



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Headteacher's Update**

Next week is the final week before our Year 11 pupils embark upon their GCSE examinations. Everyone has been working extremely hard to ensure they are ready for these exams and our thoughts and prayers are now with those Year 11 pupils who are about to undertake them.

Due to the examinations taking place we do have to make some slight adjustments to the school day. Year 11 exams can only take place between defined start and finish times. In order to facilitate this and to minimise the impact on the rest of the school we will be making some changes to break and dinner times for pupils. The details of this are included in the notices. We will implement these changes next week to ensure we iron out any problems or confusion before the exams actually start.

One of the things we do each Summer Term is to review everything which has taken place during the year and to plan for the future. With regards to that we are reviewing our vision and values. This is a process which will include all key stakeholders including pupils, governors and staff. I would like to thank in advance those parents who have agreed to be involved in our Parents Forum next week to discuss this and other plans we have at St Cuthbert's. If you would like to be involved in this discussion please contact Miss Holt at school.

Have a good weekend

Mr Shields

**NOTICES**

**CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

Today we remember all those who were persecuted for their faith and suffered death because of their faith in Jesus. Today these people are known as the English Martyrs

Let us pray,

Loving Father, guide us on our own journey of faith, may we too reflect on what it means to be following your call today. Give us the courage to keep to our faith even when it seems difficult to. We continue to pray for those who suffer in Ukraine who are keeping strong to their faith in these challenging times.

**curriculum Notices**

**Year 9 Options Choices – Parent / Carer and Student Voice**

Due to a number of students changing their options choices (which has affected the number of students choosing certain subjects) and other unforeseen circumstances, confirmation about options choices has been delayed. Students' choices will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

If you do have any questions or need any more advice, please contact Mr. Kenny on Class Charts or via email ([stdk01@scrchs.com](mailto:stdk01@scrchs.com)).

### **Online talks available to parents on further and higher education**

We are currently working with GM Higher who have provided us with lots of opportunities for our students to find out more about higher and further education. They have sent us this week some opportunities for parents to find out more about T levels (a new qualification which students can do when they leave school) and a session on going to university. If you are interested in either of these sessions, please click on the links below.

#### **Let's talk T-Levels, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm-6:45pm**

This event will introduce parents and carers to T-Levels, the new two-year, post-16 qualification providing an alternative to A Levels, BTECs and apprenticeships. T-Levels will offer a blended learning environment, mixing classroom learners with a 45-day work placement. This will ensure that learners are equipped and prepared for skilled work, university or degree and higher apprenticeships. Joining the session will be speakers from the Greater Manchester combined authority and students who are currently undertaking these courses\*.

To book your place at the event, please follow the link >>> <https://gmhigher.ac.uk/events/lets-talk-t-levels/>

*\*Subject to availability*

#### **Parent/carers HE week, May 2022**

We are delighted that we will once again be hosting a parents/carers HE week on the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May. The week will cover info about routes into higher education and student finance and will involve workshops and a chance to ask questions to our staff through our AskUs platform.

Visit our website for further updates >>> <https://gmhigher.ac.uk/>

#### **Careers Update:**

#### **Hopwood Hall taster day for Year 11 students:**

This unmissable opportunity is open for bookings to all Year 11 pupils who have applied to study at Hopwood Hall College in September 2022. Our **Year 11 New Starter Experience** sessions will be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and pupils can register on Eventbrite for **either** a morning or afternoon session at the campus where their course will be delivered using the links below:

[Middleton Campus – 9.30am-12pm](#)

[Middleton Campus – 1pm-3.30pm](#)

[Rochdale Campus – 9.30am-12pm](#)

[Rochdale Campus – 1pm-3.30pm](#)

If your child is intending to go to Hopwood Hall College, it is important that they sign up on one of the links above

#### **Hopwood Hall taster day for Year 10 students**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, we have been invited to take a group of 60 students to Hopwood Hall College for a taster day. Your child has been sent a link to sign up on class charts and via email.

We also have the following events happening for Year 10 during the Summer term to help them to get ready for making important decisions about college/apprenticeships/sixth form college next year.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Why not university talk for all of Year 10, in their Skills For Life classes

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 10 taster day at Oldham College

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 taster day at Hopwood Hall College

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 taster day at RSFC

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 experience of work day

The final half term of the year will also see students can further education ready with a series of lessons planned in their Skills For Life classes.

### Skills For Life update for half term 5

Below are the topics which will be covered with each year group during half term 5. If you think that there are any topics which you may need to have discussions with your child about, please do so. If you would like to speak to your child's Skills For Life teacher prior to delivery of these lessons, please drop them or myself an email asap. If your child is withdrawn from Sex Education, provision will be made for them to go to another classroom for these sessions. Many thanks, Miss J Holt

