



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I would like to begin by extending my thanks to those who took the time to complete the parent/carers questionnaire that was sent to you on MYED last week; we really appreciate and value your viewpoint. As part of our plan to increase communication with you, you will receive letter-style updates at Half-term breaks, and a more official, paper-copy newsletter at Christmas, Easter and Summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our parent(s)/carer(s) for your support, kindness and good wishes in my first 8 weeks as Headteacher. We have had a busy and very successful half-term with many achievements to be celebrated, and please be assured that we have been doing lots of work behind the scenes on our continued journey of always striving to improve.

There are many events coming up next half-term including our Annual Awards Evening on Thursday 7th November, and for those who have received an invitation, I look forward to seeing you there. Please keep an eye on our social media for more information on events. I have had the great pleasure of having a special weekly breakfast for our R5 Award winners this half-term, I am very proud of every single student who has achieved these accolades.

Finally, I must extend a big thank you to our Year 11 students for their exemplary behaviour during the first week of their mock examinations. It is important that they take some time next week to rest and recharge, but we also encourage them to maintain their excellent work ethic and have structured revision time planned over the break ready for the second week of their mocks.

I hope you enjoy reading through the following updates as much as we have enjoyed being part of them.....

Mr Holland
Headteacher

Celebrate St Cuthbert's!

Year 9 Design & Build

Well done to our talented year 9 who competed in the Peasley Cross Hospital Design & Build competition. Congratulations to **our students** on winning the Dragon's Den which was judged by representatives from GRAHAM construction, A+B Engineering & Mersey Cares Charity NHS.

On Wednesday 6th November the students will be on site at the hospital creating their wonderful designs as part of the project.



Free School Uniform Bank

We are still collecting good quality items of uniform and school PE kit. If you would like to request any items, please email uniform@stcuthberts.com in confidence.



Boreatton Park PGL

Some of our year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a PE trip to Boreatton Park PGL in September, and it was a resounding success!

We now look forward to the ski trip, which many of the students are eagerly anticipating. These experiences are invaluable, providing both personal development and memories that will stay with them for years to come.

A huge thank you to our staff who give up their time (including weekends) to give our students these opportunities.

Meet our Senior Team

Our Y11 Senior team is elected by staff and students who aim to demonstrate our core values and mission statement everyday. We are committed to being role-models and working with staff and students to further improve the school.

Our plans for this year:

- Charity football match to raise money for charity
- Easter egg collection for Alder Hey hospital at Easter
- Christmas party for our year 7 grandparents
- First Aid training for all year groups
- Inviting guest speakers to educate and inform students of exciting careers or opportunities

All of the senior team pledge to be the bridge between staff and students and hope to fulfil our role to the best of our abilities. Please look out for more exciting news!



St Helens Awards

On the 10th October, the very first St Helens All Star Awards took place at the stadium to recognise and celebrate exceptional young people from across all of the High schools in the town. We were delighted and incredibly proud of four of our students who were nominated for an award.



Dominic – Contribution to the Community Award

Elif – Academic Grit Award

Olivia – Young Carer Award

Finnley – Kind and Caring Award

Well done to these, and all of our students who do exceptional things every day!

Chaplaincy

Breakfast with God

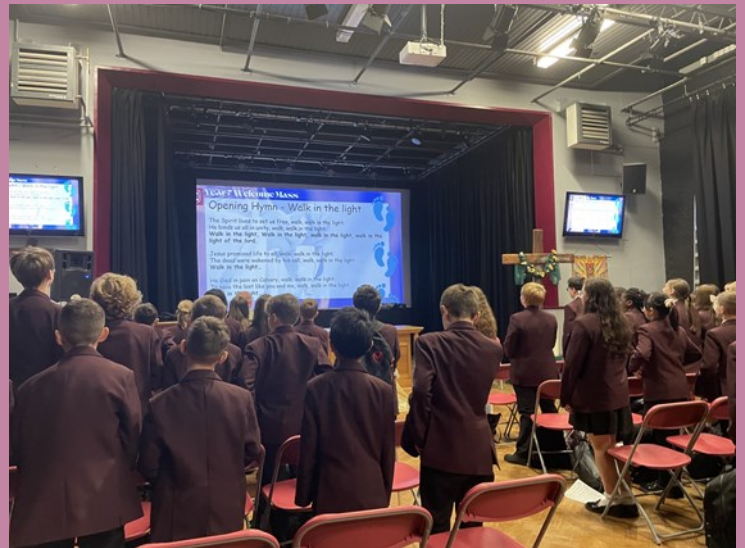
'Breakfast with God' sessions take place every Thursday morning in our chapel before school. These sessions provide an opportunity for students to spend time with God, and each other, before they begin their busy school day. We take part in creative activities to help us to pray and reflect while enjoying croissants and pancakes!

