



Friday 8th April 2022

Headteacher's Update

Parental notice

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Easter. I sincerely hope that all of our pupils and their families have some quality time together. If you have a child in Year 11 it is of course important that they have a rest and an opportunity to relax and have some fun but they must of course be focused on using the time to continue their revision and preparation for the Summer Exams. They are only 5 weeks away now!

In his Easter message this year, Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of doing good. He uses a message from St Paul to the Galatians which says

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)

Over Lent, so many of our pupils and their teachers have lived up to the message contained within this scripture. They have done so much good for so many others. We will add up how much they have raised for worthy causes and let you all know after Easter.

I need to ask some parents to ensure they check uniform over Easter. During the past few weeks there has been a slight drop in appearance from some pupils as they have begun wearing non uniform footwear in particular. I would like to ask parents to please address this if possible over the holidays. We will be having a uniform drive after Easter and it is not possible to wear non uniform items as this will lead to complications for pupils which could and should be avoided.

Have a wonderful break and term starts for all pupils on Tuesday April 26th

Mr Shields

NOTICES

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you for the amazing efforts for the Lenten Charites and fundraising

From all at St Cuthbert's, may the blessings of Christ be with all of those within our school and local communities this Eastertide. Have a great Easter.

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.

Year 9 Options Choices – Parent / Carer and Student Voice

Thank you for ensuring that your child completed the Y9 Options process. Confirmation about options will be available during the week commencing 2nd May 2022.

Please complete the following parent / carer survey by **Monday 25th April** to help us improve our Y9 Options process: <https://forms.office.com/r/PksGzWCfpa>

Please ask your child to complete the following student survey by **Monday 25th April** to help us improve our Y9 Options process: <https://forms.office.com/r/HrSmvWYwyn>

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 27th April – 30 Year 10 students will be visiting Edgehill University

Friday 29th April – 40 Year 10 students will be visiting the University of Bolton

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.

This week Kooth have been delivering assemblies around emotional health and wellbeing.

These assemblies will continue after half term.

There will be a remote parental session with Kooth available after half term.

The date will be confirmed soon and communications will follow regarding this.

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 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.