

ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



PARENTAL NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Update

As we approach the end of Lent and begin Easter, Pope Francis in his 2024 Lenten message themed; "Through the desert, God leads us to freedom", gives reference to the good Samaritan in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist who showed a spirit of love and care to the person who was in need.

This message fits perfectly with our mission at St Cuthbert's which includes 'helping others whenever we can'. This has been exemplified over Lent with the amazing work done by staff and students in our community to raise funds for those less fortunate than ourselves. This newsletter includes some of those acts of charity and it is this that makes our community so special.

As always there has been an incredible amount of activity at St Cuthbert's this Half Term. Much of this is included in the newsletter and I hope it gives you a sense of our community and how we work together.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and get to spend some quality time with your loved ones. I would ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers at this time our Year 11 students who are preparing for their exams. This is a challenging and unique time in their lives and they need all the practical and spiritual support we can give them.

The return date for students after Easter is Tuesday April 16th as we have a staff training day on Monday 15th.



St. Cuthbert's
Roman Catholic High School

Prefect Team

As our final Easter half term concludes, I am proud to say that I am beyond pleased with our achievements as a year group.

Teachers are putting vigorous efforts into making sure we achieve the best results we can. An example of this is the period six timetable created for Year 11 where our devoted teachers stay after school for an hour and provide revision lessons for us. As exams are nearing up, we really appreciate their level of dedication and support in helping us succeed in the future. Especially with all the pressure put on us to be the best that we can be, our teachers ease us as best they can and give us all the knowledge to ensure we're ready for anything thrown at us after the half term.

We have also established the prom theme as The Oscars which I believe all of Year 11 cannot wait for. I am very excited to celebrate the end of our exams and our brilliant journey at St Cuthbert's with the students and teachers I have made memories with for 5 years. It's absurd to think that next September we will be creating new memories with new people as it feels like Year 7 was just yesterday. The future really is daunting, but I cherish the moments I have now with the incredible individuals at St Cuthbert's.

During this term, I am delighted to say that Benedicte Kapiamba and I won the election to become Members of Youth Parliament. Benedicte and I are now working together to advocate for Rochdale's young people and will soon be representing the youth in the House of Commons. This is an excellent opportunity and huge responsibility for us and without the support from Miss Holt we would have never been able to achieve this amazing opportunity.

That's it from me. Have a wonderful Easter holiday and come back refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges ahead. We're almost there!

Sarah Orakwue



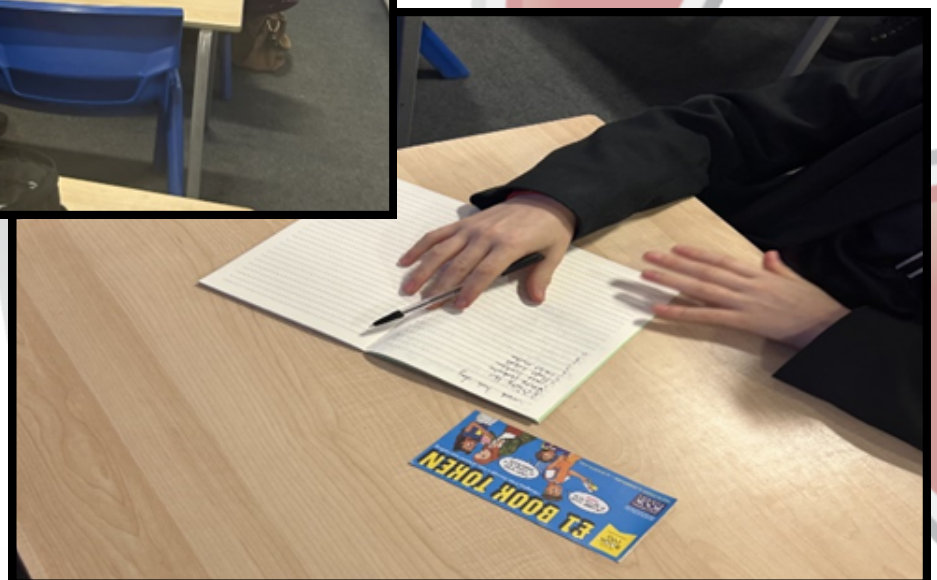
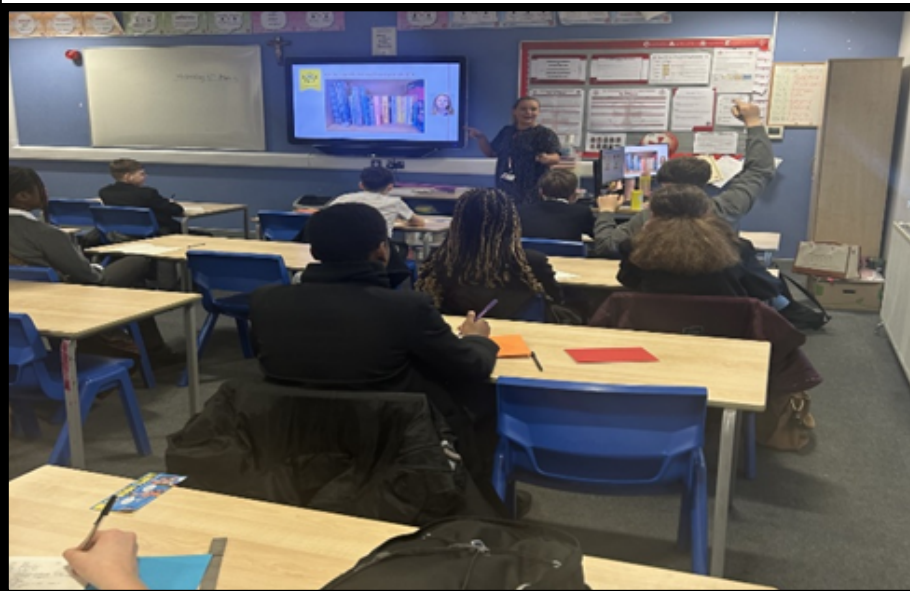
Literacy Across the Curriculum

