

Year 9 Options Assembly



Date: 21st March 2024



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The St Monica's Prayer

Pray together

Dear Lord,

Help us to live out our values of Prayer,
Service, Forgiveness, Justice and Peace,

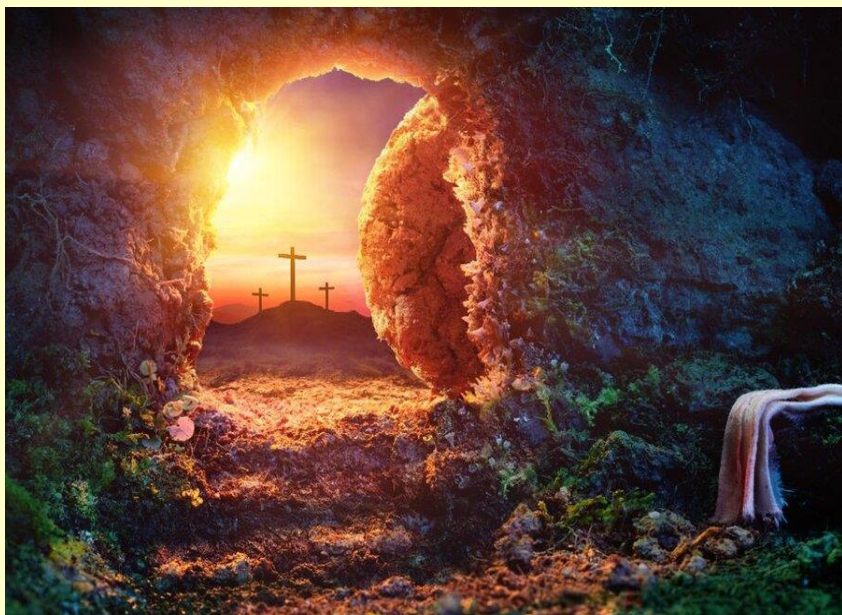
Help us to recognise, celebrate and support
our diverse and different Catholic family,

Help us to use our gifts, talents and potential
to make a difference to our world,

Amen

Sacrifice

This week the Maths Department have chosen a prayer.



"Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins and surrender my life. Wash me clean.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

That he died on the cross for my sins and rose again on the third day for my Victory, I believe that in my heart and make confession with my mouth, that Jesus is my Saviour and Lord."

Amen

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Where are you going?

You will most likely live to see the 22nd Century. 2100!

You will live in a world where you will need to find solutions to problems we do not even know exist.

