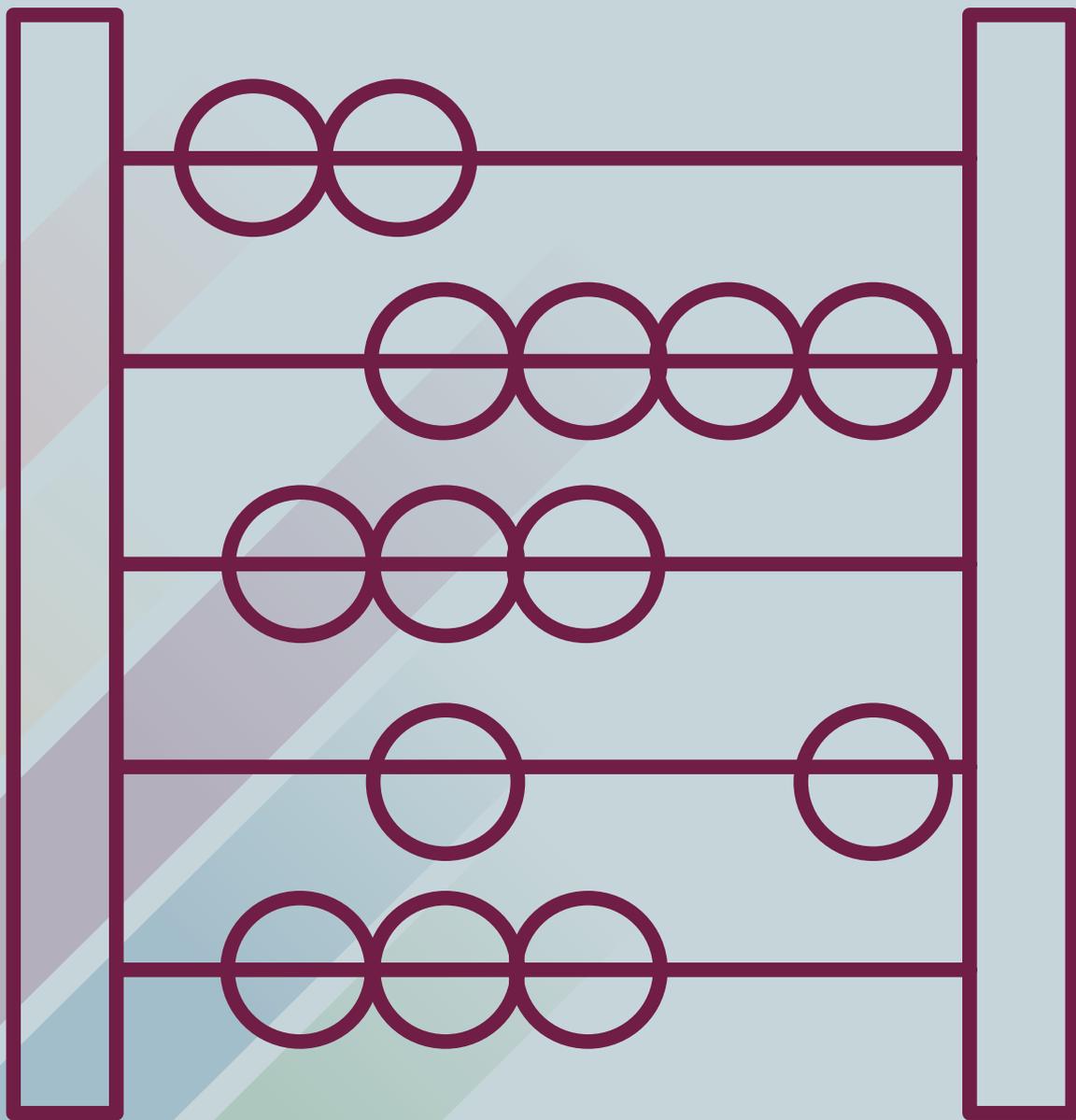

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Learning

“Senior leaders have redesigned the curriculum to ensure that pupils are well prepared for both national examinations and life beyond school. The curriculum is now designed to raise the aspirations of all pupils while allowing flexibility to ensure that it meets individual needs. Senior leaders work closely with the parents of pupils in Year 8 to guide their children onto one of the three key stage 4 pathways at the start of Year 9. Since the introduction of this new curriculum, the percentage of pupils progressing to sustained education, employment or training has increased significantly and now stands at 98%.”

