



**St Cuthbert's
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Live life in all its fullness

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Dear parents/carers

As we come to the end of the school term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support at this challenging time. It seems that every day there is a new concern and changes to restrictions that have implications for our young people and our community. It can sometimes be frustrating to have to deal with the last 2 years and the uncertain time ahead whilst continuing to get back to some normality in school and to educate our children.

This term we have tried to ensure that the children not only get on with their learning but that they get opportunities for extra-curricular activities and celebrations. Our awards celebrations were different this year from previous events but every bit as special and celebrated our young people not just for their academic achievements but for all their success in 'living life in all its fullness'. It was especially pleasing to see so many of last year's Y11 students return to school to share their successes and future plans.

Our current Y11 are just completing their mock examinations and their behaviour and attitude towards these exams has been exemplary. Once again there is some uncertainty as to the GCSEs in 2022 but we will continue to keep you and the students informed.

Plans for Friday's Christmas Lunch, Friday 17th December 2021:

- Y7 12:00 – 12:30pm in the Canteen
- Y8 12:30 – 1:00pm in the Canteen
- Y9 1:00 – 1:30pm in the Canteen
- Y10 and Y11 – 12:30 – 1:00pm in the Café
- All remaining students (who have not ordered Christmas lunch) – 1:00 – 1:30pm in the Café

On Friday children will be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform if they so wish.

Last day of term: Wednesday 22nd December 2021:

- Normal Timetable for lessons 1 and 2
- Extended break 10:45 – 11:15am - Appropriate lunch-type food will be available at break time
- Normal Timetable for lessons 3 (45 mins only) and 4
- Finish at 1:00pm

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.

First day back: Wednesday, 5th January 2022:

- Y7 and Y11 return on **Wednesday 5th January at 8.30am**
- **UPDATED:** All other years (Y8, 9 & 10) return at **11:00am on Wednesday 5th January (Please note this time has changed from 10:30am – this is due to mobile testing unit arrangements).**

There will be a mobile testing unit on site on Tuesday 4th January for students to test before they return to school and again on Wednesday 5th January.

Please, please continue to encourage your child to test before returning to school and to follow the guidelines in place.

If anything changes over the Christmas break I will inform you via MyEd.

May I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

