



Curriculum Information

**St Paul's Catholic College
September 2017**

The Curriculum at St Paul's 2017

The curriculum offered at St Paul's reflects that:

- St Paul's is a Catholic College.
- Allows our students to be successful and achieve outstanding results.
- The National Curriculum Requirements.
- Government reforms.
- Provides a broad and balanced experience and allows students to progress to the next Key Stage.

The timetable consists of 30, 50 minute lessons per week for all Years 7 to 11.

The Key Stage 3 Curriculum

This spans two years, Years 7 and 8. All students in Years 7 and 8 study the following subjects:

EBacc Subjects	Periods per week	Non- EBacc subjects	Periods per week
English	5	Art	1
Geography	1	Drama	1
Spanish or French	3	Music	1
History	1	Design and Technology:	2
Maths	5	IT	1
Science	4	Physical Education	2
		Religious Studies	3

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

This spans 3 years, Years 9, 10 and 11. All students study the core subjects of English Language, English Literature, Maths, Religious Studies, Science, and Physical Education **PLUS 3** option subjects.

Currently studying the full EBacc is not compulsory but all students must choose at least 1 optional EBacc subject as part of their GCSE programme.

Students follow one of two pathways best suited to their individual needs.

All students study	Periods	Pathway A – 3 Options	Pathway B – 3 Options
English Language and English Literature	5	EBacc Option – Students choose 1 subject from:	EBacc Option – Students choose 1 subject from:
Maths	5	Geography	Geography
Religious Studies	3	History	History
Double or Triple Science	6	French	French
Physical Education (non - exam)	2	Spanish	Spanish
		Students choose 2 subjects from:	Students choose 2 subjects from:
		Art	Art
		Drama	Drama
		Music	Music
		Sport Studies	Sport Studies
		Photography	Media
		Media	Design Technology
		Computer Science	Food
		Design Technology	Business Studies
		Food	IT CIDA
		Business Studies	BTEC Health & Social Care
		Geography	Nurture –Curriculum Support
		History	
		French	
		Spanish	
		All option subjects have 3 periods per week	

The Key Stage 5 Curriculum

This spans Years 12 and 13. Students undertake 1 of 3 programmes of study based on their GCSE results.

Programme of Study	Course Detail	Entrance Requirements
<p>Academic programme. Students choose 3 A levels from:</p> <p>Art Biology Business Studies Chemistry Computer Science Drama DT English Language English Literature Geography History Maths Further Maths Media Studies Photography Physics Psychology Religious Studies Sociology Spanish Sport Studies</p>	<p>Students choose 3 A level subjects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Students need a minimum of a grade B/6 at GCSE in their chosen A level subject. Maths requires a grade 7 at GCSE. · The students then take 3 A level subjects in Yr. 12 & 13 · All subjects will be examined at the end of Yr. 13, they will not take AS exams 	<p>Students with excellent GCSE results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 8 GCSEs at grade C /4 or above including English Language and Maths · with a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade B/6
<p>Mixed level 3 programme. Mixture of A levels and BTECs, which may include resiting English Language or Maths</p> <p>Students choose 3 courses, a mixture of A levels and BTECs</p>	<p>Students choose the equivalent of 3 level 3 courses. This may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 A level & 1 Extended Certificates BTEC • 1 A level & 2 Extended Certificates BTEC • 1 A level & 1 Foundation Diploma • Students need a minimum of a grade B/6 at GCSE in their chosen A level subject. 	<p>Students with good GCSE results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 5 or more GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language or Maths · with 2 or more of their GCSEs at grade B/6
<p>Level 3 BTEC programme including resits in English Language or Maths Students choose 3 BTECs from:</p> <p>BTEC Business Extended Certificate (1 A) BTEC Business Foundation Diploma (2 A) BTEC IT Extended Certificate (1 A) BTEC Sport subsidiary diploma BTEC Health & Social Care Extended Certificate (1 A) BTEC Health & Social Care Foundation Diploma (2 A) BTEC Science Extended Certificate (1 A)</p>	<p>Students choose either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Extended Certificates • 2 Extended Certificate & 1 Foundation Diploma 	<p>Students with satisfactory GCSEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 5 or more GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language or Maths

KS4 Subjects Exam Boards and Assessment Requirements

All subjects are teaching the new GCSE specification in September 2017 in Years 9 and 10.

In Year 11 only Business Studies, Media Studies, Graphics and Resistant Materials are studying old specifications.

