

ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Headteacher's Update

Reflecting

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families and community a wonderful Christmas. It is a great opportunity to spend time with our loved ones.

Here at St Cuthbert's we have celebrated Christmas with everyone. We have had Christmas dinner, worn our Christmas jumpers (or accessories), had Christmas liturgies and everyone has had a present. We are very fortunate to be in partnership with the Manchester United Foundation and they have given all of our children a gift this year.

Christmas is about having fun, enjoying ourselves and celebrating. We must also remember it is about giving. Part of our mission here at St Cuthbert's is to help others whenever we can. As always there has been a tremendous amount of charity work done throughout Advent for those less fortunate than ourselves. Despite all of the challenges we all face now on a daily basis in life, our community has once again risen to the occasion and fulfilled our mission. Well done everyone who has contributed to this.

Events

The whole term has been a busy one. We have had a number of trips including all of our Year 7s going on Retreat to Savio House. The Retreat is to help new students with understanding our Core Values as a faith school. It's also about having fun and we managed to do both.

I will finish by saying once more that I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and that everyone feels refreshed and ready to start again in the New Year when we all return. For students this is on Wednesday January 4th.

-Mr D Shields
Headteacher

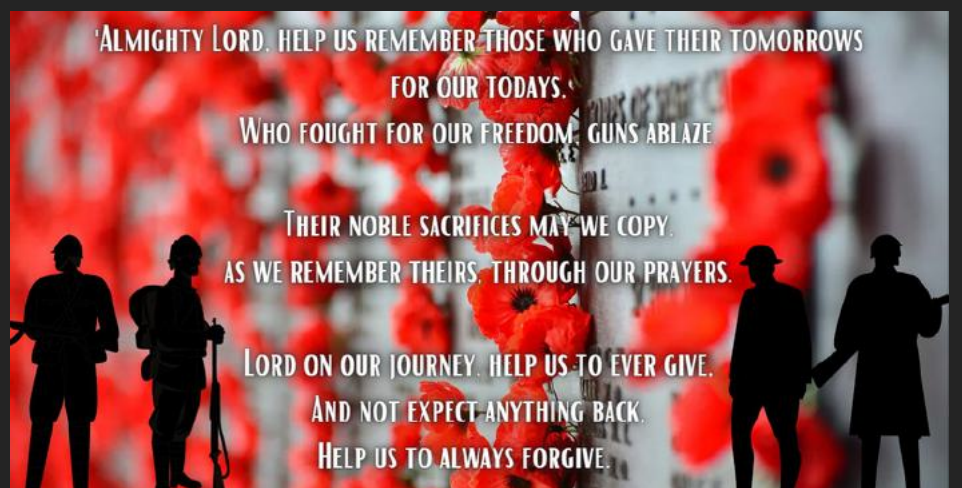
Remembrance Day

In respect of remembrance day our entire community came together to attend a Remembrance Day prayer service. The service was led by our wonderful student leaders and the school community gathered in remembrance in what was such a moving and reverent outdoor service.



POEM

'Remember the Poppies' a poem written by our student Alex, a member of the Gift Team



Remembrance day



Last Post Performance

The start of the two minute silence was marked by a live performance of The Last Post which was performed by one of our talented year 11 students..

Remembrance Day Para-liturg

During the morning we also had a remembrance Para-liturg to remember all those who have died.

This was led by our GIFT Chaplains and pupils were invited to attend the service held in the Chapel.



Catholic Life

*Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



During November And December, The GIFT chaplains went into forms to deliver an Advent Assembly on what the meaning of Advent is and why it is important to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. We had our Advent wreath on display as well as a virtual wreath each week- and an explanation of what this means and why Advent is such an important time in the Liturgical year.

What can you do this Advent?

The period of Advent is a time for preparing ourselves and being selfless- a time to give back and help others who need help.

One way St Cuthbert's is preparing is by joining together as a Catholic community and taking part in our Advent Charities.

