

ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Headteacher's Update

The New School Year

It has been a fantastic return to school for the staff and students here at St Cuthbert's. Everyone has come back with a very positive attitude and quickly adapted to our much changed and improved school day.

This fantastic start to the school year followed on from our excellent examination results for last years' GCSE cohort. The students in year 11 not only achieved the best results in the school's history, they achieved results which show an improvement beyond anything which anyone could possibly have expected, especially on the back of COVID.

The most recent exam results can be found via our school website and I am sure everyone will agree the students and staff did a brilliant job. This is the new norm here at St Cuthbert's and we are very confident that everything is in place to replicate that success once again, this year.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

During September we took the opportunity to review our new Form Tutor Period and the vast majority of staff and students have found it to be much improved from before. These changes were brought in to help establish a more efficient and effective start to the school day and it has certainly succeeded in achieving these goals.

Events

This September we have had our first ever Year 7 Resilience Trip which was free for everyone to attend. This was a fantastic experience for all involved and you can see more on this later in the newsletter. On Wednesday 28th September we had our annual Open Evening event which was attended by over 500 people. The feedback we have had from those who attended was wonderful and approximately 200 of our amazing students assisted on the night. This shows the commitment of so many of our community to their school. Again, there is more on Open Evening later in the newsletter.

Headteacher's Update

The Future

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a recent development which is very exciting for St Cuthbert's. The Governors and myself have decided to consult with the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust on the matter of us joining them in the future. I have submitted a letter of interest this week. This does not mean everything is now decided but it does begin a process of consultation.

There are several reasons why I and governors believe this to be the right course of action and what is best for our school. Firstly, being part of a Catholic Academy Trust provides us with access to funding and support that aren't available to schools outside of a CAT.

The second reason is that the Diocese have a vision of collaborative working and the sharing of good practice and resources across all schools resulting in improved outcomes and life chances for all students in our schools. This is a philosophy that school governors and myself share with the Diocese. We have as much to offer the CAT as we have to gain from it, if not more. We should be looking to help others whenever we can. This is a prime example of us living by our mission statement.

CAT- Catholic Academy Trust
MAT- Multi Academy Trust



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of **CALCUTTA**
Catholic Academy Trust

The third reason is that the government and the Diocese have both stated that they wish for all schools not yet in a MAT/CAT to convert to academy trust status no later than 2030 but much earlier if possible. This direction is not going to change and so we may as well begin the process.

I will of course keep you informed and offer parents an opportunity to come to meetings where this will be explained and discussed before any final decisions are taken.

Enrichment

Strive for Extra-Curricular Excellence

There is so much more to St Cuthbert's than just the lessons. Please see below our enrichment activities on offer. Many of our students engage in one or more of these enrichment activities. Everyone is welcome and we want everyone to be involved in something this year. Please ask your child if they are engaging with any of these and encourage them to get involved.



Mon

Matilda rehearsal - Mrs Morris and Mrs Maloney – School hall
GIFT Team – Miss Lally – 310
Year 11 Health and Social Care coursework support – Mrs Ellidge – 213 (Week B)
Coding Club – Miss Billington – 410
Study Hub – Miss Davis, Miss Fletcher and Mr Alogba - 213

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Tue

Debate Mate (year 7-10) – Miss Miller – 302
A-level preparation for Science (year 11) – Mrs Grennan - 208
Year 10 Health and Social Care coursework support – Mrs Ellidge – 213
Study Hub – Miss Davis, Miss Fletcher and Mr Alogba – 213
Football – Year 8 and 9 Boys – Mr Hilton - PE
Not every Tuesday session will run due to staff meetings. Individual staff members will inform students when the Enrichment cannot take place

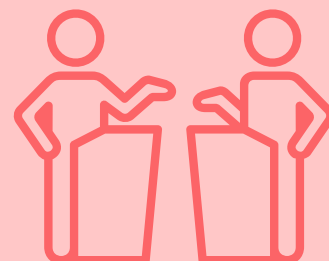
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Netball – Miss Monks and Miss Holt – PE
Matilda rehearsal - Mrs Morris & Mrs Maloney – School hall
Art Club – Ms Quinn – 102
Year 11 Health and Social Care coursework support – Mrs Ellidge – 213
Study Hub – Miss Davis, Miss Fletcher and Mr Alogba - 213