World Book Day

Key Stage 3 students celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with a Match the Staff to the Shelfie quiz in form time. Members of staff took photos of their bookshelves at home and students had to use clues from their books to match the staff to each photo. As well as promoting a love of reading, this really brought out the competitive nature of students, as you can see in the photo of 901 below!

Key Stage 3 students also received a World Book Day token so that they could get one of the free World Book Day books. See the link below for additional information on this:

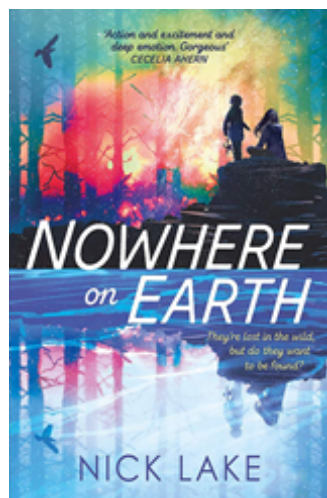
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>



Literacy Across the Curriculum

Form Time Reading for Pleasure

All students participate in form time reading twice per week. Texts are chosen to be age appropriate, modern, interesting and full of points for discussion. Studies show that reading for just 20 minutes per day exposes you to over 1.8 million words per year. In addition, EEF research shows that being read to by an expert has many benefits including building vocabulary, improving working memory and developing sustained concentration. Some of the current titles are shown below.



Students can now access The Day online news website from home using the link below.

The Day is a rich and engaging online educational resource that turns news into lessons across five differentiated reading levels. Current news stories are presented in a student appropriate format with quizzes and videos to deepen understanding.

www.theday.co.uk/?id=5DF5BC5A-0B37-4E37-A32B-FE96612CF83A

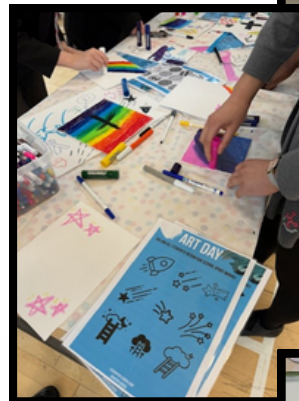
Catholic Life of the School

St Cuthbert's Feast Day

On the 20th of March we celebrated St Cuthbert's feast day. This was an excellent day full of different enrichment experiences for staff and pupils.

As you can see from the pictures, pupils enjoyed the day. Pupils made prayer ribbons, created art work that will be displayed as a mural in school. They had talks from outside agencies about how we can help the environment and the impact of litter on animal life and the environment.

Pupils had talks from Springhill hospice and wrote cards to send to the staff and patients.



Holy Week

Monday the 25th of March we began Holy week, one of the most important weeks in the Catholic faith. Students will have time in form to reflect on Holy week. As well as taking part in Maundy Thursday Celebration of the word liturgy as a year group. Please talk with your children about the importance of Easter and how we remember Jesus' death and resurrection.

“
God so loved the world
that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone
who believes in him
won't perish but will
have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16

Wellbeing

Bee Well Celebration

Last week St Cuthbert's health champions joined in celebration with students from Wardle academy to receive their level 2 qualification, from the royal society of public health.

