



**Friday 11 June 2021**

**Headteacher's Update**

I hope everyone had a good half term and was able to spend some quality time with their loved ones. It has been a mixed time for us recently. We are clearly approaching a point at which there will be some major changes but it looks like these may be delayed. We are a little bit in limbo at the moment. Hopefully some clarity will be provided for us with the announcement on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

At St Cuthbert's, we continue to introduce change but have to always have the primary focus on making sure everyone is safe. With the worrying numbers of people in the Greater Manchester area who are testing positive for COVID we have to be extra vigilant. We have ourselves had a few students test positive over half term and even this week. When this happens there is still a requirement to close the relevant bubble. It is therefore essential that everyone continues with taking Lateral Flow Tests twice per week to ensure that if they are coming to school, they are safe to do so. These can be obtained from school if you have run out.

This week we have put teachers back into their own classrooms. This is a huge step forward in our return to normality. It enables teachers to enhance the quality of education they provide. To ensure this is done safely, we have introduced a one way system which ensures different year groups are kept apart inside the building and we don't have any congestion on stairs or corridors. We will look to introduce more changes over the next few weeks but will be guided by the announcements on Monday by the government.

Our Year 11 students have now completed their Centre Assessed Grades process. This is the end of a long and challenging process they have been involved in. They conducted themselves tremendously throughout and we wish them all the very best in terms of outcomes and what comes next.

As we begin the last few weeks of school we will be completing internal assessments and preparing end of year reports. All students will do end of term assessments and these will be used to inform what needs to be addressed next year in terms of lost learning because of COVID.

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend and will have more to say next week after Monday's announcement.

Mr Shields

**Notices**

**COVID Updates**

- A reminder that LFTs should only be used for regular, asymptomatic testing. If anyone has symptoms or has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, then they must take a PCR test (at a COVID testing centre.)

**Catholic Life of the School**

**Weekly Assembly**

- This week's assembly's theme is Homo/Bi/Transphobia and will be led by Mrs Ward

### **Examination Updates to Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students**

- Year 10 and Year 11 continue to prepare for and complete assessments to add to their subject portfolios.
- Please read the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) guidance for parents and students who should have been sitting examinations this summer. [JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf](#).
- Please email Mrs Hill if you have any individual/further questions [stah03@scrchs.com](mailto:stah03@scrchs.com)

### **Pastoral Notices**

- Please refer to the letter that was sent on 26/5/21 regarding uniform and expectations. <https://www.scrchs.net/letters-home>

### **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.

### **Community**

- Please can you speak with you child about the importance of wearing face masks in public areas such as local shops and the public buses (409).
- Students who walk to school are kindly reminded of the community they live in respecting the environment by not dropping litter or causing a disruption for our local residents.

### **Twitter**



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