'One can make a difference'- food drive for Rochdale Food Bank. (Yr 8,9,10,11)

'The shoe box appeal' online- (year 7)

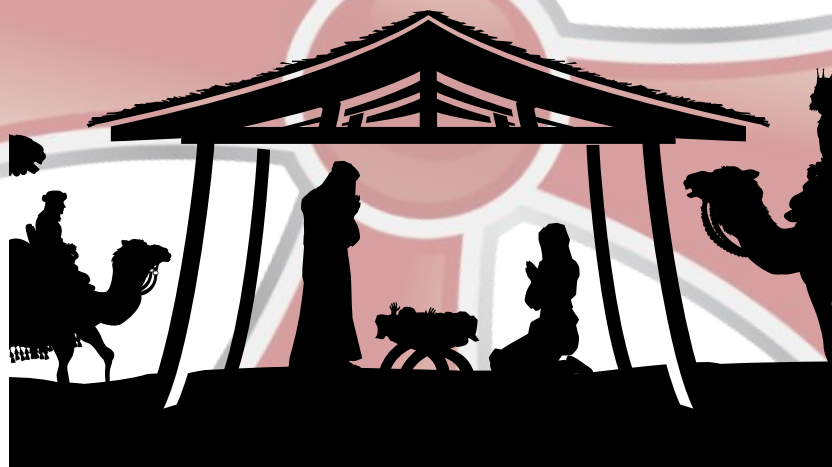
'Spring Hill Hospice' – Each form to raise money with an idea of their own. (All year groups)



Gift Chaplaincy

We also had a traveling Nativity each form was visited by the GIFT Chaplains who talked about the nativity story and what it means in our modern world.

The GIFT Chaplains were also busy writing reflections for the Caritas - which were displayed throughout Advent on their website.



Catholic Life

Advent Charities

We marked the Season of Advent by lighting our first candle on our Advent wreath with a short blessing and reading. Thinking about what we are hoping for.

During Advent our students began their Charity fundraisers, Year 7 did the shoebox appeal Operation Christmas Child - as well as raising money individually as a form for Springhill Hospice.

Years 8,9,10,11 did the 'One can make a difference' a foodbank collection for Rochdale foodbank and also raised money individually as forms for Springhill Hospice.

Thank you to all the students so much for all your hard work and contributions to the Advent Charities this year! We have raised over 1500 cans and the total for Springhill Hospice is £1731.29.



Wellbeing

Anti-Bullying Week

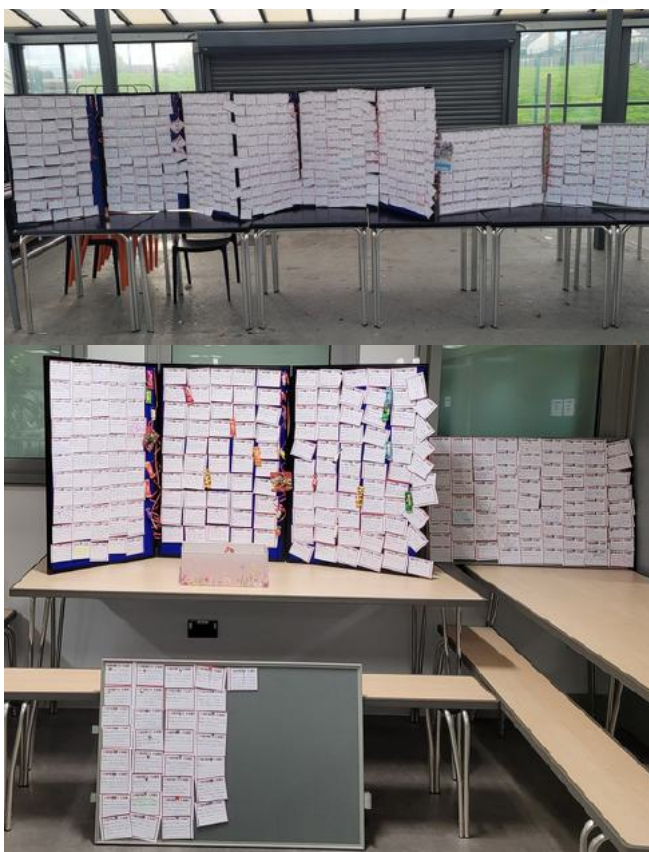
During November at St Cuthbert's, we Celebrated anti-bullying week.

