



St. Cuthbert's
Roman Catholic High School

21 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by thanking you and our wonderful Year 11 students for their resilience, adaptability, fortitude and patience over the past 15 months. This has not been easy for anyone and in particular it hasn't been easy for Year 11. They have however overcome everything that has been thrown at them and made a tremendous effort with their Centre Assessed Grades. We could not be more proud of them and know you will feel the same way.

However, all good things come to an end. The date for Year 11's last compulsory day of attendance at St Cuthbert's is to be Friday, 28 May. From Monday, 7 June, all students should access the work we are making available via the website. This will enable students to continue to study topics they have missed due to the COVID lockdowns. This would be useful for any future courses they intend to undertake e.g. A Levels etc. A link will be sent to Year 11 before the end of half term.

It is of course essential that students continue to attend and work hard until the end of their time at St Cuthbert's. We are not finalising Centre Assessed Grades until the end of this half term and they can still change. It is also possible we will need to see some students in June if they have missed any work or assessments which contribute to their final grades. Please know that we have conducted the most rigorous process possible to ensure that our students have the best possible chance to achieve their target grades or better and ensure that these grades are absolutely an accurate reflection of the work done.

We are pleased to inform you that the school has provisionally booked a Year 11 Prom on Friday 9 July 2021 at Rochdale Cricket Club, Bridgefold Rd, Rochdale OL11 5BX.

It is hoped the road map that the government set out, with all restrictions being lifted on Monday 21st June, will enable the prom to go ahead. However, if restrictions remain in place and large gatherings are not permitted then the school will have no option but to cancel the prom. As this is a distinct possibility, please consider it when purchasing any clothing or other related items for the event.

We appreciate that this would be upsetting for all if the prom had to be cancelled but also appreciate your understanding in this matter that this would be something we, at St Cuthbert's, would have no control over.

The prom will be by invitation only and these will be issued by senior staff at the school who will consider each student's behaviour record during Year 11 and on their return from lockdown in March.

Further details regarding arrangements for the prom will be sent out once invitations have been received.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support over the years and especially this past year and to wish all the very best to our Year 11 students in the next stage of their lives. Remember always 'to be the best that we can be' and you will always be happy and successful.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Shields