



Friday 25 June 2021

Headteacher's Update

We are delighted that virtually everyone is now back at school after we had a few bubbles burst recently. School is where students should be at for their learning whenever possible. Please do continue to take the Lateral Flow Tests so that you can be sure it is safe to send your son / daughter and we are not then having to send other children home because they are close contacts.

Students are now involved in end of year assessments. The main purpose of these assessments is to ensure we are fully informed of what has and what has not been learnt, understood and remembered during this challenging year. This will help us to ensure that we plan to address any gaps from September as we return to normality.

At this time of year we are normally preparing for sports days, trips, prom and other similar activities. This year it is of course very different. We do understand it is not what anyone would want but it is of course unavoidable. However, if we remember this time last year nobody was even in school so we are in a much better position than that. Hopefully next year will be very different indeed and we can put in place all of the things students love at this time.

I wish you all the very best

Mr Shields

Notices

COVID Updates

- If your child has been identified as a close contact, please check their letter for their return to school date. A reminder text will be sent the day before their return date.
- A reminder that LFTs should only be used for regular, asymptomatic testing. If anyone has symptoms or has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, then they must take a PCR test (at a COVID testing centre.)
- Symptoms now include sneezing, headaches and feeling sick.

Catholic Life of the School

Weekly Assembly - This week's assembly's theme is Careers and will be led by Miss Holt

Curriculum

Remote Education

- If your child has a COVID related absence, they must access their lessons via Microsoft Teams. A reminder of our remote learning policy is attached.

Examination Updates to Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students

- Please read the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) guidance for parents and students who should have been sitting examinations this summer. [JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf](#).
- The appeals process is now confirmed by the JCQ and will be shared with you via a separate communication in due course.

- Please email Mrs Hill if you have any individual/further questions stah03@scrchs.com

Pastoral Notices

- Please ensure your child has a suitable face covering to wear in all communal areas. The wearing of face masks is compulsory on all public transport.

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.

Community

- Please can you speak with you child about the importance of wearing face masks in public areas such as local shops and the public buses (409).
- Students who walk to school are kindly reminded of the community they live in respecting the environment by not dropping litter or causing a disruption for our local residents.

Twitter

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