We started the week with odd sock day to celebrate our differences and the fact that we are all unique.

During form time our students wrote out kindness cards for each other and staff members.

These were put onto boards to create walls of kindness to spread positivity around the school.

All students have taken part in anti-bullying assemblies which were linked to mental health and promoting inclusivity.



Women in Industry Day

St Cuthbert's Health Champions have been working incredibly hard over the past two weeks to achieve their Level 2 Youth Health Champions qualification.

Over the three days they teamed up with students from Wardle Academy to focus on improving the health and wellbeing of young people in Rochdale.



Students worked in collaboration with many services in Rochdale such as Your Trust, the youth service, school nursing service, The library service, environmental team and Young Peoples Mental Health Support Team to name a few.

Counsellor Massey came to present St Cuthbert's with their AcSEED wellbeing award and students were able to try lots of new activities such as Kabadi, Boccia and Yoga.

Throughout the training, our health champions were professional, enthusiastic and made lots of new friends from Wardle Academy.

They are looking forward to working together again in the future to plan health campaigns which will improve the wellbeing of young people in Rochdale.

Matilda

The Performance

The cast of Matilda have worked extremely hard to put on a great performance. On Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December, we welcomed our feeder primary schools to enjoy the show's first live performances.

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December proved that practice makes perfect and both shows were a complete sell out.

As expected the show was an absolute spectacle with great performances from all involved.



Trips And Events

Year 7 Trip Savio

All year 7 enjoyed time out of school this term reflecting on how we can all support each other through the Catholic life of the school and exploring our C.A.R.E values. All pupils engaged in team games where they learnt important skills of listening, trust, faith and communication. The small group work that they did with the retreat team gave them time to think about our values of Catholic, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence.



Sport

Our Under 14s and 15s basketball teams played their first games in the Rochdale Schools League this week. Both teams were a credit to St Cuthbert's.



Enrichment

Mon

Year 11 Health and Social Care coursework support – Mrs Ellidge – 213 (Week B)
Coding Club – Miss Billington – 410
Year 7 & 8 Science Club – Mr Close & Mrs Turner - 212
Study Hub – Miss Davis, Miss Fletcher & Mr Alogba – 213
Trampolining – Miss Monks / Mr Hilton – PE
Ks3 & Ks4 Badminton – Mr Rogerson - PE

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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
Girls' football – Mrs Holt & Mr Alogba - PE
Ks3 Dodgeball – Mr Hilton - PE
GIFT Team – Miss Lally – 310
Axios – Mrs Fairbrother & Miss Wood - 502
Study Hub – Miss Davis & Miss Fletcher - 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

Thur

Basketball – Miss Holt & Mr Hilton – PE
Art Club – Ms Quinn – 102
Year 11 Health and Social Care coursework support – Mrs Ellidge – 213
Ks3 Textiles Club – Miss Skinner – 104
Study Hub – Miss Davis, Miss Fletcher & Mr Alogba - 213

