

# ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



# PARENTAL NEWSLETTER

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# Headteacher's Update

## Reflecting

October has been an incredibly busy time here at St Cuthbert's. As well as the usual business of teaching and learning, we have had a series of trips and events which all add to the all round educational experience of our students.

During October we celebrated Black History Month. There is a section on this in the newsletter but the whole month was a celebration of Black History and Culture. This isn't just something we do in October. Our curriculum includes important learning which reflects our entire community throughout the year. We will be looking at more formal celebrations of other cultures too later in the year.

Earlier this month we had a McMillan coffee morning. It was attended by many members of our local community and had a real celebratory focus to it. We had students (and even some staff) singing and a range of games and activities including raffles and bingo. The sales of cakes and buns to our staff and students also raised lots of money for a very worthy cause and more can be seen later in this newsletter on the event.

## THE ADDITIONAL NEEDS BLOCK

In November we will fully open our new and wonderful Additional Needs block which will be of enormous value and support to many students. We will also begin our Advent celebrations later in November, a key time in the liturgical year and a reminder of who we are and our values.

## Events

Other trips and events which have taken place this month include the Year 7 Settling In Evening where all parents of our new starters were able to meet with Form Tutors to discuss the first few weeks of life here at St Cuthbert's. Our Year 10 Geography students went on a residential field trip and our Year 11 parents have had access to virtual support from all of our Curriculum Leaders in preparation for their first Year 11 Assessments as part of the GCSE Exam preparation programme.

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## The Future

In November we would also like you to keep our Year 11 students in your thoughts and prayers. They are taking their first assessments in Year 11. This is a key part of getting ready for the exams in the Summer. We have put together a comprehensive support programme for parents and students to assist with getting ready for this. We will also follow it up with identifying the learning needs of everyone and ensuring we put in place the support and strategies they need to succeed next Summer.



## CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

As I mentioned last month, we are looking at joining the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust in the future. We will have much more information on this over the next few months and will be offering to present to parents what this means for St Cuthbert's in the near future and answer any questions anyone may have. This exciting venture is the next step we need to be taking towards being outstanding in the future but I understand people will have questions which we will answer.



**ST TERESA**  
*of* **CALCUTTA**  
Catholic Academy Trust

# Catholic Life

## Prayer for the Month of October:

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

During October, we prayed the Rosary and gathered together in the chapel each morning to complete the 'Rosary Challenge'. Our father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. It has been lovely to see so many pupils joining in across all year groups.

Below is a link to the Mark 10 mission if you would like to continue and join in at home:  
<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-rosary-challenge>



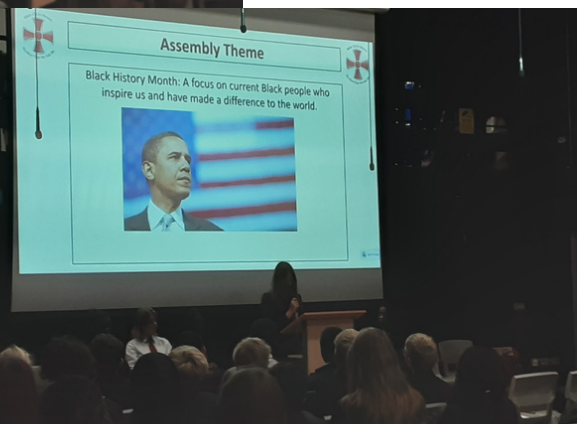
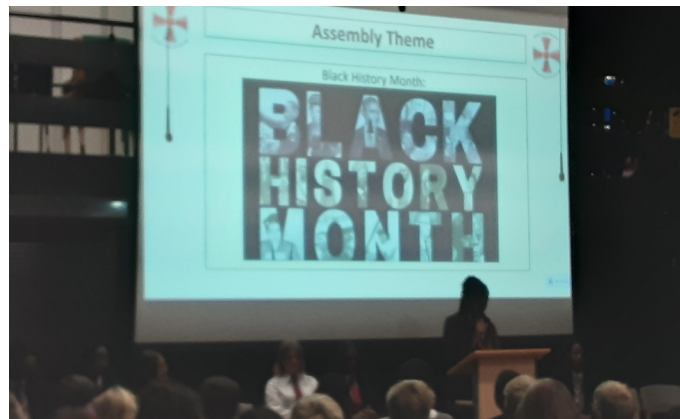
## Fundraising

We also want to say a huge thank you for all your donations for the Macmillan coffee morning- we raised £700 for Macmillan and as you can see from the pictures everyone joined in and had a great time. There were Raffle prizes and Bingo, thank you to all our friends from the local parish communities who came along to support this event.



