



Friday 10 September 2021

Headteacher's Update

I sincerely hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and had a chance to do some of the things we have all missed so much.

Now we are back in school, we will be ensuring we keep everything as safe as possible. There is still a COVID Risk Assessment (available on the school website). However, government expectations are quite clear that we must now try to ensure students have an experience at school as close as is possible to the one they had before the pandemic.

At St Cuthbert's we are constantly striving to be the best that we can be. This inevitably means change. There are some important changes we have introduced this year which will help us to achieve our goal. Some of these are particularly relevant and have been referred to later in his briefing and in previous communications. Please understand that these changes are absolutely necessary in our judgement to take us to the next step on our journey as a school.

I hope your son/daughter has had a good first week back at St Cuthbert's and is looking forward to the academic year ahead and all of the new learning and experiences they will have.

Mr Shields

Notices

Catholic Life of the School

At this start of a new academic year, we pray that students, parents and teachers will have a happy and successful school year directed and led by the Holy Spirit; *"and that the Father will send the advocate (the Holy Spirit) to teach all things..." (John 14:26).*

Father, we give you thanks because you created us in your own image. We pray for knowledge and understanding for teachers, students and parents. We pray that you will be with our teachers and students as they start a new school year. We pray that you will give students tenacity as they seek for understanding in their studies. We pray for parents, carers and families and all in our local community.

This we ask in Jesus Name. Amen.

Weekly Collective Worship

Next week's Collective Worship is led by Mrs Logan on our core value "love and we will be reflecting on Sunday's Gospel passage from Mark 8: 27-35.

Curriculum Notices

Skills for Life

This week we have launched our "Skills for Life" curriculum. The skills for life curriculum aims to extend pupils knowledge of living in the wider world, health and well-being and relationships to ensure that they leave St Cuthbert's prepared to lead a safe, happy and successful life prepared with the skills and characteristics to be a full rounded member of their community who can make well thought out decisions for themselves.

Students seem to have really enjoyed these lessons this week and seem excited to enhance their knowledge of a wide range of topics.

Year 11 Study Hub

The study hub will take place in the Science rooms after school from Monday 13th September. This allows students a quiet space for independent study. Staff will be available to support. This is a great opportunity for our Year 11 students to start to get into good habits in preparation for their GCSE exams. After school homework clubs for other year groups are coming soon!

Careers Day 2021

Our Year 11 Careers Day will take place on Thursday 21st October. If you would be interested in supporting this day by helping out with mock interviews or sharing your experiences in the world of work with our Year 11s, please contact Miss Holt – stjh03@scrchs.com

College applications for Year 11

A separate newsletter has been sent out this week to Year 11 parents regarding college open days and some hints and tips for your child's application making. Please make sure that you discuss this with your child.

Enrichment:

Please find attached to this email the calendar of extra-curricular opportunities for this term, there is also a booklet which describes each of the activities on offer. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to get involved.

Pastoral Notices

Thank you to all our families who have supported us in getting the children ready to return after the summer break. They certainly have made a great start to the term; their uniforms have been impeccable and they have all been ready to learn.

Just a polite reminder, if your son/daughter, says they don't need a school bag for whatever reason, the expectation is that they always have a bag with them.

A reminder that phones are not allowed to be used or seen at school. Students may have them but they must be kept switched off and out of sight until leaving the school premises.

School Buses

We have experienced some issues this week, in particular with the 894 bus. We are working with TfGM to address both yours and our concerns. Can we kindly ask that students only travel on buses nearest to their home so that we can ensure all students get to school on time.

Bus passes have been given to the students this week.

Please see link [Transport | St Cuthbert's RC High School \(scrchs.net\)](https://www.scrchs.net) for school bus timetables from September 2021 – July 2022

Wellbeing

- Please see the wellbeing area on our website (<https://www.scrchs.net/wellbeing>) which contains information on how to support you and your child's wellbeing.

Twitter

- Please follow us on @RcCuthberts to keep up to date on all that is going on at St Cuthbert's.

