



Curriculum Policy

Rationale

As embodied in the Mission Statement, the purpose of St John Bosco Arts College is that 'together, we inspire each other to flourish in faith, hope and love'. This principle lies at the heart of the curriculum within St John Bosco Arts College.

We believe our students should be provided with a broad, balanced, relevant, coherent, progressive curriculum with Ebacc at the core. This curriculum should promote spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the pupils and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

The curriculum aims to enable all pupils to become:

- Creative learners – who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve well
- Confident individuals – who are able to lead safe and healthy lives
- Caring citizens – who make a positive contribution to society

Equality of access and opportunity is central to our curriculum provision for all. All pupils will receive the full entitlement of the National Curriculum in Key Stage 3 and 4 with appropriate adaptations made to support understanding and deepen knowledge as appropriate.

The Governors have a statutory duty to ensure teaching and assessment of the National Curriculum in Key Stages 3 and 4. As well as providing for these statutory regulations the Governors are also responsible for the content of Religious Education.

Purpose

To ensure that in all aspects of pupil education at St John Bosco Arts College:

- **The curriculum is broad:** so that it provides a wide range of knowledge and experiences
- **The curriculum is balanced:** so that each element is given sufficient time to contribute effectively to learning
- **The curriculum is relevant:** so that it is directly related to the learner's experience
- **The curriculum is coherent:** so that each element is linked, to make the learning experience more meaningful
- **The curriculum is progressive:** so that what is taught builds upon what has gone before, to develop knowledge and concepts in a systematic and appropriate way
- **The curriculum is knowledge rich:** so that students acquire the component knowledge that will allow them to develop composite knowledge
- **The curriculum is adapted:** so that each pupil receives the full curriculum with appropriate support or depth

Guidelines

To achieve these aims the College provides educational programmes which allow our pupils:

- To develop lively, enquiring minds with the ability to think critically and rationally
- To experience challenging, stimulating and enjoyable learning and teaching which prepares them for the world in which they live

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- To work successfully with others acquiring attitudes, values and beliefs which include understanding of other races, religion and cultures
- To develop self-respect and respect for others
- To develop a wide range of physical skills and the ability to enjoy a healthy and safe lifestyle
- To develop their individuality, enabling them to discover and recognise their own strengths and limitations and set targets accordingly

At St John Bosco Arts College we believe that all our pupils are special, have individual talents and can achieve success.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9), we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which aims to offer every child the opportunity to maximise their potential. In doing so, the curriculum at St John Bosco Arts College follows the requirements of the National Curriculum but also goes beyond in order to achieve ambitious curriculum goals.

The coherent curriculum builds on young people's experiences from the primary phase and helps all young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, and responsible citizens.

Specifically, our Key Stage 3 Curriculum aims to:

- Support and nurture all young people
- Achieve high standards and encourage progress through the curriculum
- Develop independent learners
- Challenge and motivate
- Encourage aspiration, ambition and participation
- Develop knowledge and understanding in a range of subjects and initiatives

At Year 7, 8 and 9 all students will study:

- English
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)
- Physical Education and Games
- Design Technology
- Art and Design
- Drama
- Dance

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- Music
- Religious Studies
- Geography
- History
- Computing

A key emphasis of the Key Stage 4 curriculum is to support the academic and personal development of each student and to ensure that they are equipped to move to the next step in their educational journey.

In Years 10 and 11 all students will study National Curriculum subjects. A range of subject qualifications are available at GCSE and BTEC – level 2.

GCSE Subjects

- English
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (Trilogy)
- Art and Design
- Drama
- Religious Studies
- Geography
- History
- Computing
- Spanish

BTEC

- Business and Enterprise
- Travel and Tourism
- Sport
- Health and Social Care
- Performing Arts
- Music
- Hospitality
- Textiles

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The sixth form at St John Bosco Arts College is an exciting place to learn, achieve and succeed. Our expert and dedicated sixth form team offer pupils individual time and support to ensure that all pupils reach their full potential. In addition to subject tutors, students are supported by a Form Tutor, Pupil Progress Coordinator and an Assistant Headteacher who oversees all matters relating to the sixth form.

We are proud of our rich and varied curriculum, with a wide variety of subjects and courses on offer. Students can choose from A Levels and Applied General course. We also offer GCSE English and Mathematics for those students who have not achieved a grade 4 in either of these subjects on entry.

Our Programmes of Study ensure all learners have an appropriate pathway to achieve their full potential and progress to their chosen career. Every pupil will have the opportunity to undertake work experience and receive independent CIEAG pertinent to their chosen pathway. All students will undertake tutorial sessions to enhance their employability skills and make them more resilient and independent learners.

Our outstanding and bespoke enrichment programme offers opportunities to get involved in a variety of cultural, sporting and charity events, alongside gaining additional qualifications and accreditation for the pathway followed.

Our sixth form offers unique educational opportunities enabling all students to develop their own personal skills and qualities, as well as flourishing academically. Students are taught in an atmosphere of mutual respect and become an integral member of our valued community. We are passionate about success and providing our students with the aspirations and opportunities to maximise their potential.