per fortnight at KS3 is as follows:

Year 7			
Religious Education	5	Geography	3
English	6	Technology/Drama	4
Mathematics	7	Art	2
Science	6	Computing	2
Modern Languages*	5	Music	2
Physical Education	4	Citizenship & PSHE – cross curricular	
History	3		

*Pupils who join us without a level 4 or above in reading receive additional intervention support at the start of Year 7 and will begin to follow the Modern Languages curriculum after Christmas.

Year 8			
Religious Education	5	Physical Education	4
English	6	Technology/Drama	4
Mathematics	6	Art	2
Science	6	Computing	2
Modern Languages	4	Music	2
History	4	Citizenship & PSHE – cross curricular	
Geography	4		

Year 9			
Religious Education	4	Geography	4
Mathematics	6	Technology/Drama	3
English	7	Art	2
Science	6	Computing	2
Modern Languages	5	Music	2
Physical Education	4	Citizenship & PSHE – cross curricular	
History	4		

Setting at KS3

Pupils are set on entry using a combination of KS2 results and Teacher Assessments for subjects such as Mathematics and English. Pupils are then placed into ability bands for the remaining curriculum areas. Subjects such as Physical Education, Design Technology and Drama are taught in mixed ability groups. Setting is reviewed at Christmas and in the summer term.

Year 7 Setting

In Year 7, pupils are placed into one of two bands, where groups are arranged as follows: X1, Y1 and Z1 are equal ability set 1 groups. Similarly X2 and Z2 are equal ability set 2 groups, X3 and Z3 are equal ability set 3 groups and Y3 is a smaller set 3 group for pupils who may need additional support with their learning. In 2013, Year 7 Mathematics sets have been arranged as sets 1-8.

Teaching Groups		Mathematics	
<u>X-Band</u>	<u>Z-Band</u>	Sets	
X1	Z1 Y1	1 - 8	
X2	Z2		
X3	Z3		
Y3			

KS4

At KS4, pupils continue to study the compulsory National Curriculum subjects together with a wide range of option subjects. The number of hours allocated to the core and option subjects is as follows:

KS4			
Religious Education	5	Mathematics	6/7*
Science	10	Physical Education	2
English	6/7*	Citizenship & PSHE – cross curricular	
Option Subjects	5		

*Depending on sets

Computing is taught as a cross-curricular subject as well as being offered as a GCSE or vocational alternative. Pupils are set for English, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Religious Education and Science but option subjects are taught in mixed ability groups.

Option Subjects

The following option subjects are offered at KS4:

Level 3 Qualifications		
'AS' Critical Thinking	Additional Mathematics [FSMQ]	

Level 2 Qualifications		
GSSE Art	GCSE German	GCSE Resistant Materials
GCSE Biology	GCSE Graphics	GCSE Spanish
GCSE Chemistry	GCSE History	GCSE Textiles
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE ICT	BTEC Engineering
GCSE Drama	GCSE Media Studies	BTEC Health & Social Care
GCSE Electronics	GCSE Music	Cambridge Nationals ICT
GCSE Food	GCSE Physical Education	
GCSE French	GCSE Photography	
GCSE Geography	GCSE Physics	

Level 1 Qualifications		
BTEC L1 Construction	BTEC L1 Horticulture	BTEC L1 Child Care

Enhancements

In addition, a number of Enhancement activities may be studied alongside traditional GCSE and vocational options. These include:

Enhancements	
Dance	Master Chef
Duke of Edinburgh Award	MFL Support
English Support	Pre-Teaching
Joinery Skills	Sport
Junior Sports Leader Award	Study Support
Maths Support	Young Enterprise