# Black History Month

Our celebrations this October started with an assembly planned and led by the wonderful Year 11 student leaders. The assembly focused upon significant black figures from the past and present who have made an influence on the world and culminated in a stunning vocal performance from Princess, Alisa and Benedicte.



## FOOD

On the last Friday of the month, all students were given the opportunity to do a taste test of a range of mouth-watering African dishes including jollof rice, grilled chicken, puff puff and plantain. It has been a brilliant way to celebrate the diverse culture within our school.

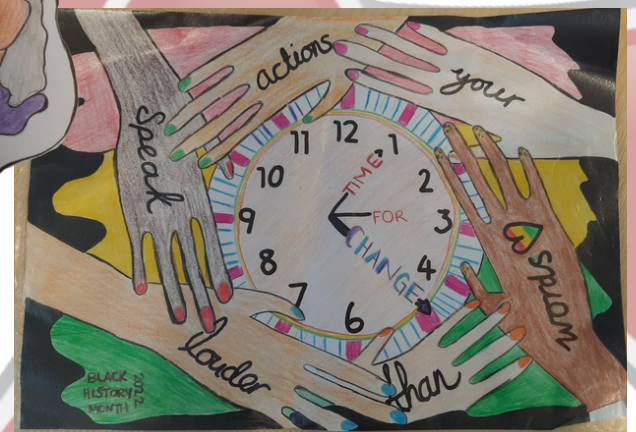
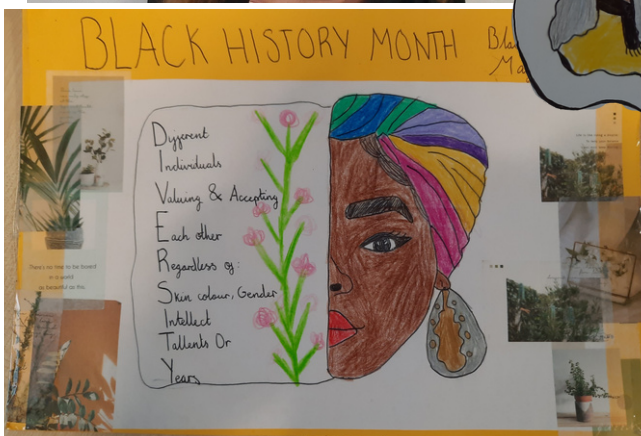
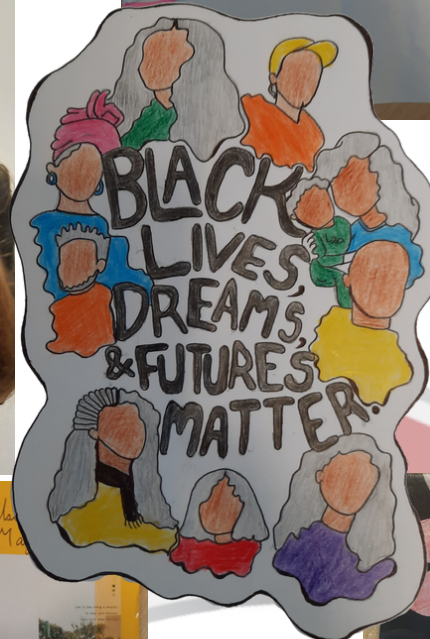
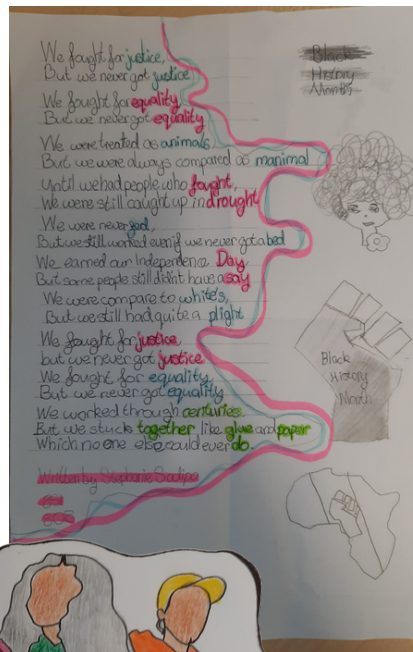
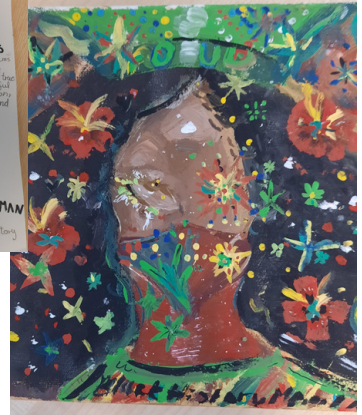


# Black History Month

## Other activities

The assembly has been followed up with lessons in every subject area on some of the significant black figures in history linked to specific subjects throughout the month.

