



# St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

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## Student Briefing – 6<sup>th</sup> January



Good morning everyone,

We hope you had a great Christmas, and Happy New Year. A reminder that the start of a new year is a great opportunity to create a fresh start for yourself. Amongst other things, at the start of 2025 commit yourself to your learning more fully, make sure you're at lessons on time and speak to others with respect and kindness. The whole staff were really proud of everything you achieved last term and hopefully you saw a copy of our newsletter that was sent home to you parent(s)/carer(s). The residential to PGL, our amazing Awards Evening, sporting Achievements, prayerful Advent Liturgies, successful Y11 mock examinations and the Masked Teacher were some of the particular highlights!

We are excited to make this term even more successful with even more trips, extra-curricular activities and final GCSE examination preparation for our Year 11s. It promises to be a busy term!

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7 quick reminders for our whole school community at the start of this term:

1. Mobile phones continue to be banned on site.
2. Hoodies are banned and will be confiscated if worn.
3. Everyone should be in correct footwear and have a bag.
4. Ties should not be messed with.
5. The Art Stairs remain up only and the Reception stairs remain down only.
6. Year 7 can enter the building via the Drama Theatre doors after break/lunch, everyone else through Art.
7. Continue to speak to staff/other students with respect.

Remember, there are important reasons for having each of these rules in place. We do not enforce them just for the sake of it. There will be sanctions for the very small minority who choose to break them. For continual breaking of rules (defiance) a period of suspension from school may be given. Our community is one of commitment in which we are all on board in doing the right thing 😊

January can be a difficult month for everyone (even your staff, parent(s)/carer(s)!). It is a dark month and the lighter days of spring can feel a long way away. It can also be an expensive month after Christmas. Be extra kind to the adults around you. The darker days won't last long. Show resilience and commitment this month. The sunshine will soon be here.

Finally, to our Year 11s...this will be the busiest and most important term of your whole school life. Commit to revision, show courage when things are challenging, and always ask for support if you need it. I'm sure you will achieve brilliantly in the summer. Everyone in school is wishing you well!

Here's to another amazing term

Thank you,  
Mr. Holland

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