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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Introduction to the new Curriculum for Wales 2022

Across Wales, schools are designing a new curriculum and we need your help as parents/carers to help us create an innovative curriculum which serves our wonderful students. Please click [here](#) for a video where I provide a brief overview of Curriculum for Wales 2022.

Wales' national mission

The Curriculum for Wales 2022 is a key part of Wales' national mission for education and aims to provide a new curriculum, designed by schools, based on the needs of the students they serve. The new curriculum will begin with our Year 7 students from September 2022.

One of the key ways schools can design a curriculum to fulfil the needs of students is by asking them about what they want from their curriculum and also by asking parents/carers. With this in mind, I would like to provide you with an introduction to the principles of the new curriculum before asking for your ideas later this week.

'Successful Futures', Four Purposes and our Catholic Virtues

Curriculum for Wales 2022 began with a report written by Sir Graham Donaldson, entitled, 'Successful Futures' and this document outlined the principles for the new curriculum.

This curriculum is driven by four purposes: to create

- ambitious and capable learners
- enterprising and creative contributors
- ethical and informed citizens
- healthy and confident individuals

As a Catholic school, central to all our work in school are the unchangeable values of the Gospel. In order to fulfil our mission of 'Serving God through Learning Together', we aim to develop in our students these Virtues, so that they are:

- grateful and generous
- attentive and discerning
- compassionate and loving
- faith-filled and hopeful
- eloquent and truthful
- learned and wise
- curious and active
- intentional and prophetic

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Areas of Learning and Experience and 'What Matters' statements

The new curriculum is divided into six areas of learning and experience (AOLEs):

- Expressive Arts
- Humanities
- Health and Wellbeing
- Language, Literacy and Communication
- Maths and Numeracy
- Science and Technology

Within each area of learning, the new curriculum documents outline 'What Matters' in learning and this forms the basis of what needs to be taught.

Descriptions of learning and progression and assessment

The new curriculum documents also contain descriptions of learning so that students are able to progress in their learning, wherever they are in their learning.

Schools designing their own curriculum: asking pupils and parents/carers

It is an important principle that schools have the freedom to design their school curriculum, based on the needs of their students. In order to achieve this, our curriculum needs to be designed alongside our students and alongside you, as parents/carers.

Therefore, I invite you to be a part of this process by completing and returning our curriculum survey, via Google Forms, to help us shape the curriculum for future generations of students at St Joseph's RC High School.

Link to the survey: to be sent later this week

I will be sending out the link to this survey later this week or early next week, and I very much look forward to hearing your ideas about what knowledge, skills and experiences you would like your children to learn. I will also be sending out a survey to students to gain information about their views and will be meeting with groups of students regularly to ensure that they are able to design our curriculum alongside us.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to hearing your ideas about the curriculum very soon.

Yours sincerely

J Morgan
Deputy Headteacher

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