



Friday 4th February 2022

Headteacher's Update

I hope everyone found our recent Progress Review Day helpful. Due to COVID and the restrictions that has placed on bringing people into schools we decided to try and be more creative with our communication with parents. Hopefully, Progress Review Day was an opportunity for you as parents to get to know one of the most important people in your child's school day – their form tutor.

It was also an opportunity to discuss significant matters which are all crucial to your child's education. There was a heavy emphasis on discussing key points such as attendance, punctuality, behaviour, attitude to learning and the overall progress picture. These things can't be discussed with individual subject teachers. There was also the identification of targets for improvement overall. In terms of improving within subject areas we have classcharts to converse with individual staff and subject teachers provide feedback in books for pupils to make subject specific improvements.

Form Tutors will continue to play a significant part in monitoring your son / daughter's progress. We hope that now you have had an opportunity to meet them and begin a dialogue and a relationship that this will continue and flourish. This will hopefully help to ensure your child is safe, happy and successful at St Cuthbert's.

We continue our return to a normal school experience. From next week we will be returning to real life assemblies. These are an aspect of school we have sorely missed. There are always key messages to give out and these can be done much more effectively in real life than over a computer screen. We will keep you informed of any further developments of this nature as and when we introduce them.

At present however, can I please ask that everyone still follows the current guidance on the matters surrounding testing twice per week and staying at home if symptoms develop. Whilst we still have isolation periods in place we need to make sure as few people as possible are affected. Students who are isolating can of course access their lessons remotely.

I wish you all a very enjoyable and peaceful weekend

D. Shields

Notices

Stakeholder voice – Have your say

Please could you complete the survey below by clicking on the following link as soon as possible. This will allow us to have a full picture of what you feel that we are doing well and the areas we need to improve on. At the bottom of the form is a place to sign up to be a part of our parental forum. This is the opportunity to be a part of a sounding board which would meet once per term and help us to shape the practices and policies of St Cuthbert's moving forwards. If you are interested in supporting us with this, please fill in the relevant section. Thank you, Miss Holt.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UNVvWD8wxEy8fn_CQOaSW0l1VJZpFpHmGUJdAcM4UdUQzdRM0ZJOUpYTUo0U1paV1IERDg2TVE1Ni4u

Enrichment:

Our enrichment programme is now back up and running with some brilliant sporting, debating and performing achievements this week. We had over 200 students attending events last week. Please encourage your child to get involved. Please check out our social media platforms to see our successes or have a look at the enrichment tab on the school website. The programme of activities is below:



Extra-Curricular provision at St Cuthbert's



	<u>Lunchtime</u> KS3 12.25-13.10pm – KS4 13.15-14.00pm *** If you are doing an activity at lunch time please bring a packed lunch or collect your dinner at break time.	<u>Afterschool</u> 3pm – 3.50pm
<u>Monday</u>	KS3 Trampoline - Miss Monks - PE WEEK 2	Year 7 & 8 Science Club - Mr Close - 212 Brilliance Club - Miss Bell - 303 (until the end of January) Debate Mate - Miss Miller / Mrs Eccleston - 302 Book Club - Miss Light - 306 Lego Club - Mrs Rothwell - 104 - WEEK 2 Comedy Club - Mr Sunderland - 207 GCSE Trampoline - Miss Monks - PE Study Hub - Miss Davis - 208/209 KS3 Keyboard club - Mrs Morris - 408 Boys' drama club (all years) - Mrs Knox - Drama Hall Study Hub - Miss Davis- 208/209
<u>Tuesday</u>	KS3 Basketball - Miss Holt - PE KS3 Trampoline - Miss Monks - PE WEEK 1	Boys' indoor football (year 8 and 9) - Mr Hilton - PE WEEK 1 Girls' indoor football (all years) - Mr Hilton - PE WEEK 2 All years' Ukulele - Mrs Morris - 408 A-level preparation for Science - Mrs Grennan - 208 Girls' drama club (all years) - Mrs Knox - Drama Hall *Not every Tuesday session will run due to staff meetings. Individual staff members will inform students when the Enrichment cannot take place*
<u>Wednesday</u>	Years 7 and 8 Handball - Mr Rogerson - PE WEEK 1	
<u>Thursday</u>	KS3 Netball - Miss Monks - PE KS3 Badminton - Miss Holt - PE	SCRCHS Vocal group (all years) - Mrs Morris - 408 Robotics Club - Miss Thomas - 409 Year 7 Football - Miss Holt - PE Study Hub - Miss Davis - 208/209 Axios - Mrs Eccleston - 407 Sports leaders - Mr Hilton - PE
<u>Friday</u>	KS4 Duke of Edinburgh - Mr Lockett & Miss Holt - PE Year 7 Badminton - Mr McLachlan - PE WEEK 1	The Best of us - Miss Nugent & Mr Harwood - 308 Revision skills @ Study Hub - Miss Davis & Mr Hilton - 208/209

Catholic Life of the School

Next week's Collective Worship will be led by Heads of Year and will reflect on the Gospel passage **Luke 5: 1-11**

Curriculum Notices

Year 11 Mock Examinations

- Year 11 students are now on a countdown until their 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's, revision clubs and independently at home.

Progress Review Day

- Thankyou to everyone that attended their progress review appointment with your child's Form Tutor this Wednesday.
- Your child's report with their targets, will be sent home to you in due course. You will receive this report via email.

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>

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. After school homework clubs for other year groups are coming soon!

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

We have been notified that the bus strike has ceased as of Friday 4th February. There should not be any transport reason for our students being unable to attend school.

Remote lessons will only be offered to those students absent due to Covid-19.

With regards to the **894/890/891 services** – can we kindly ask that your child catches the service nearest your home address as some students have been unable to travel on their dedicated bus this week. Thank you to everyone who does this.

*Children from Featherstall Road and New Road to use the **891** while those on Kingsway (south of Sir Isaac Newton Way) and Albert Royds Street to use the **890**.*

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.