Half term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Summer term 1</b>  <b>Year 7 – 11 – Relationships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to develop self-worth and self-efficacy</li> <li>Building positive relationships</li> <li>Different types of bullying including cyber bullying</li> <li>How to recognise unhealthy relationships</li> <li>Challenging media stereotypes</li> <li>How to manage expectations of a romantic relationship</li> <li>How to set boundaries in relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualities of positive and healthy relationships</li> <li>How to demonstrate positive behaviours in a healthy relationship</li> <li>Gender identity and sexual orientation</li> <li>Developing partnerships</li> <li>The law in relation to seeking consent over boundaries in relationships</li> <li>Sexting</li> <li>Risks of sharing indecent images and the laws surrounding this</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Catholic church teaching on the morality of natural and artificial methods of managing fertility</li> <li>Making informed choices in regard to sex and relationships</li> <li>Myths and misconceptions relating to consent</li> <li>Right to say no and to withdraw consent from sexual activity</li> <li>Sexual harassment and what constitutes this</li> <li>STIs and negotiating safer sex</li> <li>Consequences of unprotected sex including pregnancy</li> <li>Catholic teaching that sexuality is a God given gift and that sexual intercourse is the most</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communities, inclusion, respect and belonging</li> <li>Addressing extremism and radicalisation and social media influences on this</li> <li>How to safely challenge discrimination</li> <li>How to recognise and respond to extremism and radicalisation</li> <li>Defining sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, peer on peer abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour based violence, FGM. Why they are always unacceptable.</li> <li>recognising unhealthy or abusive relationships</li> <li>Emotional and physical abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different types of family</li> <li>Evaluating readiness for parenthood</li> <li>Positive parenting qualities</li> <li>How fertility may vary and change</li> <li>Pregnancy, birth and miscarriage</li> <li>Unplanned pregnancy, abortion, adoption and fostering. (Taught within Catholic teaching of sanctity of life)</li> <li>How to manage change, loss, grief and bereavement</li> <li>Domestic violence and where to seek help</li> </ul>

## **Remote Learning**

- If there is a need for remote learning, we will use Microsoft Teams.
- 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.

## **Pastoral Notices**

### **Buses**

We have been informed of school bus changes from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:

Service 862 – the morning and afternoon journeys will be operated by First Manchester. No changes have been made to the timetable or route of these journeys.

Attached to the newsletter is the bus timetable

## ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL (0825 - 1450)

Effective 08 May 2022

Changes Effective 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Service 867 replaced by journeys on service R3.

Students who currently board service 867 along the southern section of Whitworth Road or parts of Shawclough Road can use service 862.

The £7.60 TfGM weekly school bus ticket will not be available on service R3, however, students can instead purchase Rosso's GM Saver 7 ticket priced at £10 (or £7.50 with an igo pass). For travel on all operators services the System One Weekly ticket is also available at a cost of £10.30

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SYKE – ROCHDALE – ST CUTHBERT'S				Service 862
TFGM Contract Number:	0332	TFGM Contract Number:	0332	
Minimum Capacity:	70	Minimum Capacity:	70	
Operator Code:	FM	Operator Code:	FM	
SYKE, Chapel	0745	ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL	1500	
Foxholes, All Saints Church	0751	Rochdale, Interchange	1514	
Rochdale, John Street	0759	Foxholes, All Saints Church	1520	
ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL	0812	SYKE, Chapel	1524	

**SERVICE 862:** From SYKE, CHAPEL via Dewhirst Road, Greenbank Road, Blanche Street, Foxholes Road, Taylor Street, Whitworth Road, John Street, Molesworth Street, Wood Street, Oldham Road, Shaw Road to ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL.  
Returns via Shaw Road, Oldham Road, Milnrow Road, Drake Street, Rochdale Interchange, Water Street, Molesworth Street, Entwisle Road, Halifax Road, Red Lane, Foxholes Road, Rossall Road, Dewhirst Road, Binns Nook Road, Joy Street, Scarr Drive, Dewhirst Road to SYKE, CHAPEL.

HEALEY CORNER – ROCHDALE – ST CUTHBERT'S				Service R3
TFGM Contract Number:	1259	TFGM Contract Number:	1259	
Minimum Capacity:	81	Minimum Capacity:	81	
Operator Code:	RDT	Operator Code:	RDT	
HEALEY CORNER	0737	ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL	1500	
Thrum Hall Lane	0742	Rochdale, Interchange	1513	
Shawclough, Bentley Street	0747	Shawclough, Bentley Street	1521	
Rochdale, Interchange	0757	Thrum Hall Lane	1525	
ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL	0809	HEALEY CORNER	1530	

AM Service R3 commences from Wallbank.

**SERVICE R3:** FROM HEALEY CORNER via Whitworth Road, Shawclough Way, Shawclough Road, Paton Street, Thrum Hall Lane, Whitworth Road, Bentley Street, Shawclough Road, Fallinge Road, Sheriff Street, Spotland Road, St Mary's Gate, Newgate, South Parade, Drake Street, Water Street to Rochdale Interchange, then Smith Street, Drake Street, Oldham Road, Shaw Road to ST CUTHBERT'S RC HIGH SCHOOL. Returns via Shaw Road, Oldham Road, Milnrow Road, Drake Street, Water Street to Rochdale Interchange then Smith Street, South Parade, Newgate, St Mary's Gate, Spotland Road, Sheriff Street, Fallinge Road, Shawclough Road, Bentley Street, Whitworth Road, Thrum Hall Lane, Paton Street, Shawclough Road to HEALEY CORNER.

### 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 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.