With the new specifications students will be awarded a GCSE grade from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade, in their GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11. Some subjects have a Non Examination component, NEA, which is completed in school and marked by their class teacher but externally moderated by the examination board.

SUBJECT	BOARD	Non Exam Assessment % of Final Grade	ASSESSMENT OF COURSE
Art & Design	AQA	60%	1 Non Exam Assessment and 1 external set assessment (exam) Unit 1: Art Portfolio in Art & Design - 60% NEA Unit 2: Externally Set assessment (exam) ESA paper will be released on 2 January - 40%
Business Studies	Pearson/Edexcel	0%	2 external examinations Paper 1: Investigating small Business 50% 1hr 30mins Paper 2: Building a business 50% 1hr 30mins
Business Studies (A* - G) Yr. 11 Only	Edexcel	25%	1 Controlled Assessment and 2 external examinations Unit 1: Introduction to small businesses - 25%, Exam Unit 2: Investigating small Business - 25%, Controlled Assessment Unit 3: Building a Business - 50%, Exam
Computer Science	AQA	20%	1 Non Exam Assessment and 2 external examination NEA – 20hr project/report 20% Paper 1 Computational thinking and problem solving 40% 1hr 30mins Paper 2 40% 1hr 30mins
Drama	AQA	60%	2 Non Exam Assessment and 1 practical examination Unit 1: Devising - 40%, NEA Unit 2: Performing- 20%, NEA Unit 3: Written Exam - 40%
English Language	AQA	0%	2 external exams and 1 Non Exam Assessment Spoken Language Paper 1: Exploration in creative reading and writing 50% 1hr 45mins Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 50% 1hr 45mins NEA Spoken Language 0%
English Literature	AQA	0%	2 external exams Paper 1: Shakespeare and 19 th century writers 50% Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry 50%
Design Technology	Pearson/Edexcel	50%	1 Non Exam Assessment and 1 external Exam 50% 1 NEA project worth 25% Written exam worth 50% 1hr 45 mins
Design Technology: Technical Award	AQA	60%	2 Non Exam Assessment and 1 external Exam 50% Skills demonstration NEA 30% Extended making project NEA 30% 1 external exam Fundamentals of design technology 1hr 30mins
Graphic Products (A* - G) Yr. 11 only	OCR	60%	2 Controlled Assessments and 2 external examinations Unit 1: Introduction to designing and making - 30%, Controlled Assessment Unit 2: Sustainable Design - 20%, Exam Unit 3: Making quality products - 30%, Controlled Assessment Unit 4: Technical - 20% Exam
Resistant Materials (A* - G) Yr. 11 only	Edexcel	60%	1 Controlled Assessments and 1 external examinations Unit 1: Creative Design and making - 60%, Controlled Assessment Unit 2: Knowledge of Resistant Materials – 40%, Exam
Food Preparation & Nutrition	AQA	50%	2 Non Exam Assessment and 1 external examinations Each NEA is worth 25% Written exam worth 50% 1hr 45 mins
Geography	AQA	0%	3 External Exams

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			Paper 1 Living with the physical environment 35% 1hr 30mins Paper 2 Challenges in the human environment 35% 1hr 30mins Paper 3 Geographical applications 30% 1hr 15mins
History	Pearson/ Edexcel	0%	3 External Exams: Paper 1 Thematic study and historic environment 30% 1hr 15mins Paper 2 Period study and British depth study 40% 1hr 45mins Paper 3 Modern depth study 30% 1hr 15min
Maths	Pearson/ Edexcel	0%	3 external exams. Each exam is equally weighted Paper 1 non- calculator 33.3% Paper 2 calculator 33.3% Paper 3 calculator paper 33.3%.
Media Studies	Eduquas	30%	1 Non Exam Assessment and 2 external examination NEA – Creating media project 30% Component 1 Exploring the media 40% 1 hr 30mins Component 2 Understanding Media forms and Functions 30% 1 hr 30mins Component 3 Creating Media Products NEA
Media Studies (A* - G) Yr. 11 only	AQA	60%	3 Controlled Assessments & 1 external exam Assessment 1: 20% CA Assessment 2: 20% CA Assessment 2: 30% CA External exam - 40%
-MFL Subjects <i>Spanish</i> <i>French</i>	Pearson/ Edexcel	0%	4 external examinations based on the following skills: Listening, speaking, reading and writing each worth 25%. Speaking Internally conducted and externally assessed
Music	Pearson/ Edexcel	60%	2 Non Exam Assessment & 1 external exam Component 1: Performing music, 30% NEA Component 2: Composing music, 30% NEA Component 3: External exam - 40%
RS	Pearson/ Edexcel	0%	3 external examinations, Paper 1 Study of Religion-Catholic Christianity 50% 1Hr 45 mins Paper 2 Study of second religion, Judaism 25% 50 mins Paper 3 Philosophy & Ethics 25% 50 mins
Sciences: <i>Combined Science</i> <i>Separate Sciences</i>	AQA	0%	Combined Science consists of 6 External Exams 1hr 15mins each Each separate science consists of 2 External Exams 1hr 45mins each
Sport Studies	OCR	40%	2 external examination 60% , each worth 30% Paper 1 Applied anatomy and physiology. Physical training 1 hr Paper 2 Socio-cultural issues and Sports Psychology 1hr Practical Skills Assessment 40%
BTEC Health & Social Care	Pearson/ Edexcel	60%	2 Non Exam Assessment & 1 external marked assessment Component 1 Human Lifespan Development – NEA 30% Component 2 Health and Social Care Services and Values – NEA 30% Component 3 Health and Wellbeing – External assessment 40% 3hrs
IT CIDA (A* - C) Yr. 11	Edexcel	75%	External exam - 25% One set assignment - 75%

