



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Headteacher's Update**

I hope everyone had the opportunity over half term to spend some quality time with their loved ones. Here at St Cuthbert's we continued to be open and had lots of staff and Year 11 pupils in school preparing for their mock examinations. Those mock examinations have now begun and we wish our Year 11s the very best of luck and hopefully their hard work will pay off.

Also during half term, many of our staff and pupils visited London for a Creative Arts trip. Everyone had a fabulous time and the various venues visited and the tour company were full of praise for our wonderful pupils.

We have this week celebrated Ash Wednesday. Unfortunately, we were not able to distribute the ashes but we have had Lenten services and assemblies this week. We as a school are supporting the St Joseph's Penny and Walk for Food charity appeals details of which can be found in the Catholic life of the School section and on our website. Any support for those worthy causes would be much appreciated and all pupils have the chance to be involved.

At school we are having a significant focus on punctuality. We have noticed a slight dip in punctuality to school in the morning. This is something we are targeting and can I please ask for your support in making sure your sons and daughters set off on time and that if we contact you to inform you of a punctuality issue that you speak to them about this and the importance of being at school and in lessons on time.

All the best and have a wonderful week

D. Shields

**NOTICES**

**CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.*

*Amen.*

*St. Cuthbert, Pray For Us.*

**Please support our appeal for the items listed below to support those affected by the conflict in Ukraine.**

**Thankyou.**



As you are all aware from the news Ukraine needs our help and support...

There are staff members and pupils who have family and loved ones in Ukraine and we want to help!

How can you help?

We will be collecting items and we will be working with St Marys Ukrainian Catholic church where Mrs Didyk Wild attends and will ensure all donations are sent to help Ukrainian people.

We need the following items:

Toiletries  
Sleeping bags  
Thermal clothing  
Crayons  
Towels  
First aid kits  
Bandages  
Sanitary items.

This situation is changing quickly and so we need your donations in as fast as possible- thank you!



If you can help and donate please bring items to your form tutors who will then pass to the collection location TBC

Mrs Battaglia

## Curriculum Notices

Year 11 Parents - Please see the end of the newsletter for important information on all matters relating to our Year 11 students over the next 5 months.

## Remote Learning

- If there is a need for remote learning, we will use Microsoft Teams.
- All students in Years 8-11 will have a remote learning "how to" refresh with their form tutors on the use of Microsoft Teams.
- Year 7 students will have the opportunity to use MS Teams in school to ensure they are confident in using this should they need to access remote learning.
- Our remote learning parent guide and policy is available on our website <https://scrchs.net/staff-students/Remote-Learning>

## Homework

Thank you for continuing to support our homework policy. There have been over 11,700 pieces of homework completed this term and this is helping our students to know and remember much more.

## Pastoral Notices

We would like to welcome Mrs Holahan & Mr Sheridan to our team who have joined as Pastoral Managers.

Please can we remind you to top up your children/s lunch account/s regularly. The cost of a lunch time meal deal at school is £2.40 per day which would mean you would need to top up each account with a minimum of £12.00 per week. This would only cover the cost of a lunch so if your child would also be purchasing at break you would need to add additional funds.

Please check your Children/s Parent Pay accounts regularly. We have some accounts that are in an overdraft position and would ask if you can add funds as soon as possible to clear this. If you have any questions please contact school and ask to speak to the finance team.

## **Year 11**

Parents have been sent a letter via classcharts regarding the Year 11 Prom.

## 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.



# Year 11 Information

## Year 11 Mock Examinations

The mock examinations will run from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We have completed the first week of the mocks and begin week 2 on Monday.

Students should be preparing for these assessments in their lessons, with homework, revision clubs and independently at home.

To support Year 11 students and their parents with preparing for their mock examinations, please see the brief information sessions recorded by our Curriculum Leaders. These will give an overview of the following:

- Revision Topics
- Details on the mock examination
- Revision materials

These can be accessed via our website.

A range of revision resources are available on our school website: <https://scrchs.net/curriculum-Vision-statement/mock-exams>

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time and prepared for their examinations. Below is the schedule for the next 3 weeks. This has also been shared via class charts with you and all students have a paper copy.

### Mock Examinations: Week 2

A	Timings	Exam Session	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
1 2	8.25 – 9.15	Session 1 < 1 hrs 40 mins	RE 3 (199) *S4 in Class	French (54) & Spanish Reading (139)	Chemistry 2 (222)	RE 2 (199) *S4 in Class	Geography & History 2 (211) *Hu1 in class
	9.15 – 10.05		60 mins	H: 60 mins F: 45 mins	70 mins	90 mins	60 mins
			Students will return to P2	Students will return to P2	Students will return to P2	Students will go straight to break	Students will return to P2
FBA	10.05 – 10.25	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break
FBb	10.25 – 10.45	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
3	10.45 – 11.35						
4	11.35 – 12.25	Year 11 lunch Students to go straight to cuisine at the start of P4.					
5a 5b 6	12.25 –	Session 2 < 2 hours 25 mins	Biology 2 (222)	English Language 2 (222)	Maths 3 (222)	Physics 3 (222)	English Literature 2 (222)

	1.10/15		70 mins	105 mins	90 mins	70 mins	105 mins
	1.10/15 – 2.00		Students will return to Lunch then P6	Students will return to P6	Students will return to P6	Students will return to Lunch then P6	Students will return to P6
	2.00 – 2.50						

### Mock Examinations: Week 3

	Timings	Exam Session	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday & Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>1</b>	8.25 – 9.15	<b>Session 1</b> < 1 hrs 40 mins	<b>History 3</b> (108)	<b>MFL: Other Languages</b> These examinations will take place at various times, these will be confirmed with individuals by the examinations officer.	<b>GCSE Speaking PRACTICE</b> examinations will take place. These are NOT part of the mock assessments, they will be conducted with your class teacher. Your class teacher will confirm your date & time with you.
<b>2</b>	9.15 – 10.05		60 mins Students return to P2		
<b>FBA</b>	10.05 – 10.25	KS4 Break	KS4 Break		
<b>FBb</b>	10.25 – 10.45	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons		
<b>3</b>	10.45 – 11.35				
<b>4+</b>	11.35 – 2.50	<b>Normal Lessons and Lunch</b>			

\*\*Details of the EAL examinations need to be finalised.

### GCSE Updates

Ofqual have given an update on their grading approach to this years examinations.

- [Ofqual's approach to grading exams and assessments in summer 2022 and autumn 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-approach-to-grading-exams-and-assessments-in-summer-2022-and-autumn-2021)

### Year 11 Study Hub

Study hub is now up and running and in full flow. This allows students a quiet space for independent study. Teaching staff are timetabled into this room to support students with their learning. This is a great opportunity for our Year 11 students to start to get into good habits in preparation for their GCSE exams.