



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

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Dear parents/carers

The school year started well with full complement of staff and the highest number of students for several years. Students, staff and families have worked very hard to ensure that our young people come to school ready to learn. Uniform standards have never been as high, attendance continues to improve and our AtL system is showing that the majority of our students are eager to learn and make a positive contribution to school life.

I am sure you are aware of the 'big' events last half term including Open and Awards Evenings and of course our beautiful Diamond Jubilee Mass celebrated at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. The whole school turned out and did St Cuthbert's proud.

Other extracurricular events this term have included:

- Y7 DDD – focussing on team building
- Y11 DDD – Focussing on CEIAG and interviews for University
- Y7 First Aid day
- Y7 Young Minds event
- Y8 Restart a Heart National project
- Y11 Carmel College Taster workshops
- Y7 Castles trip
- Sports activities - various
- Y11 Post-16 evening to look at options with the borough and outside
- WS youth vote – National project
- Holocaust visit
- Author visit
- Apprenticeship event Y10
- Prefects in Y11 appointed as well as Y7 student council
- Young people in Thatto Heath – small group working with the community
- Young people in St Helens vision – small group working with the authority
- Royal Navy Visit for Y10
- Lord Goddard – Speakers in school initiative
- Year 7 pop up retro sweet shop
- Christmas Jumper Day combined with Christmas lunch
- The Mayor and Mayoress of St Helens visit

Student voice continues to be heard and shared throughout the school. The student council has taken part in various events including 'interviewing' school prefects, senior team and Y7 student council members. A range of students have also been involved in visits from Lord Goddard (House of Westminster Peer) and the Chief Officer of the Bank of England, Mrs Joanna Place.

The fundamental purpose of St Cuthbert's is to prepare our young people for a life after school, academically, morally and spiritually and we continue to strive to ensure that all students make the best progress possible.

Year 11 have mock exams this week and will be preparing for the final push towards their GCSEs. There have been several assemblies and a wellbeing evening to advise and encourage Y11 students to prepare for their exams in a sensible way and to ensure a good diet and sleep pattern to keep them focussed. All students will have exams next term and more details will follow in the New Year and parents should be receiving information about your child's current progress via MyEd and IAG day.

MyEd and ParentPay have become increasingly invaluable throughout the term and I would impress on anyone who has not yet signed up for both to do so as soon as possible to ensure continued communication between school and home.





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We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark and weather of winter and that our minds start, albeit briefly, to drift away from the hard work of our day-to-day school business, to the festive period itself.

To remind ourselves of the true meaning of the Christmas we have been preparing the students throughout Advent with prayers and reflections which have been used by teachers in Sacred Time and collective worship.

Because of this hard work, the Governors have agreed that the school closes at the earlier time of
12:30pm on Friday 22nd December 2017.

The following bus operators have confirmed that they will provide an earlier service from school at 12:30pm:

- 719 Ogden service to Poynter Street
- 718 Arriva service to Sutton Manor

The Halton 712 (to Bickerstaffe Street), Halton 718 (to Sutton Manor) and Hattons 720 (to Clockface Road) buses will not be running at this time, so would therefore ask that you make arrangements for your child to be collected by you or a representative.

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.

The school will re-open on **Monday, 8th January 2018 at 8:30am.**

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff at St Cuthbert's for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the students of the school during the year.

On behalf of everybody I would like to wish you, your family and the students a holy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Yours faithfully

C.A. Twist

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Headteacher

