



ST CYRES SCHOOL

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8th February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carer,

The Welsh Government introduced a new curriculum into all primary schools in September 2022 and all secondary schools in September 2023. We adopted the new curriculum for Year 7 and 8 in the Autumn term of 2023. As a school we have been working for a number of years to prepare for these changes.

Our school vision for Curriculum for Wales is to create a curriculum that places learners at its heart and ensures that they are challenged, engaged and successful. As a community we strive together to create ambitious and capable learners, who are enterprising and creative, healthy and confident, ethical and informed individuals. Everyone can succeed at St Cyres. All mandatory duties placed on us by the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (the Act) are in place. These include: enabling learners to develop in the way described in the four purposes, provide for appropriate progression, be suitable for learners of differing ages, abilities and aptitudes, be broad and balanced, include the what matters statements, provide learning and teaching that encompasses each of the Areas of Learning and Experience, include Relationships and Sexuality Education, Religion Values and Ethics (RVE) and finally cross-curricular skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competence.

Teachers have used agreed design principles in order to develop our curriculum. These are: -

- value - the key concepts that are required to make sense within a subject and how these develop over time
- breadth – the breadth of subjects, breadth within subjects, and a breadth of perspectives
- coherence - linking learning within and between subjects and cross cutting themes

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These design principles have been applied in order for us to plan learning progress and progression across the statements of what matters in different subject areas.

Due to the above changes we have updated our curriculum from September 2024 onwards. To help navigate these changes we will have a Curriculum Pathway evening on the **7th March 2024**. This will include a presentation at 6pm and 7pm and an invitation to visit the different subject areas across the school where you can discover what pupils will be learning in Year 9 and what qualifications would look like in Year 10 and 11 if your child continued their studies in these subjects. We will then have the Year 8 Parents evening on the **12th March 2024**. Both events will provide valuable advice and guidance in enabling your child to make suitable curriculum choices for their studies in Year 9 and beyond.

To help explain the process Mr Flynn and I have already spoken to all Pupils in Year 8 regarding the curriculum pathways and what is planned over the next month or so. All relevant information regarding curriculum pathways will be located in one place and can be accessed through the school website; <https://www.stcyres.org>. The curriculum pathway information can be found in the main menu and under the Parents section.

If you need further advice or guidance, then please do not hesitate to get in touch using the following email addresses: Mr Flynn (Head of Year 8), dflynn@stcyres.org and Mr Bruton (Deputy Headteacher), rbruton@stcyres.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Bruton
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