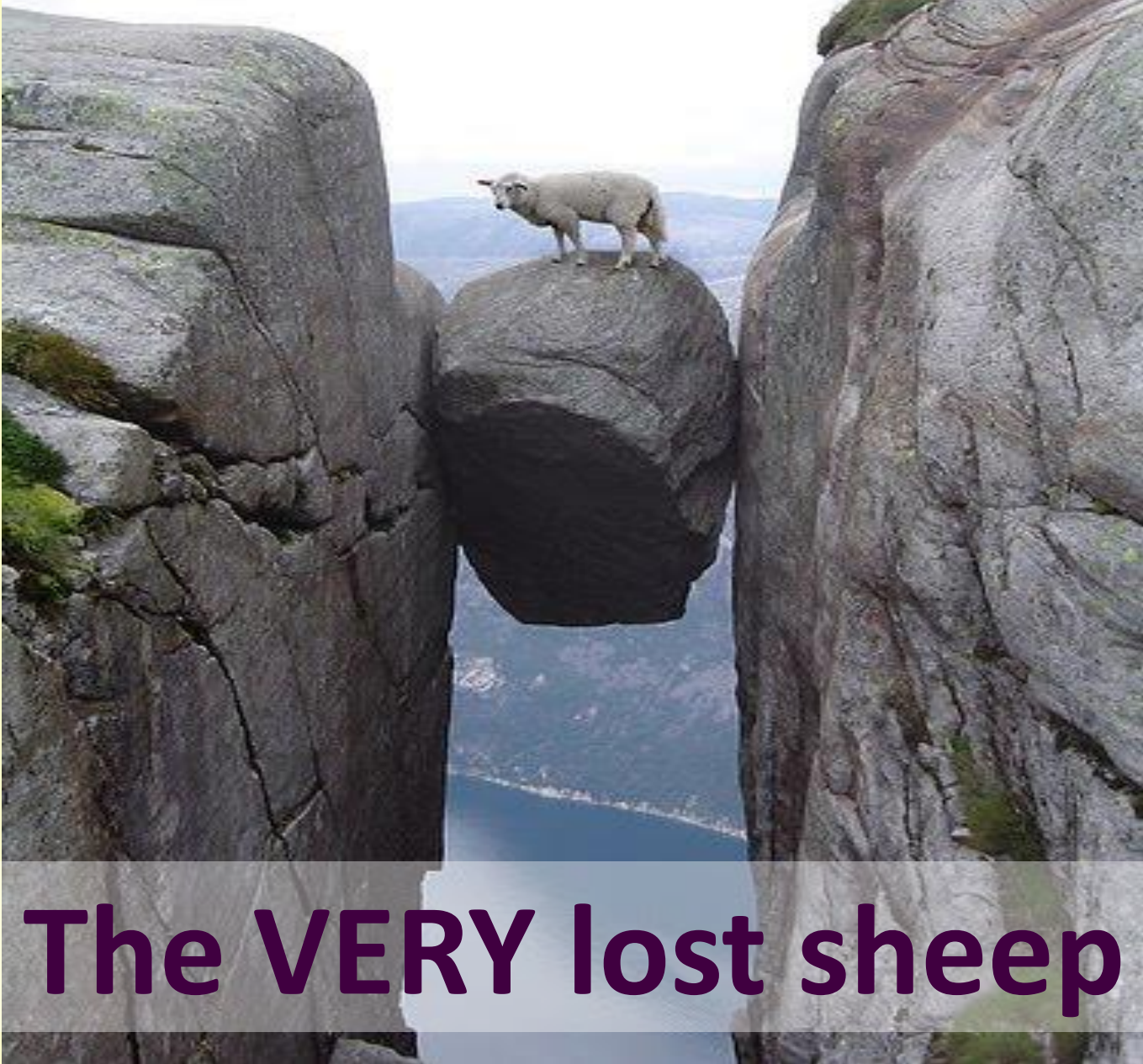
We know you will need a balance of experience, that includes an understanding of the world in which you will live.

The journey you take at Saint Monica's High School must help you to be ready for the future.



What is the challenge that lies before you?

- **“..our main aim is to develop your God given talents to the full, so you are prepared to make a difference in our world. .”**
- **What are you prepared to do?**



The VERY lost sheep



Long Term Goals?

**What do you want to
achieve?**

**What will your future
pathway look like?**



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*The best view comes
after the hardest climb*





Saint Monica's Curriculum

- 1. A clear focus on making progress in GCSE English and Mathematics.** The curriculum has been structured to help you achieve this.
- 2. An emphasis on our Catholicity:** *Religious Education develops the social, moral and religious aspects of learning within our students.*
- 3. A clear Languages / Humanities Pathway:** *The Languages and Humanities subjects help students to understand modern Britain and the wider world. They also provide key skills that are valued in further education and employment. Therefore you will be required to select at least one of Geography, History or Spanish. All pupils **can** choose to study all of these subjects if they wish.*
- 4. An emphasis on physical wellbeing:** *All students will take part in physical education for at least one period per week.*
- 5. Support for mental wellbeing:** *Our PSHCE programme will continue to support you in dealing with modern life*



Religious Education
English

English Literature

Mathematics

Science - combined

Physical education

Geography/History/Spanish Option

Compulsory



Pupils who do not opt to take Triple Science will be studying Combined Science. (Dual Award)

Pupils who take Combined Science (Dual Award) are still able to study individual Sciences at A level and pursue a career in Science or Medicine.



