



Friday 20th May 2022

Headteacher's Update

So far, so good with our Year 11's undertaking their GCSE examinations. They have been extremely positive about their exams during week 1. Hopefully this positivity will continue throughout the whole process and our Year 11 pupils will indeed have the necessary qualifications to give them the best life chances possible.

We will very soon now be sharing the Vision and Values of the school with you. This has been consulted on with all stakeholders and there are so many consistent themes emerging that we will be able to construct something which everyone in this community wants us to be and achieve. This will be the basis for everything we then proceed to do in the years ahead. Once again I would like to thank the parents who contributed to this discussion.

The Ofsted Report has now of course been published and I would encourage everyone to read it. There is a lot of recognition of the work and progress we have made here at St Cuthbert's and the work and progress we are continuing to make. Some of the comments include:

"This is a school where all pupils fit in and feel welcome, safe and happy. Pupils are knowledgeable about, and accepting of, each other's differences. They told inspectors that staff resolve any bullying incidents quickly."

"Pupils benefit from an effective personal development curriculum. Pupils are well prepared to make the most of their lives in and beyond school. Many pupils enjoy the various clubs, activities and responsibilities that they are offered. "

"This is a school in a period of change. Senior leaders and governors have begun to address the weaknesses that have held back pupils' success in the past. Leaders are taking steps to provide pupils with a broad and high-quality education."

"Leaders want the best for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and those who are disadvantaged. Pupils' quality of education is improving."

Have a good weekend

Mr Shields

NOTICES

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

If your child would like to join the GIFT chaplain's, please see details of when they meet below- they do not have to be Catholic to join.

The GIFT chaplains (Growing in Faith Together) / student leaders meet weekly on Wednesday KS3 lunch in room 310 with Mrs Lally and Mrs Battaglia- (you can bring a pack lunch) -all are welcome you do not have to be a Catholic.

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).

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.

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.

How can you help? Could you or anyone that you know well volunteer some time on the morning (8.25 – 12.25) to come and offer a session for some of our students? The session would involve the following:

- A brief overview of your job – what you do, what it entails, what you like etc
- Outline of task for students to complete (linked to your job)
- Planning for the students on how to complete the task
- Completion of the task
- Presentation of the work that has been completed
- Prizes awarded to any student who have achieved well

To give some ideas of what sort of activities I mean, last year we had a past pupil who worked for Adidas who came in and asked the students to design, build and market a trainer, we had a CSI based activity in the hall where the students had to work out 'whodunnit' and an engineer who taught students about the basic mechanics of bridge building and then had the students building a weight loading bridge to try and see how many pound coins the bridge could hold.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in supporting school with this activity, please drop me an email at stjh03@scrchs.com

Many Thanks

Miss Holt

Upcoming open evenings for Year 10 and 11:

Oldham College
WHERE LEARNING WORKS & SKILLS PAY

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Provider

**JOIN US AT OPEN DAY,
MEET OUR TUTORS &
TOUR THE CAMPUS!**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Saturday
2nd July
10am-1pm
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- Free Food & Drinks
- Entertainment & Competitions
- See our Fantastic Facilities

**OPEN DAY
LEARNERS OF ALL
AGES & LEVELS**

INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED | HIGHER EDUCATION

**PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN AN ECHO DOT**

VISIT: OLDHAM.AC.UK/OPENDAY

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

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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, Binns 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, Spotland 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, Spotland 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.