



Friday 10th June 2022

Headteacher's Update

We are now in the final half term of this academic year. During this half term all pupils will be undertaking their end of year summative assessments. This will establish exactly what they know and remember from their studies during the course of the year. These assessments are crucial in terms of informing our planning and teaching for next year. Everyone knows what they will be doing and what they need to revise. Could I please ask that all parents check their children are revising as this is a key aspect of being successful in assessments and making progress.

During this half term we also have several extra-curricular events taking place including GCSE trips to London, reward events and Sports Day. Please keep a look out for any communications and letters regarding these events and others over the next few weeks.

Have a good week

Mr Shields

NOTICES

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. In addition to this Pope Francis' prayer intention for June is Families. We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives. Below is the link for the 'Pope Videos' for June: <https://thepopevideo.org> if you wish to view his message at home.

CURRICULUM NOTICES

Year 9 Options Choices

All Year 9 students receive letters confirming their GCSE curriculum choices today. If you do have any questions or need any more advice, please contact Mr. Kenny on Class Charts or via email (stdk01@scrchs.com).

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 16th 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 5th 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 7th 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 4th May – Why not university talk for all of Year 10, in their Skills For Life classes
- Friday 1st July – Year 10 taster day at Oldham College
- Thursday 7th July – Year 10 taster day at Hopwood Hall College
- Thursday 14th July – Year 10 taster day at RSFC
- Monday 18th 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.

Y10 Work Experience Day

On Monday 18th July, we are hosting our annual Year 10 experience of work day. During this day students will have the opportunity to find out more about the world of work within a particular sector and take part in some work based tasks.

How can you help? Could you or anyone that you know well volunteer some time on the morning (8.25 – 12.25) to come and offer a session for some of our students? The session would involve the following:

- A brief overview of your job – what you do, what it entails, what you like etc
- Outline of task for students to complete (linked to your job)
- Planning for the students on how to complete the task
- Completion of the task
- Presentation of the work that has been completed
- Prizes awarded to any student who have achieved well

To give some ideas of what sort of activities I mean, last year we had a past pupil who worked for Adidas who came in and asked the students to design, build and market a trainer, we had a CSI based activity in the hall where the students had to work out 'whodunnit' and an engineer who taught students about the basic mechanics of bridge building and then had the students building a weight loading bridge to try and see how many pound coins the bridge could hold.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in supporting school with this activity, please drop me an email at stjh03@scrchs.com

Many Thanks

Miss Holt

Upcoming open evenings for Year 10 and 11:



The poster for Oldham College's Open Day features three students: a male student in a lab coat and safety glasses, a male student in a suit, and a female student in a graduation cap and gown. The background is a stylized cityscape. The text on the poster includes the Oldham College logo and tagline 'WHERE LEARNING WORKS & SKILLS PAY', an Ofsted 'Good Provider' badge, and the main event details: 'JOIN US AT OPEN DAY, MEET OUR TUTORS & TOUR THE CAMPUS!' on Saturday 2nd July from 10am-1pm. A list of activities includes 'Free Food & Drinks', 'Entertainment & Competitions', and 'See our Fantastic Facilities'. The poster also states 'OPEN DAY LEARNERS OF ALL AGES & LEVELS', 'INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED | HIGHER EDUCATION', and 'PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN ECHO DOT'. The website 'VISIT: OLDHAM.AC.UK/OPENDAY' is provided at the bottom.

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

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

Detentions

Thank you for supporting the school's Behaviour for Learning policy to ensure that your child receives the highest quality learning experiences.

A revised detention system will be implemented from Monday 20th June 2022.

C3 (30 minute) and C4 (1 hour) detentions will run every afternoon for both KS3 and KS4.

