



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

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Dear parents/carers

It only seems five minutes ago that I was writing to you as we finished the Autumn term and here we are at the end of the Spring term getting ready to celebrate Easter.

As we approach this very important time in the church's and the school's calendar I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks for your continued support.

This term, albeit relatively short, has been packed with activities, events and celebrations as well as hard work from all staff and students to drive improvements and outcomes for our young people:

- Year 11 students have worked tirelessly in all their studies and have completed mock examinations in all subjects
- Year 10 have had several workshops on employment, further education, and life skills
- Year 9 students really began their KS4 in earnest and are proving to be conscientious students determined to do well
- Year 8 have shown such maturity and responsibility in preparing for their GCSE options
- Year 7 continue to settle in and are making a valuable contribution to life at St Cuthbert's.

School work aside, we have also celebrated:

- The Annual Arts Festival – a celebration of Art, Music and Drama which once more was booked out on both evenings
- BBC Young Reporters – visit to Media City as part of the Digital Cities 2019 event
- Meditation sessions for Y11 students and staff
- Sports activities across all years
- Invest in St Helens Ambassador event
- HYPE Project working with a group of students to transform some 'unloved' areas within school.
- STEM Ambassador Day
- Liverpool City Region Make it Work Robotics Challenge

Following a successful application to the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund, we secured funding to install an outdoor gym on the edge of the school's playing fields. This facility can be used by both our students as well as those from our partner primary schools. The range of equipment is safe and beneficial to a wide range of ages and abilities and includes cardio, strength building and flexibility and balance equipment. The gym will be used before and after school, during recreational times at break and lunchtimes and as part of structured PE classes and for team training sessions, that will complement the curriculum and the school's wider approach to sport.

So with a term to go the year has been full of events and opportunities and after Easter is no different. Year 11 are on the last stage of their journey to outstanding achievements in their GCSE exams. Lots of revision opportunities and extra support has been put in place for all our GCSE students and they should take advantage of everything on offer. Other years will also have examinations towards the end of term to show how hard they have worked and how far they have come in their academic subjects. I have been delighted with the commitment of the majority of Year 11 students to be prepared for this last very important part of their education at St Cuthbert's.

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Letter to parents/carers

In recognition of the hard work this term, the Governors have agreed that the school closes at the earlier time of

1:00pm on Friday, 5th April 2019

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.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and Happy Easter and look forward to our continued supportive relationship in supporting your child.

The school will re-open on **Tuesday, 23rd April 2019 at 8:30am.**

God Bless.

Yours sincerely

C.A. Twist

Mrs Catherine Twist
Headteacher