Fri

Year 7 Football – Mr Lockett – PE
Study Hub – Miss Davis, Miss Fletcher and Mr Alogba - 213



Open Evening

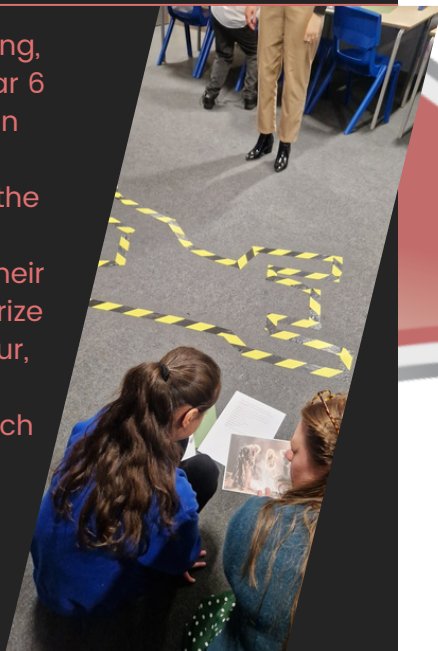
On Wednesday 28th September, we had the opportunity to open our doors and welcome visitors from all over the borough and beyond for our St Cuthbert's RC High School Open Evening. In an event packed with welcome presentations, student-led tours of our amazing facilities and taster experiences with activities in each curriculum area, it was great to see so many of our visiting families enjoy everything that our school has to offer.



The Science Department performing the Flame Test Experiment activity

UP TO THE CHALLENGE

As part of the evening, visiting Year 5 & Year 6 students were set an Open Evening challenge to crack the St Cuthbert's secret code, exchanging their final answer for a prize at the end of the tour, whilst also creating small keepsakes such as Halloween lanterns, CSI fingerprint keyrings and creations of Art.



The best we that can be

As always, we are very proud of our school community for all of the hard-work and commitment shown throughout and in being 'The best that we can be in everything that we do'.



Open Evening

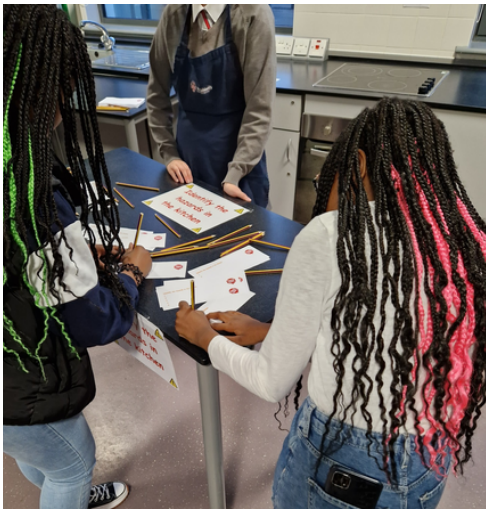
A busy evening was over in a flash and lots of positive praise and feedback has been received in the days following, particularly praising the exemplary commitment and conduct of our 100+ student guides who worked tirelessly all evening to lead families around the school site and answer any visitor questions or queries.

One particular parent/carer commented with the following,

"Thank you for a lovely tour, your school had a wonderful feel to it. The young man showing us around was fantastic and a wonderful role model for our child"

with another saying

"I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the effort you put into your Open Evening. The school is beautiful and it was obvious the staff were passionate about what they do. The wonderful young ladies that sang were amazing (every single one of them) and the speakers were fantastic. Your school has made a lasting impression on us".



Year 7 Resilience Trip



Ready... Set... Go!

Our Year 7 students have made an excellent start to the year and have all enjoyed a day out at High Adventure aimed at developing their resilience, self belief and hopefully developing friendships to last a lifetime.



What Did They Think?

All of the activities provided a challenge to the students and the most asked question of the day was 'When can we come again?'.