All students who receive a detention are expected to attend, without exemption. Students failing to attend or complete a detention will receive an upscaled detention / sanction the following day, as outlined below and in the attached document.

| Detention | Where? | When? | Upscaling |
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| Tier 1 C3 Detention (KS3) Tier 1 C3 Detention (KS4) | Cuisine REFLECT | Mon-Fri, 14.50-15.20 Students will make their own way to the Cuisine / REFLECT, where they will sit their half-an-hour detention. | If a student fails to attend a detention / refuses attendance / fails their detention, they will be collected the next day at 2.15pm, taken to their detention room and expected to complete their detention until 3.50pm. This will be communicated home after non-attendance on the previous day by parental/carer phone call. |
| Tier 1 C4 Detention (KS3) Tier 1 C4 Detention (KS4) | Cuisine REFLECT | Mon-Fri, 14.50-15.50 Students will be collected between 14.30 and 14.50 and taken to the Cuisine / REFLECT, where they will sit their one-hour detention. | |
| Tier 2 KS3 Detention Tier 2 KS4 Detention | Cuisine REFLECT | Mon-Fri, 14.15-15.50 Students will be collected between 14.15 and 14.30 and taken to the Cuisine / REFLECT, where they will sit their one-hour detention. | If a student fails to complete a Tier 2 detention or fails two detentions in a row (for whatever reason), they will be collected at 12.10pm the next day and work in isolation in room 406 until 3.50pm with a cold lunch option only. |
| Tier 3 Detention | 406 | Mon-Fri, 12.15-15.50 Students will be collected from their P4 lesson and taken to 406, where they will order and eat a cold lunch. Whilst in 406, students will remote-in to their timetable lessons or complete work | If a student fails to complete this Tier 3 detention, they will then be placed in REFLECT for the duration of the next school day and/or be allocated a place at another school. |
| | | packs. Students will remain in 406 until 15.50 and complete their detention. | |
| Tier 4 Sanction | REFLECT / Other school | If a student fails to complete this Tier 3 Detention, they will then be placed in REFLECT Remove for the duration of the next school day and/or be allocated a place at another school. | A student still causing concerns due to poor conduct/failure to complete detention will be at risk of being suspended from school and will have parents/carers invited into school for a 'demonstration of poor conduct' meeting led by relevant member of pastoral staff. |
| Tier 5 Sanction | Parental meeting / Fixed Term Suspension | A student still causing concern due to poor conduct / failure to complete detention will be at risk of being suspended from school and will have parents / carers invited into school for a 'demonstration of poor conduct' meeting led by relevant member of pastoral staff. | Fixed Term Suspension. |

Knife Crime in Rochdale:

We have been invited to take part in a borough wide project to ascertain the views of young people in relation to knife crime by the Youth Justice Service.

The idea of the knife crime project is that by collating responses from young people the service will be able to observe trends within the general attitudes and beliefs regarding knife crime. The results of the study can be then used to propose types of intervention that could be put in place for young people in the Rochdale area. The survey is anonymous & will be sent to students via class charts to complete in their own time.

Key Pastoral reminders:

- Please ensure your child is in school ready to learn by 8.20am. Lessons start promptly at 8.25am. Students arriving 5-10 minutes in a morning are losing key learning time & are also affecting the learning of others by arriving late to class.
- Please check with your son/daughter over the half term break if they have all of their uniform. A number of students have been without school ties and are wearing trainers. We are happy to support any family with this should you get in touch with your child's Head of Year.
- Can we kindly ask that any student wanting piercings over the holiday waits until the summer so that in September these can be removed and replaced by retainers. Facial piercings are not allowed.

- Thank you to all our parents who support the school with meeting these expectations.
- Full details of our uniform policy can be found by clicking the link: [Uniform | St Cuthbert's RC High School \(scrchs.net\)](https://www.scrchs.net/uniform)
- Any student who is issued with a detention is expected to attend following 24hours notice, parents are sent notifications via class charts. Any child who misses the detention without reason will be kept the following day, where we have an issue with repeated failure to attend detentions your child will be placed in our remove room.

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.

