



**Friday 10th December**

**Headteacher's Update**

We have reached the final week of the term. It is almost time for us all to start thinking about spending some quality and festive time with our loved ones. Before we do that however, there is still another full week of school to go. We will of course be having some Christmas events including liturgies, rewards and Christmas jumper day but there is still a lot of learning to be done and our usual rules and expectations are absolutely the same.

There is a separate end of term letter which will be sent. This will include all details regarding what will be happening in January. Please understand the details included in the letter are based upon the rules as they are at the moment. We have learnt that things can change quickly and with very little notice. If we have to change the plans indicated in the letter please understand there are reasons beyond our control for doing so.

In order to ensure everyone has a safe and unrestricted Christmas we are doing everything possible to reduce the risk of COVID infection. This includes wearing masks in communal areas. None of us want to have our Christmas spoiled with a positive test result so the wearing of masks and regular testing are a key part of the strategy to achieve this.

Just a reminder that we will be finishing at 12pm next Friday and having an early Christmas holiday for us all. We will of course renew our weekly messages in January upon our return.

All the best and have a wonderful Christmas

Mr Shields

### **Notices**

#### **Catholic Life of the School**

Next week's Collective Worship will be led by Amanda Hill

#### **Curriculum Notices**

##### **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. After school homework clubs for other year groups are coming soon!

## 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.

### Year 11 – College application deadlines:

Below is a reminder of the upcoming deadlines for Year 11 college applications. The ones highlighted in Yellow are within the coming weeks/days. Please make sure your child has made the applications that they would like to.

College or Sixth Form	Application Method	Closing Date
Access Creative College Manchester	Apply online at <a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/apply/further-education/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/apply/further-education/</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar Sixth Form	Apply online at <a href="http://www.brgs.org.uk">www.brgs.org.uk</a>	Tbc Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
British and Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM - Manchester)	Apply online at <a href="http://www.bimm.ac.uk/manchester/">www.bimm.ac.uk/manchester/</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.
Burnley College	Apply online at <a href="http://www.burnley.ac.uk">www.burnley.ac.uk</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Bury College	Apply online at <a href="http://www.burycollege.ac.uk">www.burycollege.ac.uk</a>	Priority deadline date is Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Calderdale College (Halifax)	Apply online at <a href="http://www.calderdale.ac.uk">www.calderdale.ac.uk</a>	The deadline date is February 2022 but the earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Cardinal Langley Sixth Form	Apply online at <a href="http://www.clrchs.co.uk">www.clrchs.co.uk</a>	January 2022. No closing date at the moment.
Crompton House Sixth Form	Apply online at <a href="http://www.chs-sixthform.org">www.chs-sixthform.org</a>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Holy Cross Sixth Form College (Bury)	Apply online at <a href="http://www.holycross.ac.uk">www.holycross.ac.uk</a>	Applications open Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021- close - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021
Hopwood Hall College (Middleton and Rochdale)	Apply online at <a href="http://www.hopwood.ac.uk">www.hopwood.ac.uk</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Loreto Sixth Form College (Manchester)	Paper application download at <a href="http://www.loreto.ac.uk">www.loreto.ac.uk</a>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
The Manchester College	Apply at <a href="http://www.tmc.ac.uk">www.tmc.ac.uk</a>	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2021
Myerscough College (Preston, Blackburn and Liverpool) Agricultural courses etc.	Apply online at <a href="http://www.myerscough.ac.uk">www.myerscough.ac.uk</a>	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by March 2022
Oldham College	Apply online at <a href="http://www.oldham.ac.uk">www.oldham.ac.uk</a>	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2021
Oldham Sixth Form College	Apply online at <a href="http://www.osfc.ac.uk">www.osfc.ac.uk</a>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021
Rochdale Sixth Form College	Apply online at <a href="http://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk">www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk</a>	12pm Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Salford City College	Apply online at <a href="http://www.salfordcc.ac.uk">www.salfordcc.ac.uk</a>	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2021

<b>Tameside College</b>	Apply online at <a href="http://www.tameside.ac.uk">www.tameside.ac.uk</a>	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2021.
<b>University Technical College Media City (Salford)</b>	Apply online at <a href="http://www.utcmcity.org.uk">www.utcmcity.org.uk</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.
<b>Xaverian College</b>	Paper application download at <a href="http://www.xaverian.ac.uk">www.xaverian.ac.uk</a>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

The above information was correct at the time of completion. However due to the Covid 19 situation you are advised to check the college/sixth form websites for any changes/updates prior to any open day attendance and applications.

### Supporting our Advent Charities:

## ‘Feed the hungry and give water to the thirsty!’ Jesus, Matthew 25

We now have over **1700** tins collected for Rochdale Foodbank as a part of our Advent charity work. 11.5 have now made the most donations.

Please encourage your child to get involved in our charity work this advent. We are collecting food items for Rochdale Foodbank and money for Springhill Hospice.

### Pastoral Notices

- Please ensure your child is wearing a mask if they are travelling to and from school on dedicated school buses or public transport. The drivers do have the right to refuse travel.
- Please see attached end of term letter regarding the arrangements for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and details of the students’ return on 5<sup>th</sup> January 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.

