



Friday 29th April 2022

Headteacher's Update

I sincerely hope everyone had a nice Easter and was able to spend some quality time with their loved ones.

During the Easter holidays and immediately afterwards, we had lots of activity here at St Cuthbert's. There were extra GCSE revision classes running almost every day for our Year 11 pupils. We had a trips to Stratford and PGL and our Debate Mate Team was once again engaged successfully in competition. In addition to that the work on our new Special Educational Needs block is now almost complete and will soon be handed over giving us a wonderful new resource for some of our pupils.

The Summer Term is an extremely important time in school. It is the time when we will conduct our final assessments with all pupils to see what they have learnt and remembered during the course of the year. This plays a huge part in determining our planning at all levels across the school for next September. It is essential that pupils are in school, on time and working hard until the end. They will get over six weeks in July and August to recover from this.

As you will know we have recently had Ofsted. Thank you so much to those of you who gave such positive feedback in the survey they sent. It was extremely welcome and appreciated. At this moment the Ofsted report is still in draft form and confidential and therefore I cannot share any details with you. There are many positives in the draft report and as soon as the report is official I will of course share it with you.

Mr Shields

NOTICES

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

During Easter we reflect on how we can improve our own lives and the changes we can make. After his resurrection Jesus appeared several times to his followers and gave them the mission of spreading the Gospel 'Good news'.

St Peter gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Because of his witness, many people came to know and follow Jesus. We too, through our words, actions and through the power of the Holy Spirit, can be God's witnesses, through living our lives the way Jesus shows us. This can be seen in our fantastic fundraising efforts- we already have raised over £400 and we still have some money to come in. This truly shows the spirit of St Cuthbert's 'The best that we can be'.

Curriculum Notices

Year 9 Options Choices – Parent / Carer and Student Voice

Confirmation about options should be available by Friday 6th May 2022.

If you do have any questions or need any more advice, please contact Mr. Kenny 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/>

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.

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.
- 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

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

Please note that there will be a change of operator on service 880 (PM) which will take effect from 26th April 2022. The service will now be operated by Viking Coaches. The route and timetable will remain unchanged.

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.