



Friday 11th March 2022

Headteacher's Update

Thank you to those parents and pupils who have made their Lenten pledges. There are lots of staff who have also done this and some people are very creative. It is doing things like this together as a community which helps to bind us together. We will as always raise significant amounts of money for our chosen charities which includes now the people of Ukraine for whom we pray for peace and an end to the terrible conflict which has engulfed them.

This week I also need to mention the tragic death of a long serving member of staff at one of our family of Catholic schools in the course of his duty during the school day. You may have read the story in the press and our thoughts and prayers as a community go out to the family of our colleague and to St Gabriel's school in Bury.

At St Cuthbert's we are always looking to improve. We are currently looking for parents who may be interested in helping us to do that. We will be consulting on a few things we would like to change and your help would be most welcome. If you would like to be involved in this process please contact Miss Holt at school and we will ensure that your voice is heard.

As I mentioned last week, 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

Ukraine Fund- Thank you for your support and generosity, it has been overwhelming to see such kindness from parents, staff, and pupils.- there is now also a link on twitter if you wish to make a monetary donation- via Caritas / Cafod for Ukraine.

Lenten Charities- we are now in the season of Lent, and we are currently fundraising for three very important causes and charities, Ukraine, Cafod 'walk for Hunger' and St Joseph's penny. To reach our target of £1000 we need your support! 'For it is in giving that we receive' St Francis of Assisi

The pancake flip competition was a great success and kicked off our fundraising, we raised £97 which is amazing- thank you so much to everyone involved.

Our next event is a 'waste not want not sale' which will take place during lunch in the hall on Thursday 24th March (KS3/4 lunch) and Tuesday 29th March (KS3/4 lunch).

There will be items on sale, the prices range from £1 to a maximum of £5 and there are some great items. So, please remind your child to bring in money on these days as everything raised will go to our Lenten charities and

it is first come first served. (If you would like to donate any items, please bring them to reception labelled waste not want not- we just ask that items are either -new or washed / clean).

Finally, on Friday the 18th of March we will be celebrating St Cuthbert's feast day, officially the feast day is the 20th of March but this lands on the weekend. Our theme for the celebration is 'Love one another' and celebrating our St Cuthbert's community. Session 5 and 6 students will be taking part in from time activities and reflections around these themes.

Thank you so much for your continued support for the Catholic life of the school.

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.

Y9 Options Evening

Y9 students, along with their parents / carers are invited to attend St. Cuthbert's GCSE Options Evening on **Wednesday 30th March 2022**. The event will take place between **6pm** and **7pm** at school. During this event, you will be talked through the options process and given the opportunity to speak to teachers from the different subjects from which you will choose your options.

To best inform us about your child's potential choices, please ensure Year 9 students complete the following survey by **3pm** on **Wednesday 16th March 2022**. This is not part of the formal options process and is only used to try to ensure that we can offer your child the subjects they would like to study:

<https://forms.office.com/r/AsQT0jGWwb>

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 Leach to our team who has joined as a Pastoral Manager.

Buses

Thank you to all those parents who have been in touch with school to notify us of issues with the buses; in particular in the morning. We have been collating these calls & sharing both yours and our concerns with TfGM and directly with operational managers.

This matter did improve but has become an issue again on our return from the half term break.

With regards to the **894/890/891 services** – can we kindly ask that your child catches the service nearest your home address.

*Children from Featherstall Road and New Road to use the **891** while those on Kingsway (south of Sir Isaac Newton Way) and Albert Royds Street to use the **890**.*

We have some students who are currently unable to catch the 894 because of this issue who are unable to catch another bus. This has meant that some students have been unable to get to school and is having an impact on some of senior students who are, at present, sitting GCSE mock examinations.

Thank you to everyone who has done this.

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 Parents Evening: Wednesday 06.04.22

There will be a Year 11 parents evening which will take place on **Wednesday 6th April 2022**, from **6-7pm** in the sports hall.

This evening intends to provide practical support and guidance to parents and carers in how they can support their child as they prepare for the GCSE examinations in RE, English, Maths, Science, MFL, History and Geography.

To ensure that all Year 11 families can attend this important evening, places are restricted to two attendees per family. This may be your Year 11 son/daughter and 1 adult or 2 adults.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

The mock examinations will run from Monday 28th February to Wednesday 16th March. We are almost at an end!

Mock Examinations: Week 3

	Timings	Exam Session	Monday 14 th March	Wednesday & Thursday 16 th & 17 th March
1 2	8.25 – 9.15	Session 1 < 1 hrs 40 mins	History 3 (108)	GCSE Speaking PRACTICE examinations will take place. These will NOT form part of the mock grades. They are chance for students to practice their speaking assessment before the actual speaking assessment takes place. Class teachers will confirm the date & time with you and they will take place on the mezzanine.
	9.15 – 10.05		60 mins Students return to P2	
FBA	10.05 – 10.25	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	
FBb	10.25 – 10.45	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	
3	10.45 – 11.35			
4+	11.35 – 2.50	Normal Lessons and Lunch		

Students will receive feedback from their mock papers from their class teachers over the next few weeks as the marking is completed, standardised and moderated.

Students will receive their Grades on a grade card on Wednesday 30th April.

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.