They showcased the amazing work that they have done to promote health and wellbeing within our school.

We were privileged to be joined by many visitors including the Mayor of Rochdale, Counsellor Massey, external partners such as Your Trust and Get up and Grow.

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed working with the BeeWell team and members of staff from Rochdale Local Authority.



Attendance

In this edition of our newsletter, we shine a spotlight on the critical role that good attendance and punctuality play in shaping the academic and social journey of school-aged children in the UK.

1. Academic Success:

- Attending school regularly, with an expectation of 96%, ensures that children have the required access to learning opportunities, enabling them to grasp key concepts and make good academic progress.
- Punctuality sets a positive tone for the day by allowing children to start lessons promptly and make the most of valuable class time.

2. Maximised Learning Potential:

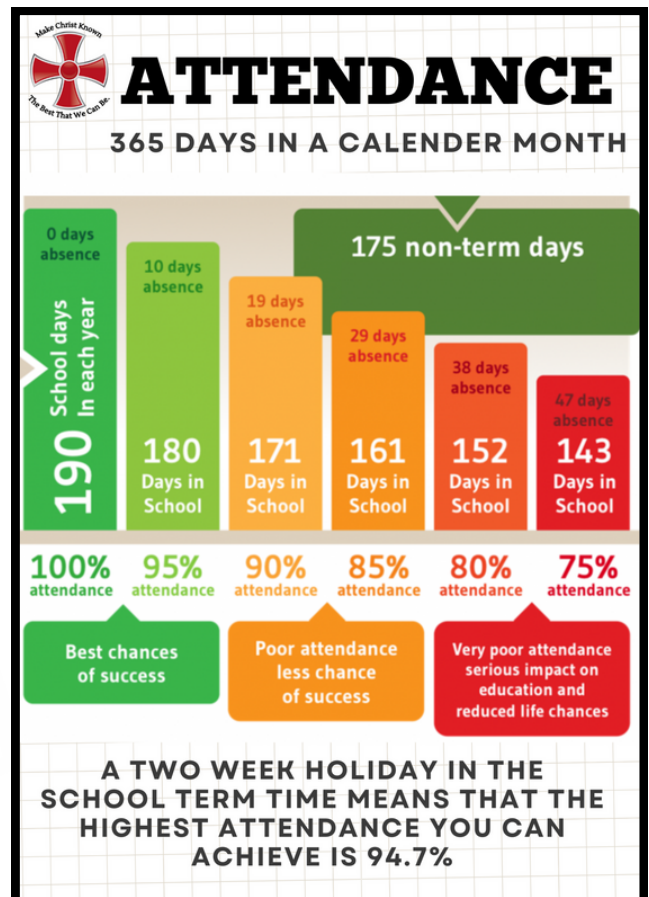
- Regular attendance means fewer missed lessons and reduced gaps in learning, empowering children to stay on track with the curriculum and excel in their studies.
- Being punctual instils a sense of discipline and readiness, equipping children with the mindset needed to engage actively in classroom activities.

3. Positive Academic Development:

- Good attendance correlates strongly with improved academic performance, as children have the opportunity to participate in class discussions, ask questions, and receive timely feedback from teachers.
- Punctuality teaches children the importance of timeliness and reliability – qualities that are highly valued both in school and in future experiences.

4. Social Growth:

- Regular school attendance fosters social connections and friendships, providing children with a supportive network of peers and teachers that enhances their overall school experience.
- Punctuality demonstrates respect for others' time and schedules, laying the foundation for positive interactions and effective communication skills.



Attendance

5. Preparation for the Future:

- By prioritising attendance and punctuality, children develop habits that will serve them well beyond the classroom, preparing them for the demands of higher education and the workforce.
- Attending school consistently and being punctual to school instils a sense of responsibility and accountability, essential traits for success in all aspects of life.

In summary, good attendance and punctuality are essential components of your child's educational journey, contributing significantly to their academic achievement and social development. As parents and carers, your support in emphasising these values will empower our students to thrive and reach their full potential.



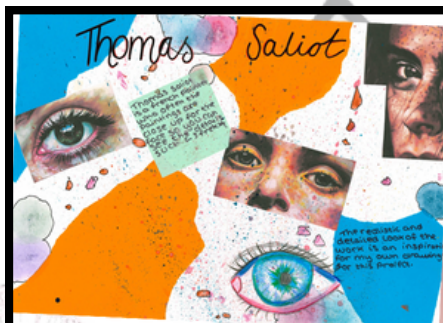
Across the Curriculum

Art



Year 7 are creating work inspired by the '70s and experimenting with colour; you can see the amazing psychedelic work by Payton Blakesley and the Lava lamp design by Aysha Noaman.

