

POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The world is becoming increasingly dominated by the use of Information and Communication Technology systems, which influence every aspect of our lives. Today's citizens need to be equipped with knowledge and skills to enable them to participate in a technological society. ICT skills are now as essential as those of traditional numeracy and literacy.

The citizen of tomorrow needs to be computer literate and able to take advantage of the opportunities afforded, as the use of communication networks becomes common and Information and Communication Technologies provide new opportunities for working, learning and living.

The challenge is to develop an understanding of the fundamentals of ICT and the tools required for preparing and participating in an evolving information-based society.

Our students need to have a firm grounding in ICT for their careers, for lifelong learning, and for recreation. It is hoped that the study of ICT will also help provide students with the analytical, communication and technical skills they require to be active participants in an exciting and dynamic world.

The College needs an ICT policy to ensure that each pupil has full entitlement/access to high quality ICT education within a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. In our policy the Catholic ethos of the College will be duly considered at all times.

AIMS

In our college we aim to:

- offer a broad and balanced curriculum which enables students to develop into creative, independent, open-minded, well qualified citizens with transferable skills
- turn St Bede's into a dynamic and innovative learning institution where students can become more motivated, inquisitive and creative learners
- link up our students with the vast networked world of knowledge and information to enable them to acquire a broad knowledge base and a global outlook
- develop in our students capabilities to process information effectively and efficiently
- develop in our students the attitude and capability for independent life-long learning
- provide our students with excellent opportunities and facilities to develop their ICT skills and capabilities to enhance their learning at St Bede's and also to prepare them for education and employment in the world beyond.
- allow our students to make full and effective use of both College and other ICT facilities and resources for individual study at all levels and particularly at GCSE and A level
- allow our students to work safely within ICT and to show respect for ICT equipment