



Friday 15th July 2022

Headteacher's Update

This week we have had our Sports Day. It is the first one we have been able to have since 2019! The vast majority of students participated and had a wonderful experience.

We also had a talent show / concert with nearly 40 students involved. It was a fantastic evening and the parents of the students involved must be so proud. There are some fantastically gifted singers and dancers at school. Some of these students are usually very quiet and reserved but absolutely thrived in this wonderful environment. A huge well done to everyone involved.

We now have only 3.5 days left of this academic year. It is essential everyone continues to attend, be punctual, in uniform and focused. Students will then have over 6 weeks for their well deserved summer holidays.

Please note that on the last day we will be finishing early and details are included in the newsletter. The first day back in September for all students is Tuesday 6th of September. There will be a comprehensive end of year letter for everyone next week which will give all necessary details for the September return.

Thank you and have a good week

Mr Shields

NOTICES

School Meals – Increase in the Price to Pupils of a School Meal – from the 1st September 2022 it will be £2.50; this is an increase of 10 pence (10p.)

We are in the process of updating our cashless payment system in school which will include the following changes:

- An automated message will be sent each day should your account be overdrawn from September 22
- Should your account reach £12.50 overdrawn it will be suspended and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child until the account is back in credit.

Please contact school if you need to discuss this further.

Pastoral Notices

Thursday 21st July: will be an early finish with the school closing for summer at 12pm. The morning will include reward assemblies for each year group. Students are in normal school uniform. Please see the attached letter for bus information.

Buses 22 -23

Please see attached timetable for the school buses 22-23.

LA Voucher Letter

Please see attached letter containing information for those parents in receipt of a free school meal

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

July message from the Diocese:

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. As we head into the summer, this might be the time when we think about travel – we might want to think about pilgrimage. Pilgrimages exist in almost all religions. Why not research some of the famous Christian pilgrimages across Europe or find out if you have a place of pilgrimage near to your school and plan a visit there?

Pope Francis' prayer intention for July – the Elderly. We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Watch the 'Pope Videos' for July: <https://thepopevideo.org/>

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.

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.

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.

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Please follow us on @RcCuthberts to keep up to date on all that is going on at St Cuthbert's.