All students are welcome to drop in!



Year 7 Welcome Mass

Our Welcome Masses were an opportunity to officially welcome our new year 7 students to the St. Cuthbert's community. The theme of the masses was 'let your light shine' which Jesus reminds us to do when he said, 'let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven'. Year 7 thought about how they will let their lights shine while at high school. Well done to the students who read, sang and performed dramas - you are already shining bright! Thank you to Fr. Swanson for celebrating Mass and to parents and carers that join us.



Blessed Carlo Acutis Feast Day

On the 12th October year 8 gathered together to celebrate the feast day of their year role model, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo was only a teenager when he sadly died. Although his life was only short, he lived it to the full by helping others and leading a life dedicated to God. He will be the first millennial to be made a Saint. In school, students reflected and learnt about his life and legacy. We thought about how we can be a force for positivity, especially online, just like Carlo was. We finished our session with sweet treats to take home. Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us.



Student Council Interviews

Thank you to everyone who submitted their application.

Interviews will take place on Friday 8th November with our Senior Team.

Please check your year group's Google Classroom for more

details and information on interview techniques.



News from our Spanish Department:



This half term, Mrs Hudson has been to visit some of our local primary schools to provide some Spanish lessons to year 5 and 6. The children really enjoyed learning some new Spanish phrases, (and meeting Pedro the Bear!) in preparation for their Spanish 'experience here at St Cuthbert's.

We look forward to seeing you all and teaching you Spanish in Year 7!

The Spanish department is also planning **a trip to Barcelona in October 2025**. Students in Year 10 who have opted to take Spanish GCSE this year and Year 9 students who have shown an interest in continuing with Spanish at GCSE have been given the opportunity to participate in the trip. We will visit La Sagrada Familia, a sacred church that has been in construction for over 100 years and is yet to be completed, the old town of Barcelona, La Boquería traditional market and Port Aventura theme park, alongside trying out Spanish food and Tapas and practising our Spanish language. We are really excited to be able to share this experience with our students.

Please keep a look out for a letter on MyEd regarding the Spanish trip if your child is in Year 10 or Year 9.



The deadline for first payment is Monday 4th November.

SEN Information

SEND Reviews 2024-2025

TERM ONE

	Questionnaires sent out week commencing	Return by	Reviews held week commencing
Year 7	30 th September 2024	14 th October 2024	21 st October 2024
Year 8	9 th September 2024	23 rd September 2024	30 th September 2024
Year 9	16 th September 2024	30 th September	7 th October 2024
Year 10	11 th November 2024	25 th November 2024	2 nd December 2024
Year 11	21 st October 2024	4 th November 2024	25 th November 2024

TERM TWO

	Questionnaires sent out week commencing	Return by	Reviews held week commencing
Year 7	27 th January 2025	3 rd February	10 th February 2025
Year 8	10 th February 2025	24 th February 2025	10 th March 2025
Year 9	24 th February 2025	10 th March 2025	24 th March 2025
Year 10	3 rd March 2025	17 th March 2025	31 st March 2025
Year 11	24 th March 2025	7 th April 2025	28 th April 2025

TERM 3

	Questionnaires sent out week commencing	Return by	Reviews held week commencing
Year 7	16 th June 2025	30 th June 2025	7 th July 2025
Year 8	28 th April 2025	6 th May 2025	12 th May 2025
Year 9	9 th June 2025	23 rd June 2025	30 th June 2025
Year 10	6 th May 2025	16 th June 2025	19 th May 2025
Year 11			

SEN Parent & Carer Drop-in Sessions – You are VERY welcome

Monday 14th October 11:30-12:30

Wednesday 11th December 2:15-3:15

Monday 3rd March 11:30-12:30

Wednesday 21st May 11:30-12:30

Monday 30th June 2:15-3:15



KS4 Students: an opportunity like no other.....