Year 11 Support

Everything we do to ensure Year 11 are the best they can be...

GCSE Mocks

All of year 11 are now working hard in preparation for their first set of GCSE mock examinations.

Exams will take place from 31 October–11 November and students will receive an individual exam timetable which will show when the exams are taking place in each subject. Attendance during mock exam weeks is extremely important as these results may be required for college application forms.

Information for parents about the mock exams and guidance for how to support your child in preparing for their exams will be sent out in the next few weeks.

STUDY HUB IS UP AND RUNNING

The study hub is a supervised study space with access to laptops and revision resources which is open to year 11 students after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2.50–3.50.

Students really benefit from having experienced staff on hand to help support them with their revision, so encourage your child to come along!

Revision Guides

Year 11 students have been provided with their own set of revision guides to help them prepare for their exams. These useful guides have all of the key knowledge and content which students will need to have revised in preparation for their exams, so please encourage them to use them at home to help them with their studies.



College open days

All Year 11 students will take part in this day and have the opportunity to do the following:

- CV typing up
- Mock interview with an unknown adult
- Applications for college
- Meeting a range of post 16 providers from the local area
- Meeting a range of professionals



Image from Careers Day in 2021



Our Target

OUR TARGETS ARE FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS TO HAVE MADE AT LEAST ONE APPLICATION BY HALF TERM AND THEN TO ENSURE THAT ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS HAVE ALSO COMPLETED ALL APPLICATIONS BY THE 28TH OF NOVEMBER.

THINGS YOUR CHILD WILL NEED FOR THEIR APPLICATION

- A suitable personal email (which they can check regularly)
- A password that they can remember
- Their current working grades and targets (these will be provided)
- Home address and postcode
- Parent/Carers email address and contact number
- Their IT log on
- A personal statement is also needed for some applications - This should have been covered in Skills For Life
- Referees email address/contact information

