



**St Cuthbert's
Catholic High School**
Live life in all its fullness

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Dear parents/carers

The school year started well with a full complement of staff and the highest number of students for several years. Students, staff and families have worked very hard to ensure that our young people come to school ready to learn. Uniform standards have never been as high, attendance continues to improve and our AtL system is showing that the majority of our students are eager to learn and make a positive contribution to school life.

I am sure you are aware of the 'big' events last half term including Open and Awards Evenings and new to the calendar this year our inaugural St Cuthbert's Sports Personality of the Year Awards Evening.

Other extra-curricular events this term have included:

- Y7 First Aid day
- Y9 Refugee Day
- Student Council trip to the Houses of Parliament
- Y8 Work Experience
- GCSE Spanish trip to Andalucia
- RSC Live Broadcast of Romeo & Juliet
- Y11 Carmel College Taster workshops
- Sports activities - various
- Y11 Post-16 evening to look at options with the borough and outside
- Apprenticeship event Y10
- Christmas Jumper Day combined with Christmas lunch

We are extremely proud and delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Quality Standard Mark for CEIAG. This in itself is a major achievement for us, but we are thrilled that we are the first school in England to achieve this award under the new criteria for the standard fully incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks.

We are once again very proud that earlier this term our Governing Body has been successful in achieving Governor Mark for the second time. Governor Mark is a national award and a kite mark which provides external evaluation of the quality of governance in a school.

Student voice continues to be heard and shared throughout the school. The student council has taken part in various events including 'interviewing' school prefects, senior team and Y7 student council members. Some of our Student Council members were lucky enough to visit the Houses of Parliament in London.

The fundamental purpose of St Cuthbert's is to prepare our young people for a life after school, academically, morally and spiritually and we continue to strive to ensure that all students make the best progress possible.

Year 11 have had mock exams this week and will be preparing for the final push towards their GCSEs. There have been several assemblies and a wellbeing evening to advise and encourage Y11 students to prepare for their exams in a sensible way and to ensure a good diet and sleep pattern to keep them focussed. All students will have exams next term and more details will follow in the New Year and parents should be receiving information about your child's current progress via MyEd.

As announced on our website, there is currently a consultation taking place on the Admission Criteria for 2020. Any comments on the proposals should be sent to the Chair of Governors, at the school address, and to the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The consultation process allows parents, other schools, the local authority and other interested stakeholders to raise comments or concerns about the proposed arrangements. This consultation will run between 3 December 2018 and 25 January 2019. Full details on our website - <http://www.stcuthberts.com/admissions/>





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We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark and weather of winter and that our minds start, albeit briefly, to drift away from the hard work of our day-to-day school business, to the festive period itself.

To remind ourselves of the true meaning of the Christmas we have been preparing the students throughout Advent with prayers and reflections which have been used by teachers in Sacred Time and collective worship.

Because of this hard work, the Governors have agreed that the school closes at the earlier time of
12:30pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018.

Unfortunately Mersey Travel are no longer able to provide any school buses at that time of the day so we would therefore ask that you make arrangements for your child to be collected by you or a representative if they usually use any of the buses.

**Although no lunch will be provided that day appropriate food will be available at break time.
Please contact us if you have any issues with this arrangement.**

The school will re-open on **Monday, 7th January 2019 at 8:30am.**

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff at St Cuthbert's for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the students of the school during the year.

On behalf of everybody I would like to wish you, your family and the students a holy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