KS5 Subjects Exam Boards and Assessment Requirements

A Levels

Subject	Board	Controlled Assessment VS. Exam	Key Stage 5
Art and Photography	AQA	Portfolio 60% NEA Externally Set Assessment 40% NEA	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Business Studies	Edexcel	3 External Exams 100%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Computer Science	AQA	Investigating a problem 20% NEA 2 External Exam 80%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 On-screen exam: 2.5 hours 40%, • Paper 2 Written exam: 2.5 hours 40%, 	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Design & Technology	Edexcel	Design and making project 50% NEA 1 External Exam 40%	Yr. 12 New specification
	OCR		Yr. 13 Old Specification
Drama	AQA	Creating Theatre 30% NEA Making Theatre 30% NEA 1 External Exam 40%	Yr. 12 no Drama Yr. 13 New Specification
English Lang	OCR	Independent Language research 20% NEA 2 External Exam 80%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
English Lit	OCR	Literature assessment 20% NEA 2 External Exam 80%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Geography	AQA	Field Study Investigation 20% NEA 2 External Exam 80%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
History	Edexcel	Externally set assignment 20% NEA 3 External Exam 80%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Media Studies	Eduquas (WJEC)	Yr. 12: Media production 30% NEA 2 External Exam 70%	Yr. 12 New Specification
	OCR	Yr. 13: CA 30% % 1 Exam 70% (can re-sit AS exam)	Yr. 13 Old Specification
Maths & Further Maths	Edexcel	Yr. 12: 3 External Exams 100%	Yr. 12 New Specification
		Yr. 13: 6 Modular external exams in total 100% (AS Modular exams can be re-sat)	Yr. 13 Old Specification
Psychology	Edexcel	3 External Exams 100%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
RS	Eduquas (WJEC)	3 External Exams 100%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Physics 	AQA	3 External Exams 100% Plus required practicals 0% NEA	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Sociology	OCR	3 External Exams 100%	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Spanish	Edexcel	Speaking Assessment 30% NEA 2 External Exam 70% Exam	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification
Sport Studies	OCR	Performance in Physical Education 30% NEA 3 External Exam 70% Exam	Yr. 12 & 13 New Specification

BTEC Subjects

Subject	Board	Controlled Assessment VS. Exam
BTEC Business Extended Certificate or Foundation Diploma	Edexcel	Yr. 12: 1 external exam 1 externally assessed assignment 2 internally assessed Assignments
BTEC Business Sub- Diploma Or Diploma	Edexcel 1	Yr. 13 All assignments Internally assessed- 100%
BTEC IT Extended Certificate	Edexcel	1 external exam 1 externally assessed assignment 2 internally assessed Assignments
BTEC Health & Social Care Extended Certificate or Foundation Diploma	Edexcel	1 external exam 1 externally assessed assignment 2 internally assessed Assignments
BTEC Science Extended Certificate	Edexcel	1 external exam 1 externally assessed assignment 2 internally assessed Assignments
BTEC Sport Science Extended Certificate	Edexcel	1 external exam 1 externally assessed assignment 2 internally assessed Assignments