Upcoming College open Days

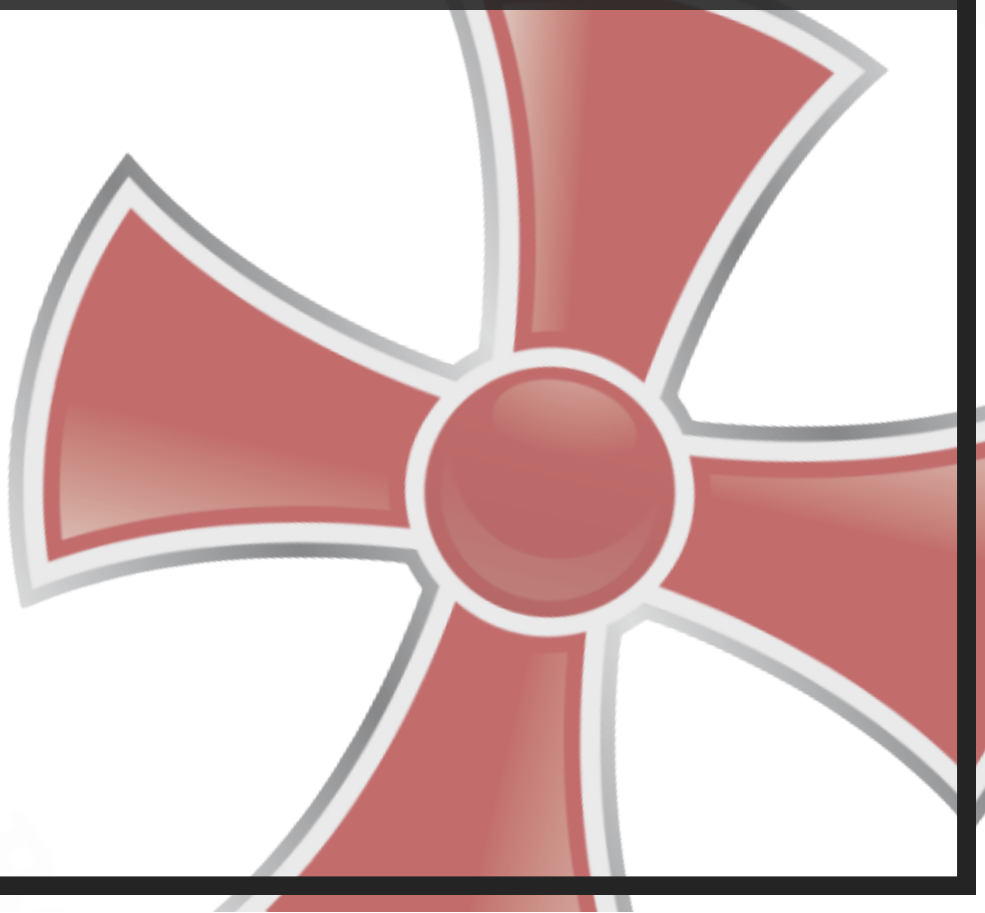
College / Sixth Form	Open Days	Application Method	Closing Date
Access Creative College Manchester	Virtual or physical, meet and greets are available with the engagement team Book online https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/virtual-meet-and-greet/ Tel 0161 504 9013 Hulme Street Tel 0161 393 8260 Oxford Street	Apply online at: https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/apply/further-education/	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar Sixth Form	9th November 2022 6 pm https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form	Apply online at: https://www.brgs.applicaa.com/	13th January 2023
British and Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM - Manchester)	Open Day – 8th October 2022 12th October 2022 28th January 2023 Virtual open days are available Book online: https://www.bimm.ac.uk/open-days/?eventtype=open-day&location=manchester&courselevel=diplo	Apply online at: https://www.bimm.ac.uk/apply/	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.
Burnley College	13th October 5.30 pm –8.30 pm 3rd November 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm 7th November 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm 17th March 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm 12th January 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm 14th March 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm Can register for register for an open day https://www.burnley.ac.uk/whats-on/events/	Apply online at: https://www.burnley.ac.uk/about/howtoapply/	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Bury College	11th October 5.00 pm –7.30 pm 26th November 11.00 am–1.00pm 23rd March 5.00 pm –7.30 pm https://burycollege.ac.uk/events/tag/open-event	Apply online at: https://burycollege.ac.uk/about-us/how-to-apply	Priority deadline date is 28th November 2022
Calderdale College (Halifax)	18th October 2022 4.30pm – 7.00 pm 24th November 4.30pm –7.00 pm 17th January 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm 18th March 10.00am – 13.00 pm https://www.calderdale.ac.uk/events/category/all-events/	Apply online at: https://ebsontracklearner.calderdale.ac.uk/	The deadline date is February 2023 but the earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Cardinal Langley Sixth Form	3rd November 6.00–8.00pm 2022 https://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/virtual-open-evening	Apply online at http://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/sixth-form-application?	16th December 2022
Holy Cross Sixth Form College (Bury)	8th October 2022 10.00- 1.00pm 17th October 5.30-8.00.	Apply online at https://www.holycross.ac.uk/sixth-form/applying-to-holy-cross/	Applications open 3rd Oct 2022- To Be Confirmed close - 1st December 2022
Loreto Sixth Form College (Manchester)	6th October 2022 10.00 – 12.00 or 1.00–3.00 16th October 2022 10.00 –12.00 or 1.00–3.00 Register https://www.loreto.ac.uk/loreto-college-open-days-2022/	Paper application download at https://www.loreto.ac.uk/apply-now/	13th January 2023
The Manchester College	19th October 2022 5.00pm 7.00pm Register https://www.tmc.ac.uk/events/school-leaver-open-event-october/	Apply at https://www.tmc.ac.uk/study-with-us/how-apply/	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022

