

Year 8 Medium Term Plan – Life to the Full (RSHE)

St Patrick's RC High School

Week	Theme	Title	Description	Catholic Quote / Scripture
1	Religious Understanding	Created and Chosen	Students explore how recognising their God- given uniqueness helps them connect with God, who created and loves them.	"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." — Jeremiah 1:5 \ "I have called you by name, you are mine." — Isaiah 43:1
2	My Body	Appreciating Differences	Students learn to appreciate male and female differences, recognising identity as a gift from God and understanding their dignity as human beings.	"God created humankind in His image male and female He created them." – Genesis 1:27 \ "Each of us is the result of a thought of God." – Pope Benedict XVI
3	Emotional Wellbeing	Feelings	Students explore how sexual feelings form part of human development and how managing them requires self-control, self-respect, and patience.	"The fruit of the Spirit is self-control." – Galatians 5:22–23 \ "Chastity includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery." – Catechism of the Catholic Church 2339
4	Life Cycles	Before I Was Born	Students contemplate the beauty and fragility of life in the womb, reflecting on its sacredness and God's creative power.	"You knit me together in my mother's womb." – Psalm 139:13 \ "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." – Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270
5	Personal Relationships	Tough Relationships	Students explore how difficult relationships can be improved through tolerance, kindness, patience and forgiveness.	"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another." — Ephesians 4:32 \ "Peace begins with a smile." — St Teresa of Calcutta
6	Keeping Safe	Think Before You Share	Students learn that image sharing, objectifying behaviour, and harmful communication dishonour the dignity given by God to every person.	"Each person reflects something of God's glory." – St John Paul II \ "Do not conform to the pattern of this world." – Romans 12:2

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7	Wider World	Wider World	Students recognise the sin of unjust discrimination and explore how to challenge injustice by reflecting Christ's love in school and in daily life.	"There is neither Jew nor Greek for you are all one in Christ Jesus." – Galatians 3:28 \ "If you want peace, work for justice." – Pope Paul VI