Year 8 are exploring printing techniques and mixed media with the theme of random objects, you can see the stunning drawing of Peyton Dowsing, the card looks so realistic you could pick it up!



Year 9 are exploring portraiture and have been getting an insight into how to research an artist at GCSE Level, you can see the beautiful work of Tatiana Adegbeulu who has researched the artist Thomas Saliot. Theo Dinnen has then responded to this artist with his stunning pencil drawing of the mouth. GCSE ready for sure!

Across the Curriculum

Business Studies

Ten outstanding Business Studies Students attended the University of Manchester on the 27th February to take part in the “Stock Market Challenge”.

They had to use a wide range of skills to raise the most amount of money, but most importantly they had to work together as a team.

Team 2 came in 10th on the day which was a fantastic achievement.

All students showed outstanding behaviour throughout the entire day and were a credit to the school. It was so lovely to see them engaging with the activities so well.



Form 703 and 707 take on more than a marathon!

Lots of students in year 7 took part in running a charity marathon around the KS3 Yard along with their form tutors Miss Thomas and Mr Miles, plus the addition of a very helpful year 11 student Leighton Wilson.

Our aim was to complete 42.2km collectively as a group, instead they ran a total of 74.6km!

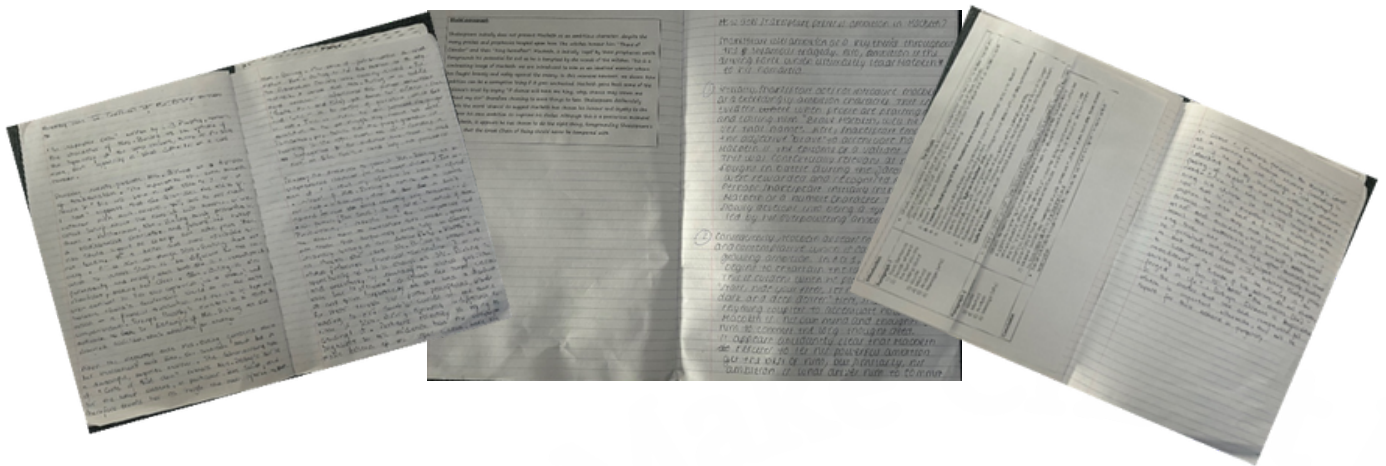
Please consider sponsoring them, there were some extremely red faces and very worn out students by the end of the session!



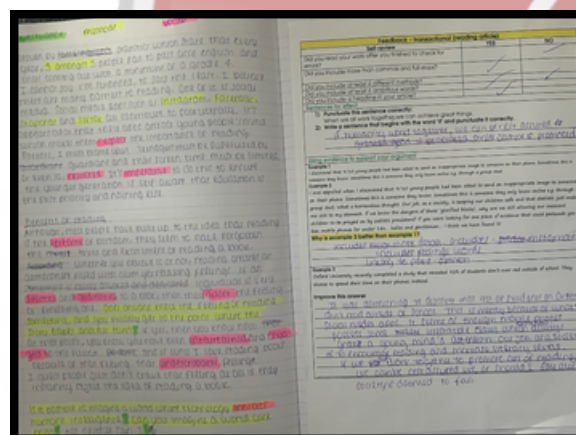
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English

Since the mock exams, Year 11 have been working incredibly hard to produce more developed Literature essays. To facilitate this, the English Department have been providing students with detailed subject knowledge boosts, model paragraphs and essay plans. Students have been using these to develop their analysis of their set texts and develop the links they can make across the text, and to social and historical context of the text as well.



