



Friday 13th May 2022

Headteacher's Update

From Monday May 16th 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. Everything that is possible to prepare pupils for exams has been done and hopefully now, those pupils who have prepared properly will get what they deserve and be able to move on to the next part of their lives with wonderful opportunities and choices ahead of them.

This week we held our first Parental Forum which was extremely well attended and productive. There were lots of important issues covered and some great examples of collaboration between school and home which we can use to build on and continue to improve St Cuthbert's.

The Ofsted report is now due but we have not yet received the final version. As soon as it is available I will share it with everyone but I am not able to say anything about it at all until it is published. Please bear with us on this matter but it is out of our hands in terms of the timings.

Have a good weekend

Mr Shields

NOTICES

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

This week we keep in mind our year 11 students who will begin their GCSE examinations and we hold them in our hearts. We also pray for those in our community who are sick and suffering, help them to be comforted.

Dear Lord, you call us by our names.

Help us to be confident in our own unique identity.

To find opportunities to develop our specific gifts and our passions.

Enable us to hear and recognise the call of Jesus in our lives, and those of others.

We pray for our year 11 students who are about to embark on their exams,

give them the strength to endure and belief in their own ability to be the best that they can be.

Amen.

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).

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, 5th 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 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.

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
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

Buses

We have been informed of school bus changes from Monday 8th 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 25th 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

Changes Effective 8th May 2022.

Service 862 – the morning and afternoon journeys will be operated by First Manchester (no change to route or Timetable)

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, Birns 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, Spottland 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, Spottland 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.