



**St Cuthbert's
Catholic High School**
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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I wanted to write to you with a number of messages as we head towards May Half Term.

GCSE Exams

The first full cohort exam took place this morning (English Literature). Our Year 11 students and their teachers have worked really hard in preparing for these and we wish them lots of luck. The Café is open every morning to be used as a quiet revision space from 7.30am during exam season and breakfast is provided. Bottles of water and breakfast bars are also available for all students. I will write to parent(s)/carer(s) of Year 11 students soon with further details about their Leavers' celebrations.

Catholic School Inspection

As you'll be aware, our school received a visit from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on 30th April and 1st May. I have been informed that the final report should be with us on Friday 23rd May. As soon as we receive it, we will share it with you via MyEd and on social media. As always, our students did us proud, they never cease to amaze us.

New Pope

As a whole community we pray for Pope Leo as he begins his papacy. May he lead with fairness, humility and courage.

Twenty eight of our Year 10 students will visit Rome next week. We will remember and pray for our whole school community (including our families) whilst at St. Peter's Basilica.

Parking

You will have seen that the road markings have thankfully been re-painted outside of school. Please do not park on the zig-zags. You are endangering other people's children. We continue to appeal for a crossing.

Toilets

I am currently working with the Archdiocese in a bid to improve our toilet facilities on our main corridor. I will update you as things progress.

Mobile phones

You may be aware that some schools have introduced 'locked pouches' for mobile phones during the school day. On the whole, our students have responded very well to the ban on mobiles and as it stands, pouches won't be brought in at our school (for now!). However, we have had a slight increase in issues created by students leaving lessons to go to the toilet to use their mobiles whilst there. From today, if a student leaves lesson to use the toilet (which they should only be doing if absolutely necessary), they need to leave their mobile phone (switched off) on the teacher's desk until they return. We hope you understand and appreciate your support.

Rewards trips

We continue to celebrate our students who do the right thing through Head of Year weekly awards, Class Charts points and R5 awards. Rewards trips will take place again in July and further details will be sent to you.





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Uniform

Since focussing on this in January, uniform has improved. Remember, I have allowed plain black Air Force to support parent(s)/carer(s) in not having to buy both shoes and trainers, and these are the only 'trainer-style' footwear allowed.

Warm weather

Students are told during Form time on warm days, that blazers do not need to be worn around site, in order to help keep them cool.

If I had a pound for every time I was asked if shorts could become part of uniform last week, I'd be a very rich man! Like all other schools, shorts would create problems because amongst other reasons, they would encourage students to not wear the correct footwear, so they won't be brought in for now. Please be assured though that if it gets any warmer, I will allow students to come in to school in PE kit. If this is the case, I would write to you the day before to let you know.

I will write again before we break up and to share the Catholic Schools Inspection report.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Mr Stuart Holland
Headteacher

