



Friday 18th February 2022

Headteacher's Update

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families and community a wonderful Half Term. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to spend some quality time with their loved ones.

After we return from Half Term we enter the period of Lent. As I mentioned last week we are asking members of our community which includes parents and carers to think about making a Lenten pledge. These pledges are an opportunity for us to think about how we could do something small which has a benefit for someone else. Part of the St Cuthbert's Mission Statement is 'to help others whenever we can'. These Lenten pledges are a perfect opportunity for us as a community to do something which makes a difference to others.

Another significant period after half term is for the Year 11's who will be doing their Mock GCSE Exams. We are doing everything possible to help them prepare after the difficulties of the past two years and again as a community maybe we could remember them in our prayers as they undertake this significant event in their young lives.

All the best and have a wonderful week

D. Shields

NOTICES

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.

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

Please can we remind you to top up your children/s lunch account/s regularly. The cost of a lunch time meal deal at school is £2.40 per day which would mean you would need to top up each account with a minimum of £12.00 per week. This would only cover the cost of a lunch so if your child would also be purchasing at break you would need to add additional funds.

Please check your Children/s Parent Pay accounts regularly. We have some accounts that are in an overdraft position and would ask if you can add funds as soon as possible to clear this. If you have any questions please contact school and ask to speak to the finance team.

After half term we will be changing our menu slightly.

Pizza's will only be available on Mondays (Assorted Flavours) and Fridays (Margarita only)

There will be a Daily Special which will include a Vegetarian choice, Jacket Potato's with assorted fillings, Paninis, Pasta Bar, and a selection of assorted Sandwiches and salad boxes along with various Deserts

Year 11

Parents have been sent a letter via classcharts regarding the Year 11 Prom.

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 Mock Examinations

The mock examinations will run from Monday 28th February to Wednesday 16th March.

Students should be preparing for these assessments in their lessons, with homework, revision clubs and independently at home.

To support Year 11 students and their parents with preparing for their mock examinations, please see the brief information sessions recorded by our Curriculum Leaders. These will give an overview of the following:

- Revision Topics
- Details on the mock examination
- Revision materials

These can be accessed via our website.

A range of revision resources are available on our school website: <https://scrchs.net/curriculum-Vision-statement/mock-exams>

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time and prepared for their examinations. Below is the schedule for the next 3 weeks. This has also been shared via class charts with you and all students have a paper copy.

Mock Examinations: Week 1

B	Timings	Exam Session	Monday 28 th February	Tuesday 1 st March	Wednesday 2 nd March	Thursday 3 rd March	Friday 4 th March
1 2	8.25 – 9.15	Session 1 < 1 hour 40 mins	Biology 1 (222)	History 1 & Geography 1 (211) *Hu1 in class	RE 1 (199) *S4 in Class	French (54) & Spanish (139) Writing *S2 Fr & DS in class	Physics 1 (222)
	9.15 – 10.05		70 mins	60 mins	90 mins	H: 75 mins F: 60 mins	70 mins
	Students return to P2		Students return to P2	Students will go straight to break	Students will return to P2	Students return to P2	

FBA	10.05 – 10.25	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break
FBb	10.25 – 10.45	Reg/P3 lessons disrupted by some absences	Normal Lessons	French Higher Listening (16)	Spanish Higher Listening (46)	French Foundation Listening (38)	Spanish Foundation Listening (93)
3	10.45 – 11.35			45 mins	45 mins	35 mins	35 mins
4	11.35 – 12.25	Year 11 lunch Students to go straight to cuisine at the start of P4.					
5a 5b 6	12.25 – 1.10/15	Session 2 < 2 hours 25 mins	English Language 1 (222)	Maths 1 (222)	Chemistry 1 (222)	Maths 2 (222)	English Literature 1 (222)
	1.10/15 – 2.00		105 mins	90 mins	70 mins	90 mins	100 mins
	2.00 – 2.50		Students will return to P6	Students will return to P6	Students will return to lunch then P6	Students will return to P6	Students will return to P6

Mock Examinations: Week 2

A	Timings	Exam Session	Monday 7 th March	Tuesday 8 th March	Wednesday 9 th March	Thursday 10 th March	Friday 11 th March
1 2	8.25 – 9.15	Session 1 < 1 hrs 40 mins	RE 3 (199) *S4 in Class	French (54) & Spanish Reading (139)	Chemistry 2 (222)	RE 2 (199) *S4 in Class	Geography & History 2 (211) *Hu1 in class
	9.15 – 10.05		60 mins	H: 60 mins F: 45 mins	70 mins	90 mins	60 mins
			Students will return to P2	Students will return to P2	Students will return to P2	Students will go straight to break	Students will return to P2
FBA	10.05 – 10.25	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break	KS4 Break
FBb	10.25 – 10.45	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
3	10.45 – 11.35						
4	11.35 – 12.25	Year 11 lunch Students to go straight to cuisine at the start of P4.					
5a 5b 6	12.25 – 1.10/15	Session 2 < 2 hours 25 mins	Biology 2 (222)	English Language 2 (222)	Maths 3 (222)	Physics 3 (222)	English Literature 2 (222)
	1.10/15 – 2.00		70 mins	105 mins	90 mins	70 mins	105 mins
	2.00 – 2.50		Students will return to Lunch then P6	Students will return to P6	Students will return to P6	Students will return to Lunch then P6	Students will return to P6

Mock Examinations: Week 3

	Timings	Exam Session	Monday 14 th March	Tuesday and Wednesday 15 th & 16 th March	Wednesday & Thursday 16 th & 17 th March
1 2	8.25 – 9.15 9.15 – 10.05	Session 1 < 1 hrs 40 mins	History 3 (108)	MFL: Other Languages These examinations will take place at various times, these will be confirmed with individuals by the examinations officer.	GCSE Speaking PRACTICE examinations will take place. These are NOT part of the mock assessments, they will be conducted with your class teacher. Your class teacher will confirm your date & time with you.
			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			

**Details of the EAL examinations need to be finalised.

GCSE Updates

The examination boards published revision lists and updates for the GCSE examination last week. Over the next week weeks we will be creating our final revision plans focusing upon this updated information. All students will be receiving updated revision plans after their mock examinations.

If you would like to see the information directly from the examination boards, please follow the links below.

AQA

- <https://www.aqa.org.uk>
- > Find Out More > Find Changes for Your Subject (then select a subject)

Edexcel/Pearson

- [Pearson qualifications | Edexcel, BTEC, LCCI and EDI | Pearson qualifications](#)
- > Summer 2022 Support (then scroll down to Advance Information Now Available)

OCR

- [OCR - awarding body for A Levels, GCSEs, Cambridge Nationals, Cambridge Technicals and other qualifications](#)
- Scroll down to Advance Information for Summer 2022 Exams Now Available which redirects you to a 'finder tool' from which you enter the qualification level and the subject

WJEC

- [Summer 2022: Advance Information \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)
- Scroll to subject to find information.

Ofqual have also given an update on their grading approach to this years examinations.

- [Ofqual's approach to grading exams and assessments in summer 2022 and autumn 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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.