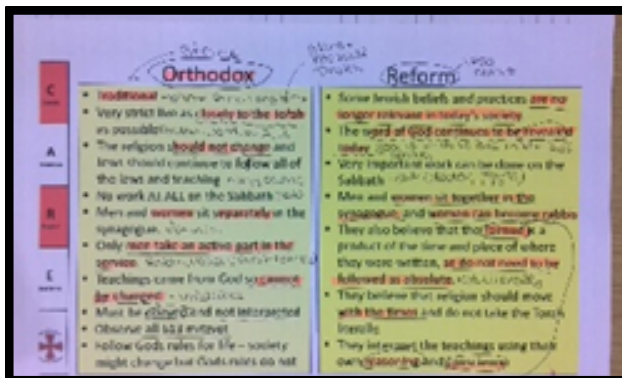
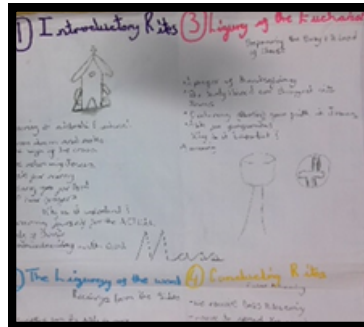
Y11 students have demonstrated an impressive commitment to honing their writing abilities, consistently producing work that showcases not only improved technical skills but also a deeper understanding of the art of expression. Teachers have been thoroughly impressed by the thoughtful and well-crafted pieces that students have submitted as part of the year 11 strategy as we near towards exams. The focus on planning and constructive feedback has played a pivotal role in their growth, and it's evident that their hard work is paying off. As we celebrate the achievements of our Y11 writers, let's continue to encourage them to explore new horizons and push the boundaries of their creativity. The skills they are developing now will undoubtedly serve them well in their academic pursuits and beyond.



Across the Curriculum

Religious Education

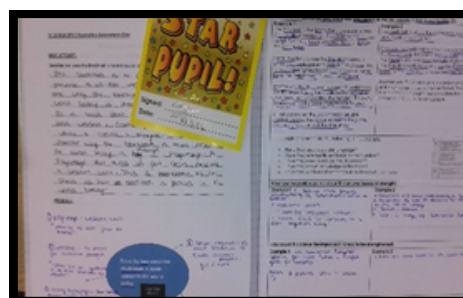
Yr 7 have been doing some fantastic work on Sacraments and Mass with a focus on the Eucharist, Paschal mystery and making connections with Easter at this important time in the liturgical calendar.



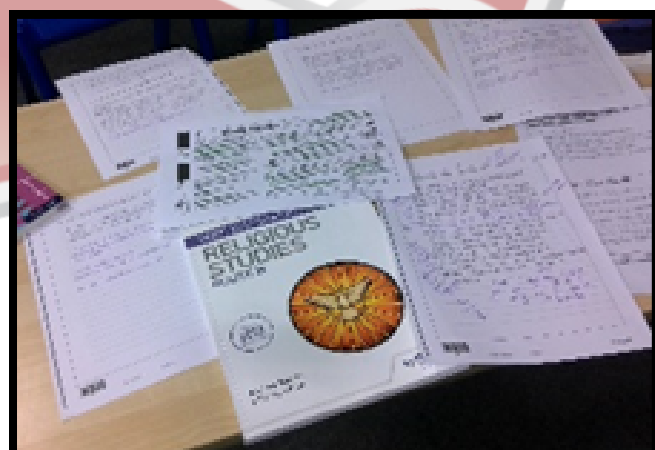
Yr 8 have been developing a greater knowledge of cosmology examining what different Christians, different Jews and humanists believe about creation.

Yr 9 Have been developing their knowledge on Judaism focussing on key beliefs, teachings and practices.

Yr 10 have also been focussing on Judaism preparing for the first section of Component 3 Jewish beliefs and teachings. There has been a real focus on GCSE skills this term focussing on question technique and timing.



Yr 11 have been completing revision for their upcoming GCSE on 9th March. They have been working hard to cover key content whilst focusing on question technique and timing.



Across the Curriculum

Religious Education

Mrs Cleminson attend a community event yesterday at the Greengate Masjid Mosque.

Members of the local community and the interfaith forum came together to learn more about Ramadan, share experiences of fasting between Islamic and Christian communities and break the fast with a traditional Iftaar meal.



