



Friday 17 September 2021

### Headteacher's Update

Here at St Cuthbert's we are moving back to normal. We are ensuring all of the necessary safety precautions are still in place but school life is now close to how it was before the pandemic.

The students have responded amazingly well to being back and to the new routines and rules we have brought in. Their resilience and adaptability have been a real credit to them.

One key development is the introduction of a wide range of enrichment activities for students. We are looking at ensuring there is something for everyone. A list of what is currently available is below but this will continue to grow. I would encourage all students to find something which they enjoy and take full advantage of the opportunities we are trying to provide.

## ENRICHMENT – AFTERSCHOOL



We are busy at the moment preparing for our Open Evening. I am amazed and delighted by how many of our students are once again volunteering to be involved in supporting us on the night. Again it is testimony to the fantastic community spirit of our young people that they are prepared to give up their time to support their school. My thanks to everyone involved. Open Evening is of course a major event for us and our very best feature is our students so we are delighted that so many of them will be here to assist. They truly are wonderful ambassadors for the school.

Mr Shields

## Notices

### Catholic Life of the School

- We are supporting the annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Tuesday 28th September and would be grateful for donations to Mrs Battaglia by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Students are asked to bring a minimum 50p on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> so they can come and enjoy the coffee morning and help raise funds for this very worthy cause.



### 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

### Year 11 Study Hub

The study hub will take place in the Science rooms after school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

### The School Day

Please ensure your son/daughter is in school for 8.20am as lessons start at 8.25am. Students should not be catching the 409 bus any later than 8.10am and those who live close to the school should ensure they set off with sufficient time.

Thank you for your understanding with this as students who are late will be losing learning time that may form part of any assessments that take place.

## School Buses

Thank you to all those parents who have been in touch with school to notify us of issues with the buses; in particular in the morning. We have been collating these calls & sharing both yours and our concerns with TfGM and directly with operational managers.

With regards to the **894/890/891 services** – can we kindly ask that your child catches the service nearest your home address. Thank you to everyone who has done this.

*Children from Featherstall Road and New Road to use the **891** while those on Kingsway (south of Sir Isaac Newton Way) and Albert Royds Street to use the **890**.*

Currently there is capacity on both the 890/891, some students who can only catch the 894 are struggling to get to school as once the service is full the bus is not stopping for them.

We are also aware that there have been issues this week with the 862 & 867 which have also been raised with the bus company.

Please find the link attached for bus timetable [Transport | St Cuthbert's RC High School \(scrchs.net\)](https://www.scrchs.net/transport)

## 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.

