

St Thomas of Aquin's RC curriculum 2023-24

7 Principles of Curriculum Design

Challenge and enjoyment

Breadth

Progression

Depth

Personalisation and choice

Coherence

Relevance

In S1 and S2 pupils will experience a **breadth** of subjects: The BGE/CfE experience

S1 and S2 pupils will study 19 subjects

2023-24 S1 & S2 Curriculum

S1 and S2 Curriculum	Languages	Mathematics	Social Subjects	Science (Integrated)	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Health and Wellbeing	Religious Education
33 Periods	9	4	4	4	4	3	3	2
	English (5)	Maths (4)	Geography (1)	Biology (1)	Art & Design (1)	Computing Science (1)	Physical Education (2)	Religious Education (2)
	Modern Languages (4)		History (1)	Chemistry (1)	Music (2)	Technology (1)	Personal & Social education (1)	
			Modern Studies (1)	Physics (1)	Drama (1)	Food & Health Technology (1)		
			Business Education (1)	STEM (1)				

The Broad General Education (S3)

In S3 some **personalisation** and **choice** takes place in the Broad General Education

S3 pupils will have the flexibility to **deepen** their learning in the 4 curricular areas (below) choosing 2 subject from each columns

- **Social Subjects**
- **Science**
- **Expressive Arts**
- **Technologies**

S3 pupils will study 14 subjects

Self-Discipline
Teamwork

Trust
High expectations
Openness
Mutual Respect
Achieving excellence
Success

2023-24 S3 Curriculum

S3 Curriculum	Languages	Mathematics	Social Subjects	Science	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Health and Wellbeing	Religious Education
33 Periods	8	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
			Choice of 2 (2 periods each)	Choice of 2 (2 periods each)	Choice of 2 (2 periods each)	Choice of 2 (2 periods each)		
	English (4)	Maths (4)	Geography	Biology	Art & Design	Computing Science	Physical Education (2)	Religious Education (2)
	Modern Languages (4)		History	Chemistry	Music	Graphic Communication	Personal & Social education (1)	
			Modern Studies	Physics	Drama	Design & Manufacturing		
			Business Education	Environmental Science	Fashion & Textiles	Music Technology		
					Dance	Biology		
					Physical Education	Business Education		
						Practical Cookery		

The Senior Phase (S4-S6)

Pupils in S4 will study **7 National Qualifications (Depth)**.

Pupils in S5 will generally study **5 National Qualifications**. Some pupils may benefit from pursuing a complement of school-based subjects and a College placement. Pupils will not be allowed to “crash” a S5 National Qualification Level 6 (Higher) unless sanctioned by the HT.

Pupils in S6 will have the flexibility to pursue an **engaging** and **relevant** range and number of **National Qualifications and experiences** at the school, neighbourhood schools, College, work experience, and for volunteering opportunities to support their **positive and sustained future destination**.

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2023-24 S4 Curriculum

S4 Curriculum	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Columns I, J,K
33 Periods	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
	English	Maths	Geography	Biology	Art & Design	Computing Science	Physics	Religious Education (2)
			History	Chemistry	Music	Design and Manufacture	Art & Design	Physical Education (2)
			Modern Studies	Physics	Spanish	French	Music Technology	Pers. & Social Education (1)
			Business Management	Environmental Science	French	Spanish	Drama	
			Fashion & Textiles	Physical Education	Physical Education	Biology	Computing Science	
				Dance	Health & food Technology	Chemistry	Modern Studies	
						Business Management		

January 2024: what happens next

S2 pupils: Next week you will start to make your personalisation and choice decisions in PSE. You will be asked to complete a MS Forms personalisation and choice sheet signed by your parents

S3 pupils: After the February break you will start to make your personalisation and choice decisions via a meeting with your Pupil Support Leader. You will be asked to complete a MS Forms personalisation and choice sheet signed by your parents

Course choice information can be found on the school website here:

<https://www.st-thomas-of-aquins.org.uk/parents-carers/curriculum-for-excellence/>

Expectations in all classes

Expectations for all pupils at St Thomas of Aquin's

1. Be on time to your Lessons and line up quietly
2. Enter the classroom quietly, take your jackets off, and place mobile phones in your bags.
3. Be ready for your learning and take a positive lead in your improvement.
4. Toilet breaks if necessary - do not bring your phone or have a jacket on.