GREENGATE JAMIA MASJID INVITES YOU TO THE

RAMADAN 2024
OPEN
COMMUNITY IFTAAR
EVERYONE WELCOME

Join us together with members of all our communities for a celebration of the holy month of Ramadan! Learn about what Ramadan is and break fast with a delicious Iftaar meal.

DATE
MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2024

TIME **5.45PM** MEAL SERVED **6.35PM**

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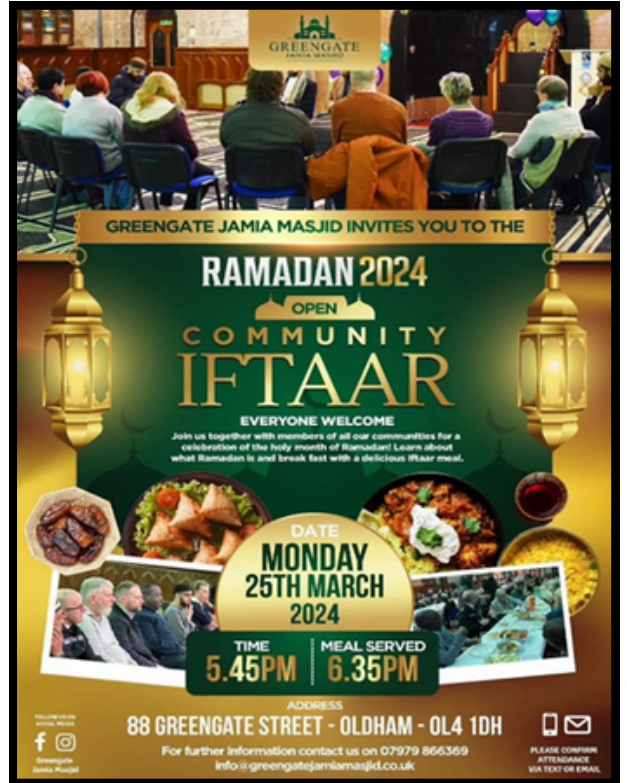


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Physical Education

Make Christ Known
The Best That We Can Be

PE NEWSLETTER

In Lesson:

Year 11-

Exam preparations are underway for our GCSE PE and Sport Studies students. All students are currently revising and learning the theory content for their summer examination with 'mini mocks' at different stages to recap and recall previous information.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 core PE-

Students have concluded their current sports and have progressed onto a new block of sports, where they will learn new skills and techniques in order to try and achieve the highest mark they can in their specific sport. Sports this term include Table Tennis, Rugby, Handball and Gymnastics!

Extra Curricular:

Years 7 and 8 dodgeball continues to be an incredibly successful and well attended club on a Wednesday lunch time.

Badminton club on a Thursday lunch time has also seen a consistent turn out with students keen to come down and play.



Sporting News

Girls Football is well underway again with entry into the Rochdale Schools League and the Greater Manchester Catholic Cup. The girls have another set of fixtures after the Easter holidays that will determine their final positions.



Well done to our mix of year 7 - 9 girls who represented our school amazingly well at the annual Year 9 girls tournament at Cardinal Langley.



The girls finished third, terrific achievement. Well done girls. Fantastic

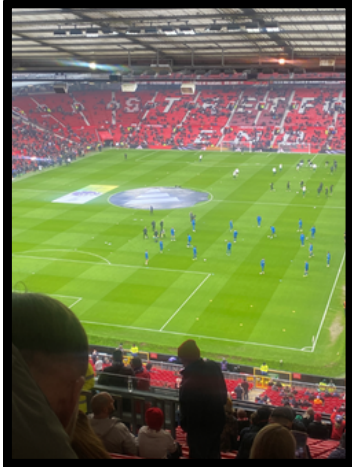


Also, well done the Year 8 boys who took advantage of a great opportunity to represent school at Man Utd Academy! They did manage to see Ryan Giggs – unfortunately, none of the students knew who he was!