We have also had an art competition running throughout the month with some wonderful contributions from our students and these will be judged by our Year 11 student leaders and a prize awarded.



# Trips And Events

## PGL

On the first weekend in October, 30 Year 10 students spent the weekend at PGL at Winmarleigh Hall in Preston. Great fun was had by all as the student took part in Jacobs ladder, Survivor, Raft and Buggy building, Orienteering, High Ropes and Sensory Trail. The students were entertained in the evenings with a campfire, the cube and a map of the world activity. All students were exemplary in their behaviour.



## Women in Industry Day

Some of our year 8 girls participated in the Women in Industry day hosted by Network Plus and Cadent. They had been tasked with designing a system to keep the asset (egg) safe. The students then had to present their bids to a client panel. Students got to work with a variety of different people who work in the construction industry which included: a Health and Safety officer, a communications manager, a customer service rep and others.



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## Careers Day

– On Thursday 20th October, all of our Year 11 students took part in our annual careers day. Throughout the day, they had the opportunity to meet a wide range of post-16 providers and make applications for when they leave St Cuthbert's. The students also had the opportunity to complete their CVs and have a mock interview with one of our professional volunteers. In the afternoon, the students had the chance to chat with a wide range of professionals to find out about the jobs that they do and what it takes to make it in each profession. This event was planned to help our students to be successful in their next steps after leaving St Cuthbert's. We would like to say a special thank you to all of our volunteers who supported the day – without your help, these events would not be possible.

## GIRLS LEADERSHIP EVENT

Five of our lucky Year 9 students had an excellent day at Rosebridge School in Carlisle looking at Girls Leadership. The girls were phenomenal throughout the day and even came away with a prize for their efforts. During the day they took part in a range of workshops they also looked at how they could protect the environment and how we can use more sustainable products. They were then challenged to bring this back to school and look at how we can affect our school environment. We look forward to seeing where this will lead.



## Football Showcase

Some of our talented Year 9 footballers were invited to a showcase event at Manchester United's Littleton Road training ground for an emerging talent event. The boys took part in games against other schools from the Manchester United hub partnership and had a great day out. Many thanks to our new hub officer Mr Alogba for taking them along to the event





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## Geography Trip

On a wet October day, we took year 11 students up to the Lake District. The aim was to get first-hand experience in collecting primary data for their GCSE Rivers field study. Despite torrential rain, 50-mile-per-hour winds, and a burst river, the students were able to get into a small tributary to collect their data. We finally made it 350m up to Easedale Tarn, where we were greeted by a rainbow.



## Geography Trip

The following day, we went on a boat trip across Lake Windermere to identify glacial upland areas. We eventually docked in Waterhead, where students then completed a land use survey for the town of Ambleside. All students demonstrated exemplary behaviour, and we could not have been prouder, it is a tip that all the teachers will think fondly of for many years. Well done year 11.

# Enrichment

Mon

Matilda rehearsal - Mrs Morris & Mrs Maloney – School hall  
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  
Matilda rehearsal - Mrs Morris & Mrs Maloney – School hall  
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

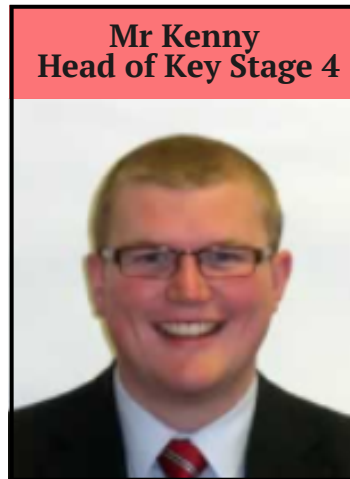
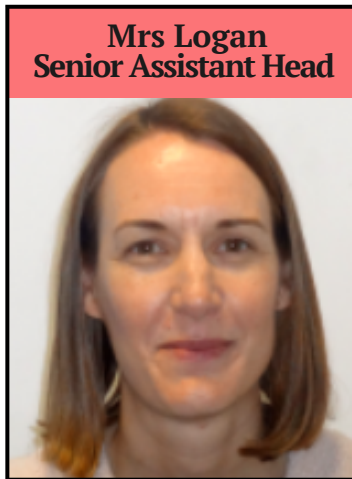
Fri

