



**St Cuthbert's
Catholic High School**
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As we prepare for the start of a new academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself in my new role at Headteacher at St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Twist for the incredible work she carried out during her time as Headteacher. Her leadership saw numerous improvements in our school's facilities, two Good Ofsted judgements, and her unwavering commitment throughout the challenges of the COVID pandemic. She has made a lasting impact on the St. Cuthbert's community, and she will be greatly missed. I feel privileged to build on the strong foundation she has laid.

A bit about me for those new to St. Cuthberts: I'm fairly local, originally from Widnes, and I qualified as a Religious Education teacher in 2008. I joined our St. Cuthbert's family in 2020 as Assistant Headteacher. Over the past few years, I've had the pleasure of witnessing numerous achievements and moments of pride at St. Cuthbert's, and it is truly an honour to now be taking on the role of Headteacher.

As your new Headteacher, you have my word that I will dedicate myself fully to this role and our community. I will make every decision with the best interests of our students in mind, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that our school continues to provide the highest quality of teaching, facilities, and wider opportunities. Our students deserve the best. In return, I ask for your support, trust, and mutual respect towards myself and my entire staff team. St. Cuthbert's has always been a community of faith at the heart of the community. Together, we will continue to ensure we are a place where every child can thrive and live life in all its fullness.

Our school's vision is at the heart of everything we do, and my priority as Head Teacher is to work closely with Governors, the Senior Leadership Team, staff, parents, and carers to ensure that all aspects of our vision are made a reality. I am committed to living out our four core school values - community, commitment, compassion, and courage - every day in my leadership.

You may hear me speak often about the importance of standards, whether in uniform, behaviour, or respect for school rules. These standards are in place to create an environment that is focused on learning and personal development. They help us foster a sense of pride and belonging in our school community, and I appreciate your support in upholding these expectations. Full details can be found on our school website www.stcuthberts.com/school-life/

In addition, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the families of students in our community who have children in Year 5 and 6. It is important to us that St. Cuthbert's is their school of choice too, please share with your friends, family and neighbours that our Open Evening is on 26th September. It is a great opportunity for them to see what makes St. Cuthbert's such a special place to be.

Finally, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

I am looking forward to working together with you all as we embark on this new chapter at St. Cuthbert's. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Stuart Holland
Headteacher