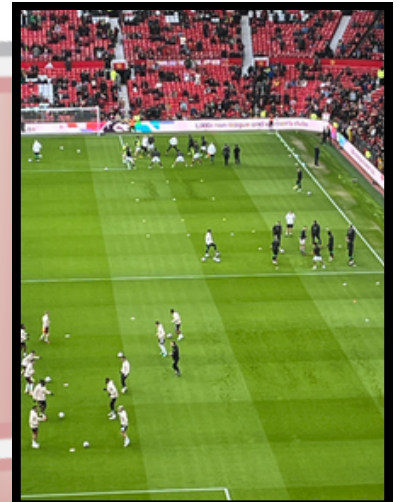
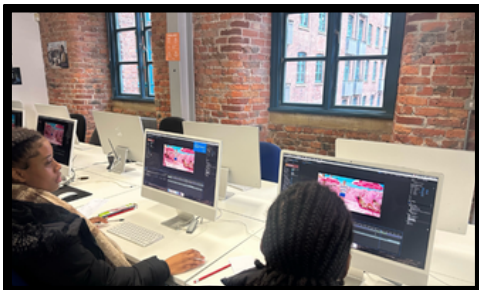
Manchester United Foundation

Year 8 students were given the opportunity to visit the Theatre Of Dreams this month thanks to their superb behaviour and attitude around school this month. Thanks to our partnership with Manchester United.



Well done to Happiness who was invited to Old Trafford to watch Man Utd vs Everton in the Premier League.

Well done to Issac who was invited to Old Trafford to watch Man Utd vs Fulham in the Premier League.



14 Year 10 students were given the opportunity to visit the Access Creative Media College in the heart of Manchester.

Students were treated to a media masterclass across Graphic Design, 3D Modelling, Film, Digital Art, Art.



Careers and Events

With great sadness, the Photography workshop has come to an end.

All Students involved this year have done exceptionally well and produced some amazing work.

Students have developed a range of work-related and soft skills that they will use in their future careers and life.



The Skills for Life Workshop with The Talent Foundry has come to an end too.

This is a company that helps develop valuable new employment skills to young people.

This has been an amazing opportunity for students to develop a number of skills. They have all done outstanding, each pupil has grown in confidence and self-esteem.

There is going to be a reunion session in October which is very exciting.



Hopwood Hall College STEM Talks for our Year 7 and 8 students.

Hopwood Hall have come into school to deliver a Talk to our year 7 and 8 girls only. The talks have been done to show students the fantastic opportunities that there are available in our area in the STEM Industry over the next coming years.



Centre Director for Technology Paul Pritchard and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager Adam Carney delivered two great talks to students around the possible career paths and earning potential for women in this sector.

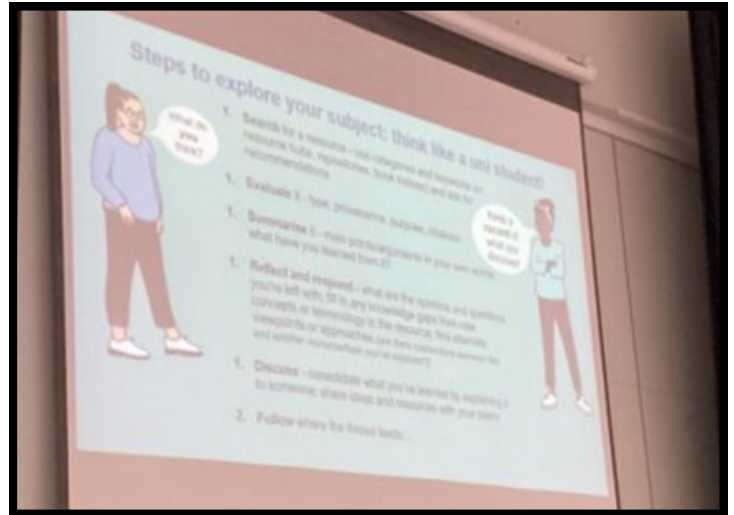


Careers and Events



Cambridge Talk at Hazel Wood High School
The Schools Liaison and Outreach team from St Johns College at the University of Cambridge delivered a Talk for year 10 students at Hazel Wood High School.

The talk was around applying and studying at Oxford/Cambridge. Students had to do a critical thinking task which gave them a taster of the super-curricular thinking involved in HE studies.



Careers and Events

National Careers Week

During this week we had a number of people do Career talks with us on Microsoft Teams. The Career Talks were streamed into all classrooms and students were able to engage with them. We offered two talks a day; one in the morning and one after lunch.

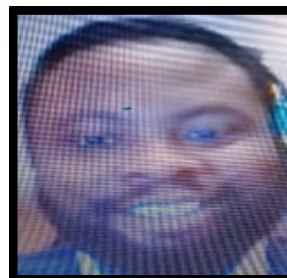
Talks were based around careers and qualifications needed in order to work in these industries. Students were able to ask lots of questions at the end of each talk. We had a lot of positive feedback from students and staff. There is a possibility that we could make this a regular event.

A massive thank you to the people who volunteered to give our students this fantastic opportunity.