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

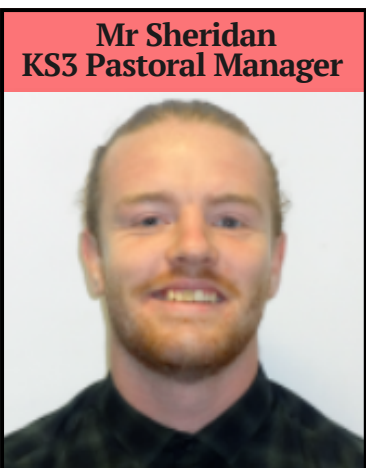
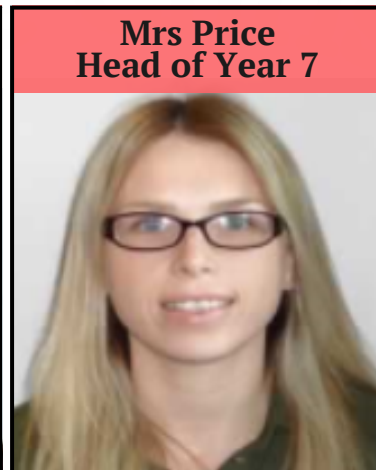
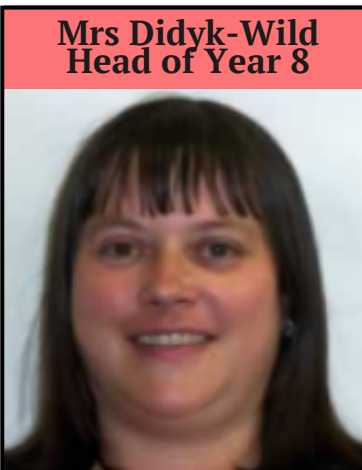
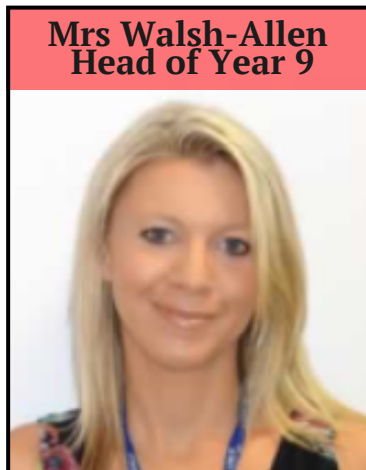
# Meet The Team

This month we are introducing you to the Pastoral Support Team. This is an extensive and varied team covering many areas of the school including Wellbeing, Behaviour, Attendance and Safeguarding. Some of the team were introduced in the September edition as they are also members of SLT. This is a team that works with all students and is often the first point of contact for many parents.