At least one of these → **Geography, History, Spanish**

Optional

- **Art and Design (General)**
- **3D Design**
- **Business & Enterprise**
- **Computer Science**
- **D.T. Food Preparation and Nutrition**
- **Drama**
- **Music**
- **Physical Education GCSE**
- **Physical Education BTEC**
- **Science: Triple**



Advice

- **Subject teachers**
- **Form Teachers**
- **Head of Year**
- **Heads of Department**
- **Careers Advisors**
- **Senior Management**
- **Internet**



Choice

- Ability ✓
- Interest ✓
- Career ✓
- Teacher ✗
- Friends ✗



Restrictions

- Oversubscribed
- Undersubscribed
- Late return



Consequences

- **In order to facilitate the options choices, it will be necessary for some Year 9 pupils to move academic bands in Year 10. This is to ensure the correct balance of pupils in each band and in options groups.**

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While we will do all we can to facilitate your child's first choice options, please be aware that it may not be possible in all cases and a 2nd choice may be given in place of a first choice option.

Pupils must choose at least one of Spanish, Geography or History.
A pupil may decide to choose two or three of these subjects if they wish.

**** Maths attainment will determine suitability for Computer Science ****

CHOICES - One from each of the following blocks:

** Maths attainment requirement for Computer Science**

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3
Art (General)	Art (General)	Art (General)
Business & Enterprise	Business & Enterprise	Drama
**Computer Science **	D.T.: Food Preparation & Nutrition	Geography
Geography	3D Design	History
History	Geography	Music
P.E.	History	Spanish
Spanish	Triple Science	Triple Science

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R.F.		

Why are the subjects arranged like this?
Why are some combinations of subjects not possible?
Why can't I have a free choice?

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BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	
Art (General)	Art (General)	Art
Business & Enterprise	Business & Enterprise	Bus
Computer Science	D. Technology Preparation & Application	Geo
Geography	3D Design	Hist
History	Geography	Mus
P.E.	History	Spa
Spanish	Triple Science	Trip

**All these subjects
are taught at the
same time**

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This means that some combinations of subjects are not possible. For example it is not possible to study both PE and Computer Science as they only appear in Block 1

If you choose to take Computer Science you will need a high level of Maths attainment. Mr Maher will discuss this with those who choose Computer Science

CHOICES - One from each of the following blocks

**** Maths attainment requirement for Computer Science ****

BLOCK 1	
Art (General)	A
Business & Enterprise	B
** Computer Science **	D
Geography	3
History	G
P.E.	F
Spanish	T

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Block 1 - Please indicate your option choice *

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- Art (General)
- Business & Enterprise
- **Computer Science**
- Geography
- History
- P.E. (GCSE)
- P.E. (BTEC)
- Spanish

The options form is online. You need to indicate a first and second choice for each block

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Block 1 - Second Choice *

Enter your answer

EXCLUDED COMBINATION

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3
Art (General)	Art (General)	Art (General)
Business & Enterprise	Business & Enterprise	Drama
**Computer Science **	D.T: Food Preparation & Nutrition	Geography
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Pupils may not choose any combination of Art General and 3D Design due to the similarities of these courses

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The options form will be completed online via Microsoft Forms. Pupils will be sent a link to the form following their Options Assembly on Thursday 21st March. Pupils will then have until Tuesday 23rd April to submit their Option Form.



• Important Dates

- **Option Booklet Published Online – Thursday 21st March**
- **Subject presentations ongoing in lessons**
- **Study the subject descriptions carefully**
- **Actively seek advice**
- **Online Option form opens Thursday 21st March.**
- **Make your choices**
- **Complete the online form before Tuesday 23rd April.**