



Friday 1st April 2022

Headteacher's Update

We have of course had an Ofsted Inspection this week. I am unable to communicate any details of this until the report itself has been written and approved and this will take a few weeks. This is how the process works and the report will be made available in full as soon as we are legally able to do so.

Our staff and the vast majority of pupils were exemplary throughout and are a real credit to our school and our community.

Despite Ofsted inspections, we continued our charity drives this week and are continuing to raise lots of money for some very worthy causes. Anything you can do to support this would be much appreciated. Once again, the effort that has gone into the charity work is a huge credit to our staff, pupils and wider community.

I would just like to mention one pupil in particular this week. Joyce Kapiamba in Year 11 has recently been elected as Rochdale's newest member of the UKs Youth Parliament. Well done to Joyce on an amazing achievement and who knows maybe her first step on the road to being Prime Minister!

All the best and have a wonderful weekend

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

Our next event is a 'waste not want not sale' which will take place during lunch in the hall next week

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).

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.

Year 9 Options Choices

Thank you to those of you who attended the Y9 Options Evening this week. I hope that you found the evening informative and helpful. The Options Form can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Gs4VKZ1aV8>

A reminder that all students must choose:

1. A humanities subject (Geography or History) from Pool A.
2. A preferred choice from Pool B.
3. A reserve (back up) choice from Pool B.
4. A preferred choice from Pool C.
5. A reserve (back up) choice from Pool C.

Those students wishing to study the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) should select French as their preferred option from Pool B or Spanish as their preferred option from Pool C.

If you do have any questions or need any more advice, please contact me 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/>

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.

Pastoral Notices

This week the pastoral team have welcomed both Ms Charnley and Mrs Grimes to the team as pastoral managers.

Buses

Please find attached St Cuthbert’s bus timetable from Monday 25th April. An email/class charts notification has been sent with changes from TfGM:

Bus Service Changes & changes to costs from Sunday 24th April

Changes to school bus services are usually made in September however due to increasing costs and budgetary pressure changes will be taking place from Sunday 24th April 2022. St Cuthbert’s RC High School is affected because the services outlined below can be incorporated into the general services that were tendered and are proximate to the school route. These changes have allowed us to support and maintain services for the future.

Service Changes

- **School service 867** is withdrawn and replaced by equivalent journeys on service R3. Please see the attached document for route, timetable and ticketing information.

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 Examination Results

Students received their examinations this week, these have also been sent via email to parents. Next week there are assemblies for Year 11 to support them to re-focus their efforts and prepare effectively for their GCSE examinations which begin Monday 16th May.

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 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.