



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

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Dear Parents/Carers

Another amazing year for St Cuthbert's. As well as challenging and exciting learning experiences, our students have been involved in the following:

- Humanities trip to Krakow
- Y7 Football trip to Glasgow
- Chester Zoo trip
- Year 6 Induction Days
- Year 5 Taster Day
- Y10 Taster Days to local Sixth Form Colleges
- University trips for Y8-10
- CEIAG Drop Down Days
- GCSE Exams and Whole School Internal Exams
- Our school website building from strength to strength and continuation of our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels
- Summer Health Festival
- School Council meeting with the new Leader of St Helens Council, Councillor David Baines

In addition, school has been successful in achieving

- Governor Mark
- CEIAG quality standard (first in UK)

and has been visited by the Local Authority and Archdiocese to celebrate the improvements made by the school

Each year we say fond farewells to some staff and students and prepare to make new friends in the new year. This year we see the following staff leaving for pastures new/retirement: Mrs McKeagney (Deputy Headteacher and English), Ms Bowen-Read (Library), Mr Graves (Maths), Mr Carr (Maths) and Miss Stowell (Cover Supervisor). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the above staff on behalf of staff, students, parents and Governors for the contributions they have made to St Cuthbert's over the years. We look forward to welcoming new staff in September. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 students when they receive their GCSE results on Thursday, 22nd August 2019.

Nationally young people's health and wellbeing, physical, mental, emotional and social is extremely high profile – this has never been more focused than at St Cuthbert's. We already have Wellbeing Champions, Health & Wellbeing Week (this year focusing on mental health) and a great deal of work has been done to ensure the care of all our students to be fully inclusive and reflect our golden rule of treating others as you would like to be treated (Matthew 7:12). This will continue next year as will the support from and to our families.

I am incredibly proud of all our young people and of St Cuthbert's and I thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children uphold our standards and expectations. We are committed to make St Cuthbert's a vibrant, forward-thinking school that provides an outstanding education for its students and prepares them for life in modern Britain, allowing and encouraging them to live life in all its fullness. Thank you to all staff for their hard work and a special thank you for your support throughout the year.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and happy holiday.

God bless.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

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All this hard work and planning for the future has been acknowledged by the Governors who have given their permission for an early finish on Wednesday, 24th July 2019 at 12:30pm

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.

From September, standards of behaviour and achievement will continue to be driven for all members of our school and we will expect all students to be correctly dressed and with the correct equipment at all times. This includes polishable plain black shoes, knee length skirts (alternatively pinafore), school blazer with logo, black only outdoor coats, no make-up/nail polish/false nails, school bag and pencil case*.

Please refer to the uniform list on the website before purchasing uniform and equipment.

- **A reminder that school starts at 8:30am** – any student arriving late without good reason will be required to make the time up.
- If you want your child to bring their mobile phone to school so that you can contact them on their way to and from school that is fine. However, **before they enter the school premises the phone must be switched off, put on silent or airplane mode.** Please DO NOT phone/text your child in school and DO NOT allow them to text/phone you during the school day. Please adhere to the rules about using the school office phone for communicating.

**If students do not have a pencil case with stated equipment on the first day of term, they will be expected to purchase a pre-packed pencil case. Payment can be made through [ParentPay](#) and pencil cases can be collected from the school office (priced at £1.00) with the following contents: Pencil case, black pen x 2, red pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, highlighter and protractor. Students should also purchase/keep in their pencil case a Casio Scientific Calculator also available to buy from the school office, again with payment made through [ParentPay](#).*

It is now 18 months since we introduced **Parent Pay** into school and the majority of parents/carers now have an account that they can use to pay for dinner money, trips, school equipment, etc. The next phase will be to remove the revaluers that students currently use to put cash on their school meals account. These will be removed by the end of the autumn term so it is important to set up a Parent Pay account if you have not already done so. **If you need a reminder of how to do this please contact the staff in the main office.**

We are continuing with our school app. **My Ed** [<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>] is the free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along. You must ensure that you keep us informed if you change your mobile telephone number as the App is linked to your contact details on your child's school record.

N.B. From 1st September 2019, due to the Council's commitment to increase charges in line with inflation, there will be an increase of 2.5% in the cost of some individual food items in our canteen areas.

Other dates for your diary include:

- Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 when all students return to school – 8:30am in the Sports Hall.
- Thursday, 19th September 2019 - Open Evening – for students and their parents/carers transferring to secondary education in September 2020
- Thursday 17th October 2019 – Our Annual Awards Evening – further details to follow.

We will of course keep you up-to-date with other dates for your diary as the year progresses.

I would like to remind you about the importance of good attendance and not taking holidays during term time. Good attendance at school is acknowledged as a major factor in students' development. Poor attendance leads to disrupted learning and causes under-achievement. Therefore, we ask that parents make every effort to ensure their children's attendance is as high as possible.