Upcoming College open Days

College / Sixth Form	Open Days	Application Method	Closing Date
Myerscough College (Preston, Blackburn and Liverpool) Agricultural courses etc.	Advice Morning dates set for the Preston, Blackburn, Liverpool and Warrington are below, as well as some Virtual Advice Evenings : 15th October 2022 – Course Advice Morning – On Campus (10.00am – 12.30pm) Virtual Course Advice Evening – Online (7pm till 8pm) 19th November – Course Advice Morning – On Campus (10.00am – 12.30pm) Evening – Online (7pm till 8pm) 4th February – Course Advice Morning – On Campus (10.00am – 12.30pm) Evening – Online (7pm till 8pm) 18th March – Course Advice Morning – On Campus (10.00am – 12.30pm) Evening – Online (7pm till 8pm) : For the physical events book https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-licaison/open-mornings-and-events/ The Cricket Studies course – Lancs County Cricket Ground, Old Trafford 29th September 5-8.00pm 20th October 5-8.00pm 19th November 10-12.00pm 8th December virtual tbc 14th January 10-12.00pm 23rd February 5-8.00pm 16th March 5-8.00pm 20th April virtual tbc For the physical events book https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-licaison/open-mornings-and-events/	Apply online at https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/ https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/how-to-apply/	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by March 2023
Oldham College	8th October 2022 10.00 – 1.00pm 12th November 10 – 1.00pm 25th March 10 – 1.00pm 20th May 10-1.00pm 1 July 10-1.00pm Register with: https://www.oldham.ac.uk/whats-on/events/	Apply online at : https://www.oldham.ac.uk/our-courses/how-to-apply-for-oldham-college/	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022
Oldham Sixth Form College	8th October 2022 10.00-2.00pm. 17th October 2022 5.00pm –8.00pm Register on https://www.osfc.ac.uk/News/Open-Events/	Apply online at: https://www.osfc.ac.uk/Apply/	2nd December 2022
Reaseheath College (Nantwich) Agricultural courses etc	8th October 2022 10.30 – 2.00pm 5th November 10.30 –2.00pm 3rd December 10.30 – 2.00pm Click below for access to the online open day/discovery hub https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/course-open-days/	Apply online https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/ https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/applynow/	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit as early as possible but after 3rd Oct 2022
Rochdale Sixth Form College	Sat 15th October 2022 10.00am – 2.00PM Thursday 17th November 4.00pm-7.00pm	Apply online at www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk https://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk/93/apply-now	12pm 15th December 2022
University Technical College Media City (Salford)	19th October 2022 5.30-7.30 Option to book on the homepage	Apply online at www.utcmcity.org.uk https://www.utcmcityuk.org.uk/Admissions/	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.

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Tameside College	<p>15th October 10-2.00pm 14th November 5.00-8.00pm.</p> <p>Register: https://open.tameside.ac.uk/Home/Register</p>	<p>Apply online at www.tameside.ac.uk https://apply.tameside.ac.uk/tc</p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022.</p>
Xaverian College	<p>8th October 2022 10.30 -2.00 pm 16th October 2022 10.30 -.2.00pm</p> <p>Register with https://www.xaverian.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/</p>	<p>Paper application download at www.xaverian.ac.uk</p> <p>https://www.xaverian.ac.uk/student-with-us/how-to-apply/</p>	<p>Friday 13th January 2023</p>



Student Wellbeing

Keeping Well

The wellbeing of all of our students is an absolute priority. Please see below a list of the support available to help you and your child and do not hesitate to contact us if you believe your child needs some additional support with their mental health and wellbeing.

Free Parent Workshops

Beyond Psychology- parent workshop: This workshop is focused on helping parents understand behavior in children with complex needs

Part 1: 18th October, 10am-12pm

Part 2: 1st November, 10am-12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-parents-understand-behaviour-in-children-with-complex-needs-tickets-370453736097>

Beyond Psychology- parent workshop: This workshop is focused on understanding the brain and helping children manage worry and anxiety

Part 1: 19th October, 10am-12pm

Part 2: 9th November, 10am-12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-the-brain-helping-children-manage-worry-anxiety-tickets-370467366867>

HPV IMMUNISATION DATES

Year 8 HPV vaccinations will take place in school on the 10th and 11th of October.

Please send your child into school wearing a short sleeved shirt if possible on these dates.

If you have experienced difficulties with the e-consent link, please contact the immunisations team on 07564047341.