Ofsted, September 2016

At both Key Stage 3 and 4, the broad learning opportunities within the curriculum enable students to enjoy, achieve and grow in their learning. Students follow a curriculum that is appropriate to their needs, provides challenge and enables them to achieve.

Curriculum

All students follow a 2-week timetable (A Week and B Week). Below is the programme of study for Year 7. Students across all years will have a set programme of subjects. At the end of year 9 students will make informed choices as to what they continue to study alongside their core subjects, before taking their GCSE examinations in Year 11 at the end of a two year Key Stage 4.

Subject	Number of Hours <i>(over 2-week period)</i>	Subject	Number of Hours <i>(over 2-week period)</i>
English	8	Geography	3
Maths	8	History	3
Science	7	Spanish	3
RE	5	Expressive Arts (Music & Drama)	2
Art	2	PE	4
Computing	2	Personal Development	1
Technology/Food	2		

On entry students are placed on a pathway in line with their KS2 scores (please refer to assessment section on the schools website). Within this pathway they will be in a set with similar ability students.

Relationships and Sex Education

We begin our RSE education very early on in school, firstly by developing relationships with staff right from primary school where sessions are delivered to Year 5 and 6 pupils. Induction days are then an opportunity for future students to get to know staff and meet their Form Tutors. Form Tutors see students twice a day and maintain positive relationships with students.

Relationships between students and staff are of paramount importance at St Cuthbert's and we pride ourselves on developing these with our students so that we maintain our ethos of becoming one big family. We also want students to understand that relationships are important prior to any intimacy, which may occur later on in life.

We are extremely privileged to have access to a range of good quality providers who we use on a regular basis. These include TAZ (Teen Advice Zone) and Catch-22. These are both specific to RSE. All providers have a member of staff with them on delivery who threads the Catholic teaching through any delivery to make students aware of what stance our faith has on these topics.

There are other subjects, which link into the RSE topics and staff are trained to enable them to feel confident in delivering the Catholic message as well as developing students' life skills. Subjects currently delivering these aspects are Science, Drama, English and Religious Education. [Visit our website to view a copy of our RSE Policy.](#)

Classroom Rules

- Arrive on time and enter in a quiet and orderly manner.
- Come to lessons with the correct equipment and prepared to learn.
- Respect other people, their opinions and their belongings.
- Raise your hand when wishing to speak. Don't shout out or talk over people.
- Listen to instructions and do your best to follow them - first time, every time
- Stay in your place unless permission is given to move.
- Record your homework in your planner and make sure it is completed and handed in on time

Always do your very best and ensure you have the best attitude for learning



Equipment

All students should arrive at school ready to learn. With this in mind, your child should have the following equipment with them every day:

- Bag - compulsory even on non-PE days.
- Planner - will be issued on the first day of term
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Protractor
- Calculator - CASIO fx-83GT Plus Scientific Calculator

We advise that stationery equipment is kept in a pencil case. If your child would like to bring any other equipment e.g. colouring pencils, pens, highlighters etc, they are free to do so. Your child should also carry a reading book with them at all times.

If students do not have a pencil case with stated equipment, they will be expected to purchase a pre-packed pencil case. Payment can be made through [ParentPay](#) and pencil cases can be collected from the school office with the following contents: Pencil case, black pen x 2, red pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, highlighter and protractor.

Students should also purchase/keep in their pencil case a Casio Scientific Calculator also available to buy from the school office, again with payment made through [ParentPay](#).

