



St Robert of Newminster

Catholic School & Sixth Form College

Co-Curricular Programme

Let Your Light Shine



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School Vision & Mission

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St Robert's Values:

Faith

A prayerful community rooted and **guided** by the teachings of **Jesus**

Respect

A diverse community, created in the image of God, whose members are treated with **respect** and **dignity**

Vocation

A **hard-working** community that helps people recognise their own **unique purpose**

Excellence

A **dedicated** community that strives for excellence in our **learning** and **conduct**

Aspiration

A community built upon high **expectations** of ourselves and others

Integrity

A just community with a firm understanding of what is **right**, that acts with **honesty** and **kindness**



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<p>“Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>“Treat people the same way you want them to treat you.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 6:31</i></p>	<p>“Let us seek to live in a way that is always worthy of our Christian vocation”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>“Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 5:16</i></p>	<p>“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 John 3:18</i></p>

Co-Curricular Intent

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The Co-Curricular programme has been designed with our school values in mind. We hope this programme will be an extension of student's studies, stretching their knowledge and inspiring them to fulfil their potential.

Co-Curricular Implementation

Chaplaincy Programme:

Our Chapel and Chaplaincy Team are at the heart of the Catholic life of St Robert's. Staff and pupils with a wide range of skills and talents enhance the faith of our community. Our Chaplain offers opportunities and participation for all our pupils enabling them to grow in their spirituality, be confident in expressing their faith and demonstrate leadership in matters of social justice, environmental stewardship, and meaningful prayer & reflection. The breadth and depth of the Catholic life opportunities offered to our pupils is something we strive for each day to allow all members of the community to let their light shine.

Chaplaincy Co-Curriculum:

- Key Stage 4 Social Justice Group
- Key Stage 3 Chaplaincy Team
- 6th Form Leadership (Pope John Paul II Award)
- Key Stage 3 CAFOD Group
- KS4 & KS5 Inclusivity Group
- Year 7 visit to Lindisfarne (Holy Island) in July
- Year 8 and 9 visit to the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett
- Years 9, 10 and 12 can attend the Diocesan Summer Festival at the Youth Village
- Year 11 enjoy a morning of celebration before they receive their 'Record of Achievement' at the Stadium of Light
- Y13 enjoy a 'Day of Celebration' to mark the end of their journey at the school

Aspire Programme:

The Aspire Programme works alongside departments to put in place initiatives to ensure students fulfil the aspirations and strive for excellence in their respective subjects. Whether this be through clubs which expand knowledge, intervention prior to examination or simply a guest speaker coming in to explain the career pathways available, every student at St Robert's will be given the opportunity to delve deeper into their areas of interest.

Aspire Co-Curriculum:

- Chess Club (KS3 led by School Librarian)
- cREate (Year 7 & 8 RE craft club)
- Book Club (KS3 led by School Librarian)
- Raspberry Pi (IT & Computing)
- KS4 intervention programme
- Photography Club
- Craft Club (Art Department)

Community Programme:

Through the community aspect of our Co-curricular syllabus, we hope to enlighten our student's knowledge and understanding, helping them plan their future career pathways as well as focus on their spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. Guest speakers, work experience, community projects, links to businesses and school initiatives, will help to improve their knowledge of our local community and the world around us.

Community Co-Curricular Programme:

- Personal Development Day (April)
- Guest speakers (most recently Hannah Anderson from Kyma Media Oct 2022)
- Parish Carol Concert (planned in conjunction with one of our feeder primaries)
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Christmas Coffee Morning
- Feast of St Robert celebration
- Anne Frank Trust Voices of Equality
- Holocaust Memorial Day preparation
- Remembrance Day preparation
- Lessons from Auschwitz
- Inter House Competition
- Mental Health & Wellbeing (The Prime Agency / He Knows She Knows)
- Anti-Bullying Group - Anti-Bullying Week Conference (Anne Frank Trust)

Creative Programme:

The Art, English, Drama and Music departments always offer our students the chance to excel. Whether it be music lessons, drawing, dance, sculpture, drama, school productions or concerts there is so much on offer throughout the year.

Creative Co-Curriculum:

- KS3 & KS4 Choir
- Drama Club
- Wind Band
- Rock School
- KS3 Creative Writing Club

Active Programme:

The Activity programme is mainly coordinated through our PE department (Team St Roberts). Lunchtime drop-ins, after school clubs, schools' fixtures and national competitions all contribute to the activity programme within school. It has always been the St Robert's way to give every student the opportunity to represent their school and to enjoy the experience of playing alongside teammates and meeting new friends. Our clubs give students the chance to 'let their light Shine'.

- Year 7-13 Badminton
- KS3 Inter-House Football
- Year 7-9 Boy's Rugby
- Year 7-13 Girl's Football
- Year 7-9 Cricket
- Year 7-13 Netball
- Year 7-13 Basketball

We currently have teams in the following leagues:

- Boy's Football
- Girl's Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Skiing
- Swimming
- Cross-Country
- Indoor Athletics

Our Co-Curricular and Personal Development Programme is fluid and additional groups present themselves throughout the academic year. Students and parents/carers are made aware of the opportunities at the beginning of each term, and these are updated on the school website regularly.

Additional Co-Curriculum Support:

St Robert's also provides opportunities to support the development of students through the following academic support:

- National Tutoring Programme
- Guided Reading
- Phonics
- Times Tables
- Literacy Support
- Numeracy Support
- Handwriting Practice
- Comprehension and SPaG
- Homework Support
- Social Club
- Warhammer Club
- Lego Club

Co-Curricular Impact

St Robert of Newminster School considers the greatest impact of the Co-Curriculum to be the high rates of student participation and progress. The various opportunities are also supported by several school trips and visits, sessions dedicated to personal development and inter house activities that instil a sense of healthy competition between our form groups.

When students participate in co-curricular activities, they build confidence, form relationships, increase collaboration, improve their problem-solving, gain new skills, improve resilience, nurture individual well-being, and develop crucial skills for life after school.

Students engaged in experiences outside of the classroom are developing different skills than those who are only engaged *in* the classroom, bringing balance to the student experience, and helping to nurture the student holistically.

St Robert's School Prayer

Dear Lord,

We gather today as a **community** of **faith** and ask the Lord to instil in us an eagerness to learn so we can strive for **excellence**.

May St Robert's example be in our words and actions so that we treat others with dignity and **respect**.

We pray that as we learn, we **aspire** to become better than we were yesterday.

As your **light shines** through us, help us become who you **call** us to be.

Enable us to act with **honesty** and **kindness** welcoming all with **love**.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