## Pastoral Senior Leadership Team



## Key Stage 3 Pastoral Team



# Meet The Team

## Key Stage 4 Pastoral Team

**Miss Machen**  
Head of Year 10



**Mr Mclachlan**  
Head of Year 11



**Mrs Grimes**  
KS4 Pastoral Manager



**Mrs Pearce**  
KS4 Pastoral Manager



**Mrs Leach**  
KS4 Pastoral Manager



## Pastoral Support Team

**Mr Welsh**  
Alternative Curriculum Lead



**Mrs Kirk**  
Attendance Officer



**Mrs Fairbrother**  
Student Wellbeing



**Mrs Royle**  
Student Services & First Aid



# 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 <a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/virtual-meet-and-greet/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/virtual-meet-and-greet/</a> Tel 0161 504 9013 Hulme Street Tel 0161 393 8260 Oxford Street	Apply online at: <a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/apply/further-education/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/apply/further-education/</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar Sixth Form	9th November 2022 6 pm <a href="https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form">https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form</a>	Apply online at: <a href="https://www.brgs.applicaa.com/">https://www.brgs.applicaa.com/</a>	13th January 2023
British and Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM - Manchester)	Open Day – 28th January 2023 Virtual open days are available Book online: <a href="https://www.bimm.ac.uk/open-days/?eventtype=open-day&amp;location=manchester&amp;courselevel=diploma">https://www.bimm.ac.uk/open-days/?eventtype=open-day&amp;location=manchester&amp;courselevel=diploma</a>	Apply online at: <a href="https://www.bimm.ac.uk/apply/">https://www.bimm.ac.uk/apply/</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.
Burnley College	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 <a href="https://www.burnley.ac.uk/whats-on/events/">https://www.burnley.ac.uk/whats-on/events/</a>	Apply online at: <a href="https://www.burnley.ac.uk/about/howtoapply/">https://www.burnley.ac.uk/about/howtoapply/</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview
Bury College	26th November 11.00 am-1.00pm 23rd March 5.00 pm -7.30 pm  <a href="https://burycollege.ac.uk/events/tag/open-event">https://burycollege.ac.uk/events/tag/open-event</a>	Apply online at: <a href="https://burycollege.ac.uk/about-us/how-to-apply">https://burycollege.ac.uk/about-us/how-to-apply</a>	Priority deadline date is 28th November 2022
Calderdale College (Halifax)	24th November 4.30pm -7.00 pm 17th January 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm 18th March 10.00am – 13.00 pm  <a href="https://www.calderdale.ac.uk/events/category/all-events/">https://www.calderdale.ac.uk/events/category/all-events/</a>	Apply online at: <a href="https://ebsontracklearner.calderdale.ac.uk/">https://ebsontracklearner.calderdale.ac.uk/</a>	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 <a href="https://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/virtual-open-evening">https://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/virtual-open-evening</a>	Apply online at <a href="http://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/sixth-form-application?">http://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/sixth-form-application?</a>	16th December 2022
Tameside College	14th November 5.00-8.00pm. Register: <a href="https://open.tameside.ac.uk/Home/Register">https://open.tameside.ac.uk/Home/Register</a>	Apply online at <a href="http://www.tameside.ac.uk">www.tameside.ac.uk</a> <a href="https://apply.tameside.ac.uk/tc">https://apply.tameside.ac.uk/tc</a>	Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022.
University Technical College Media City (Salford)	Option to book on the homepage	Apply online at <a href="http://www.utcmcity.org.uk">www.utcmcity.org.uk</a> <a href="https://www.utcmcityuk.org.uk/Admissions/">https://www.utcmcityuk.org.uk/Admissions/</a>	No deadline date but earlier the application, earlier the course interview.
Rochdale Sixth Form College	Thursday 17th November 4.00pm-7.00pm	Apply online at <a href="http://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk">www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk</a> <a href="https://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk/93/apply-now">https://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk/93/apply-now</a>	12pm 15th December 2022

# Upcoming College open Days

College / Sixth Form	Open Days	Application Method	Closing Date
Myerscough College (Preston, Blackburn and Liverpool) Agricultural courses etc.	<p>Advice Morning dates set for the Preston, Blackburn, Liverpool and Warrington are below, as well as some Virtual Advice Evenings :</p> <p>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 <a href="https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/">https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/</a></p> <p>The Cricket Studies course – Lancs County Cricket Ground, Old Trafford 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 <a href="https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/">https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/</a></p>	<p>Apply online at <a href="https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/">https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/how-to-apply/">https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/how-to-apply/</a></p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by March 2023</p>
Oldham College	<p>12th November 10 – 1.00pm 25th March 10 – 1.00pm 20th May 10–1.00pm 1 July 10–1.00pm</p> <p>Register with: <a href="https://www.oldham.ac.uk/whats-on/events/">https://www.oldham.ac.uk/whats-on/events/</a></p>	<p>Apply online at : <a href="https://www.oldham.ac.uk/our-courses/how-to-apply-for-oldham-college/">https://www.oldham.ac.uk/our-courses/how-to-apply-for-oldham-college/</a></p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022</p>
Reaseheath College (Nantwich) Agricultural courses etc	<p>5th November 10.30 – 2.00pm 3rd December 10.30 – 2.00pm</p> <p>Click below for access to the online open day/discovery hub <a href="https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/course-open-days/">https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/course-open-days/</a></p>	<p>Apply online <a href="https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/">https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/applynow/">https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/applynow/</a></p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit as early as possible</p>
Salford City College	<p>City Skills Campus Lissadel St M6 6AP 12 November 2022 10.00–12.00 pm 28 November 2022 5.00–7.00 pm 27th March 2022 5.00–7.00 pm</p> <p>Eccles Sixth Form College Chatsworth Road M30 7FJ 26th November 2022 10.00–12.00 pm [ Winter Wonderland] 6th March 2023 5.00 – 7.00 pm</p> <p>Future Skills Dakota Avenue M50 2PU 23rd November 2022 5.00 – 7.00 pm 25th March 10.00–12.00 pm</p> <p>Pendleton Sixth Form College, Dronfield Rd. M6 7FR Tuesday 1st December 2022 5.00–7.00 pm</p> <p>Worsley College, Walkden Road M28 7QD 22nd November 2022 5.00 – 7.00 pm 7th February 2023 5.00– 7.00 pm Register on <a href="https://openevents.salfordcc.ac.uk/">https://openevents.salfordcc.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>Apply online at <a href="http://www.salfordcc.ac.uk">www.salfordcc.ac.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/16-18/apply/">https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/16-18/apply/</a></p>	<p>Applications accepted throughout the academic year but advised to submit by December 2022</p>