Fri

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

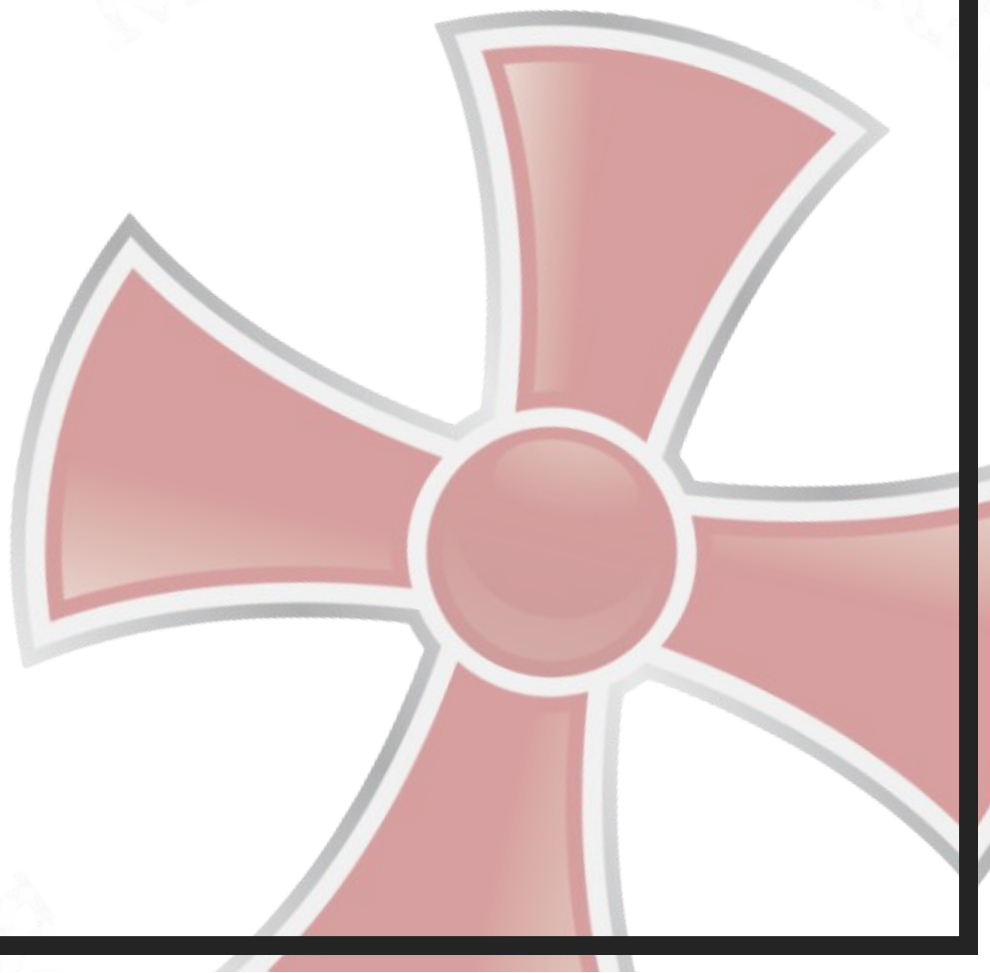
Upcoming College open Days

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
British and Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM - Manchester)	Open Day – 28th January 2023 Virtual open days are available Book online: https://www.bimm.ac.uk/open-days/?eventtype=open-day&location=manchester&courselevel=diploma	Apply online at: https://www.bimm.ac.uk/apply/	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.
Burnley College	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	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	Deadline date is 15th January 2022
Calderdale College (Halifax)	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
University Technical College Media City (Salford)	Option to book on the homepage	Apply online at www.utcmcity.org.uk https://www.utcmcity.org.uk/Admissions/	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.

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<p>Myerscough College (Preston, Blackburn and Liverpool) Agricultural courses etc.</p>	<p>Advice Morning dates set for the Preston, Blackburn, Liverpool and Warrington are below, as well as some Virtual Advice Evenings :</p> <p>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) :</p> <p>For the physical events book https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/</p> <p>The Cricket Studies course – Lancs County Cricket Ground, Old Trafford 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-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/</p>	<p>Apply online at https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/ https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/how-to-apply/</p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by March 2023</p>
<p>Oldham College</p>	<p>25th March 10 – 1.00pm 20th May 10-1.00pm 1 July 10-1.00pm</p> <p>Register with: https://www.oldham.ac.uk/whats-on/events/</p>	<p>Apply online at : https://www.oldham.ac.uk/our-courses/how-to-apply-for-oldham-college/</p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022</p>
<p>Salford City College</p>	<p>City Skills Campus Lissadel St M6 6AP 27th March 2022 5.00-7.00 pm</p> <p>Eccles Sixth Form College Chatsworth Road M30 7FJ 6th March 2023 5.00 – 7.00 pm</p> <p>Future Skills Dakota Avenue M50 2PU 25th March 10.00-12.00 pm</p> <p>Worsley College, Walkden Road M28 7QD 7th February 2023 5.00- 7.00 pm Register on https://openevents.salfordcc.ac.uk/</p>	<p>Apply online at www.salfordcc.ac.uk https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/16-18/apply/</p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022</p>

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