



# Welcome to Year 9 Options Evening 2024



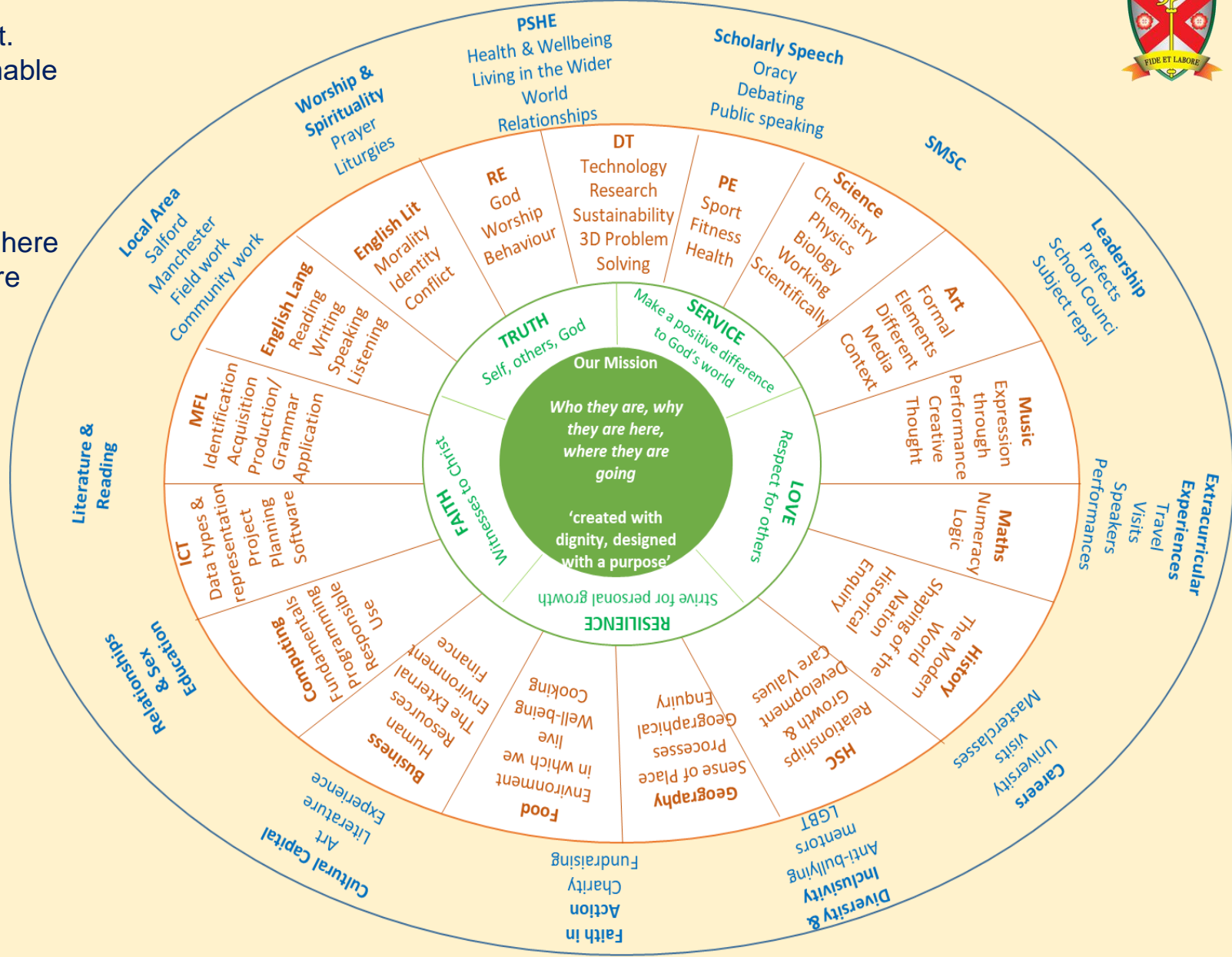
# Welcome

- Welcome and Curriculum Intent by Head Teacher Mrs Alison Byrne
- The options process by Assistant Head Teacher Ms K Billington
- Subject Talks



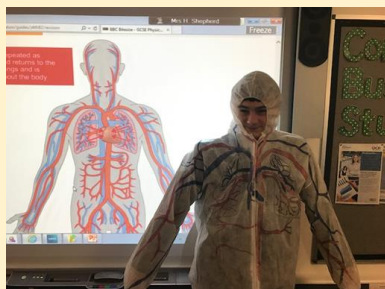
The five year curriculum at St. Patrick's will enable our pupils to discover;

- Who they are
- Why they are here
- Where they are going





# The Co-curricular Offer (non-examined curriculum)



ANN GRAY GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY EXAM Q4 LANDSCAPE IN PORTRAITURE



The backbone of your education is already fixed:  
English, maths, Science, RE, Humanities, MFL, PE,  
PSHE

Use your option choices to enjoy yourself!



# The Options Process



# Subject Preferences

- As well as the Core Curriculum, all pupils will identify their subject preferences to study in greater depth.
- Pupils will make their choices by ranking **the five subjects** that they would be happy to study.
- Your child needs to be happy with **ALL 5 subjects** as they may study them for GCSE.
- We will do our absolute best to give pupils their favourite choices but we cannot guarantee this. **Please make sure your child understands this**



# Good reasons to choose a subject

- You enjoy it and feel motivated
- You have spoken to your subjects teachers who have recommended it
- You are thinking about your future career
- You are keeping your options open by making sure that you have a wide range of skills
- You try to choose subjects that match your strengths





# Avoid choosing a subject just because...

- Your friend is taking a subject
- You like your teacher that you have this year
- You think it will be 'easy'



## FAQs

What happens if the subject I want to take is oversubscribed?

You may need to be allocated one of your other subject preferences, so please ensure that you think carefully about all five of your subject preferences.

What happens if there is not much demand for the subject I want to take?

If numbers are too low and a subject does not run, you will be allocated one of your other preferences. This will be discussed with you.

What subjects would be good choices for a particular career?

Please look at the careers pages in the options booklet for further guidance around specific subjects. If these do not answer your question, feel free to contact specific Heads of Department for their advice.

Are the options organised on a first come, first served basis?

No, the option classes will not be looked into until after the deadline for submission so please do not rush to complete your choices too early and make sure that you have considered all of your options carefully.



# The Options Process 2024

Attend the Options Evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March



Complete preliminary option subject preferences during a scheduled form time the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils will not be able to access the forms at home until this Monday.



Academic Interviews and 1:1 options discussions to take place during Summer 1 Term



Final subject allocation decisions made



Final confirmation of subject allocations during Summer 2 Term



Thank you for listening and being part of this evening.

We hope that you now feel that you have enough information to get the options process started and that this presentation has answered any questions.

Please now take the time to visit the subject talks