Be part of something special! Every summer, hundreds of young people from Liverpool travel to Lourdes. It is a pilgrimage of service, faith, fun and friendship. It is a life-changing experience!

Lourdes is a town in the south of France. In 1858, a young girl, called Bernadette saw visions of Our Lady, Since then it has become a place of great healing and comfort for many.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! Go to :

liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

WHEN: 23rd July - 1st August 2025

COST: £710 (reduced by fundraising)

£100 deposit to secure your place.

Follow Coach 9 on social media to get an idea of what we get up to in Lourdes.

Alternatively, speak to Miss Burke or email her for more information at

hello@stcuthberts.com on how to get involved.



MORE THAN A SCHOOL



Opportunities



NHS virtual work experience for KS4

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from an exceptional healthcare guest speaker with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share.

Our guest speaker will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following this, students will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

Book a place via this link <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Duke of Edinburgh Award



What is DofE?

DofE is a brilliant way for young people to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community.

Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It also helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence.

To achieve their Bronze Award, your young person will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the

Expedition. Young people can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

The cost for this year is £75. £30 is the registration fee for the young person's DofE pack. £45 is the cost for the Expedition (including 1 training day at the campsite, the expedition costs and costs for the Expedition Assessor)

The cost part is optional in terms of including. A letter will be going out first week back with all the details.

What to do next?

1. Yr11 students need to be updating their edofe accounts with evidence and activity logs for their Physical, Skill and Voluntary sections, ready to be assessed.
2. First week back on Wednesday 6th November there will be a meeting with Mr Daly for any year 10 students interested in completing their bronze awards this year. Meeting will be in M4 at 3pm.

Extra Curricular Timetable

Extra-Curricular Timetable 2024-2025

A Week and B Week (unless stated otherwise)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8:05-8:30am			Breakfast with God - drop-in prayer - Chapel		
Lunchtime	Youth SVP - RE	BSL Club - E3 - LCR & KMY <i>*starting 8th Oct</i>	Drama Club - DS - EPN Girls Fitness (Y10 + Y11) - Sports Hall Chapel open	Quiet reading - RE Boys Fitness (Y10 + Y11) - Sports Hall Chapel open	Equality & Diversity Group - RE Sustainability Club - H5
After School 3:00-4:00pm	Brass Band with Mr Chadwick - MU	Drama intervention - DS Basketball - Sports Hall Girls Football - Astro Rugby - All Yrs - Field Mindfulness Group - Wellbeing Rm	Cuthles Singers/ Show Rehearsal - Mu Netball - Y7 + Y8 - Sports Hall Boys Football - Y7 + Y8 - Astro Entrepreneurs Challenge - Y 9 - H6 Art Club - A2 - LAD	Chaplaincy Leaders - RE Pop/Rock Band - MU Music Intervention - MU Netball - Y9, Y10 + Y11 - Sports Hall Boys Football - Y9 + Y10 - Astro	Philosophy Club - Y8-11 - RE Art Club - A1 - MKN (B Week only)



Music Practice can take place when rooms booked with Mrs. Dixon

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KS4 Next Steps Information



OPEN EVENING

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024
4.30PM - 8.30PM

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TRAINING OFFICERS

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Apprenticeship Open Evening

Wednesday 11th December 2024

5.00PM - 7.00PM

Are you interested in an apprenticeship in Electrical, Mechanical, Multi Skilled or Manufacturing Engineering?

Come along to our open evening to hear from industry professionals, speak to current apprentices and find out how to fire up your career with an apprenticeship!



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Widnes & Runcorn

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Open Events

at Riverside College

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

5pm - 7pm

Tuesday 26th November 2024

5pm - 7pm



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Learn more:



Open Events

Saturday 5th October 2024

10am - 1pm

Thursday 10th October 2024

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th October 2024

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th November 2024

5.30pm - 7.30pm



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COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 16th January 2025

4:30 - 7:00pm

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OPEN EVENTS

2024 Wednesday 9th October 5pm-7pm	2024 Wednesday 13th November 5pm-7pm
2025 Wednesday 29th January 5pm-7pm	2025 Wednesday 12th March 5pm-7pm

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