Please find the link below:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/hmr1/imms/HMRi40/EE105845>

AcSEED™

Emotional Wellbeing in Schools and Colleges

We have just received our official accreditation for the AcSEED Wellbeing award.

This has been awarded in recognition of wellbeing support for students, families and staff at St Cuthbert's



Our Health Champions pictured with our school nurse and our Lead wellbeing officer

Sports Results

Year 7

The year 7's have their second tournament on the the 18th of October, pictures will be uploaded to our Facebook page.

Year 8

Our Year 8 Netball Team won two and lost three games. They have one more tournament coming up on the 19th of October.



Year 9

Our Year 9 Netball Team won two and lost one to qualify for their cup tournament. Their next (and final) tournament is on the 11th of October



Year 10

Our Year 10 Netball Team won three and lost two games this week. Their next (and final) tournament is on the 13th of October- We will have overall results and pictures available on our facebook page



Year 11

St Cuthbert's Year 11 girls finished 3rd in the Rochdale Schools Netball competition with our very own Crystal Obianyi being named player of the tournament



Meet The Team

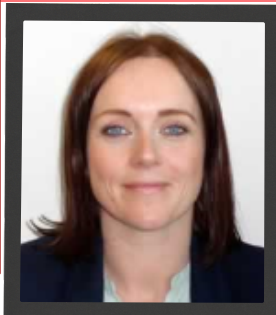
Each month we will introduce you to a team of staff at St Cuthbert's. This is intended to help you to get to know us better and to develop our relationship with parents. This month we will begin with the Senior Leadership Team:

Mr Shields – Headteacher



Mr Shields has been Headteacher of St Cuthbert's since September 2018. He was previously Deputy Headteacher at St Cuthbert's from 2012–2018.

Mrs Hunt – Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Hunt is Deputy Headteacher for the Quality of Education and has overall responsibility for all aspects of the curriculum, teaching and learning. Mrs Hunt has been Deputy Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2017.

Mrs Logan - Senior Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Logan is Senior Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral and has overall responsibility for behavior, attendance and safeguarding. Mrs Logan has been Senior Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2019.

Miss Holt - Assistant Headteacher



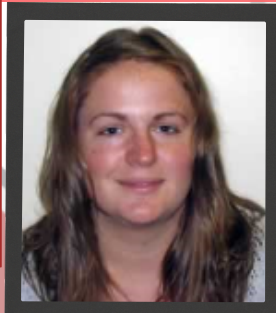
Miss Holt joined St Cuthbert's 18 years ago and is Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development and has overall responsibility for areas such as Skills for Life, Enrichment and Careers. Miss Holt has been Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2014.

Mr Kenny - Assistant Headteacher



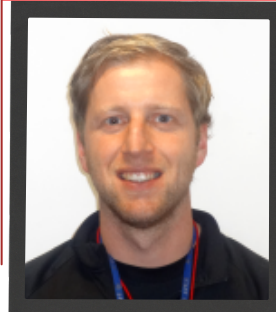
Mr Kenny joined St Cuthbert's 12 years ago and is currently an Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 4 and has overall responsibility for behaviour, attendance and the form tutor programme in KS4. Mr Kenny has been Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2019

Mrs Knight - Assistant Headteacher



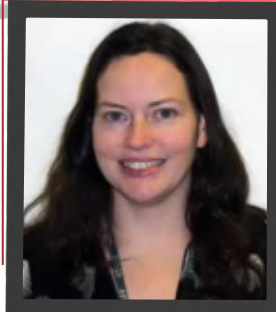
Mrs Knight joined St Cuthbert's 14 years ago and currently is Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning and Staff Development. Mrs Knight has been Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2019

Mr Lockett - Assistant Headteacher



Mr Lockett joined St Cuthbert's 15 years ago and is currently an Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 3 and has overall responsibility for behavior, attendance and the form tutor programme in KS3. Mr Lockett has been Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2020.

Mrs Ward - Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Ward joined St Cuthbert's 13 years ago and is currently an Assistant Headteacher for Improving Outcomes and has overall responsibility for data, exams, assessments and interventions. Mrs Ward has been Assistant Headteacher at St Cuthbert's since 2019