



Ss JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The department continues to be highly successful at GCSE through the recent changes to the curriculum and examinations. The department is committed to continuous improvement allowing all pupils to reach their full potential in the subject. The department places great emphasis on the quality of teaching and learning and teamwork.

Staff	Designation
Mrs Hayley Lord	Faculty Leader
Vacancy	Subject Leader
Vacancy	Teacher of Science + TLR
Mr Sam Brook	Teacher of Science
Miss Sylvia O'Shaughnessy	Teacher of Science
Mr Qurban Tahir	Teacher of Science
Mrs Jenny Thomson	Teacher of Science

At Key Stage 3 science is taught to all pupils for 3 x 50 minute periods per week throughout Years 7, 8 & 9. The department delivers a balanced curriculum at KS3, covering aspects of biology, chemistry and physics.

At KS4 the department offers a range of courses to match the needs of individual learners. Some of our most able students choose Triple Award Science as an option which they begin studying in Year 10 resulting in three GCSEs. We also offer a combined science GCSE equivalent to two GCSEs. The department is currently developing a rigorous and challenging tracking system encompassing both formative and summative assessments. This will further support us in monitoring pupil progress effectively and providing appropriate interventions and support for pupils of all ages.

The department enjoys collaboration with a number of other departments, and also offers a number of additional activities. These include STEM activities and trips to Blackpool Zoo and Leeds Bradford Airport. In addition, we are in the process of coordinating science events for Year 5 and 6 pupils from our feeder primary schools.