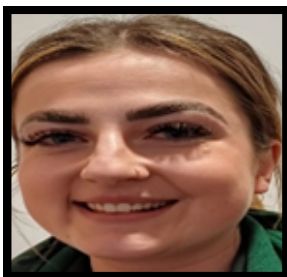
Here are a few of the guests we were able to present to our students:



Jess Banner
Hairdresser and
Salon owner.



David Areola
Project Manager
for The Ministry of
Defence (MOD)



Alex Rigby works
as a Paramedic



Louise Lyons works
as a TV Presenter



Mark Topliss works
for PLP
Construction as a
site manager.



Daniel Chico
Freelance
Computer
Programmer

Careers and Events

National Careers Week

We have also had our ex-student and now professional footballer, Fabio Tavares, come into school and speak to the students.

Fabio, who plays as a forward for EFL Championship club Coventry City, visited school to chat with us about his career.

Students were really excited to meet with him and it was lovely to have him back!



Careers and Events

Be College ready

We have had GM Higher deliver a Talk to some of our year 11 students.

This friendly and interactive workshop helped students with the following:

·GCSE results day

- Tips for their first week at college including travel
- How to Manage their free time
- Gave them valuable money saving tips
- Opportunity to ask any questions around any anxieties they had around starting college.
- How to get help and where to go.

Students gained a lot of useful advice and tips.

Next term we are looking at having more workshops around helping students become more college ready



Options Evening

This was a huge success. We had a lot positive feedback from the event.

Parents said it was amazing to see all the options available to students. They also mentioned how much information was available to them on the night. This is a true reflection of our knowledgeable the staff are at St Cuthbert's. Students and Parents commented on how good the displays were and how well the event was set up.

All staff who supported with the event were there to give students and Parents advice on any concerns they had.

Overall, it was a great event.

Enrichment Opportunities

The Manchester United Foundation, along with the Growth Company, are offering a unique opportunity for our Year 11 students this summer.

The summer programme is designed to improve employability skills with activities to build confidence and team-building skills.

There will be a range of activities on offer. For example: Old Trafford Stadium tours, bowling and arts and crafts among others.

Parents and carers can sign you up by following the QR code.



The Growth Company **Manchester United Foundation**

Bursary available up to £40 per week!

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2024

Rochdale Training Centre

If you are aged 16 - 18 and looking for a way to keep busy this summer, then we have a great opportunity for you!

Our Summer Programme is designed to improve your employability skills with activities to build your confidence and team building skills. You can participate remotely or attend our Centre - or a mixture of both.

If you do not already hold an Employability qualification, then we will support you in achieving this during the programme.

You can join in the practical sessions which include:

- Construction
- Outdoor activities (water sports, orienteering)
- Arts and crafts
- Mental health support
- Day trips
- Well-being support

START DATES FROM 1 AUGUST

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The Growth Company Summer Programme 2024

Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment opportunities for young people

Rochdale secondary schools are working together with ALTUS to develop an enrichment offer for young people. We want to bring together a range of activities across Rochdale, Middleton, Heywood and Littleborough that support you to develop your hobbies and interests whilst gaining skills that will help you achieve your future goals.

Have your say!

Please complete the following questions to let us know your thoughts, opinions and ideas.
We will use this information to create an offer that everyone can access and benefit from.

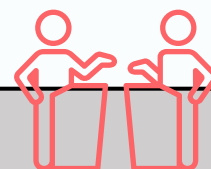
Follow the link to complete the questionnaire:

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Easter GCSE Revision

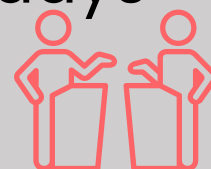
Monday 1st April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd April	Science 10am - 1pm (Higher Paper - NGN) Sports Hall Mezzanine Science - 9am - 12pm (Foundation Paper - DMS) - Main School Hall (limited places - must sign up) Psychology - 10am - 1pm - SWS - Room 412
Wednesday 3rd April	Science - 9am - 12pm (Foundation Paper - DMS) - Main School Hall (limited places - must sign up) Sociology - 9am-12pm - ACO - Room 412 RE - 10 - 1 - ALY - Room 413
Thursday 4th April	GCSE Music - 9am - 2pm - AHF - Music Room GCSE Drama - 9.30am - 12.30pm - LMY - Main School Hall RE - 10am - 1pm - ALY - Room 412
Friday 5th April	No Lessons



Easter GCSE Revision

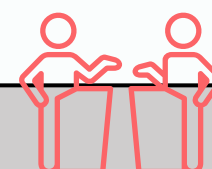
Monday 8th April	RE - 10am - 1pm - ALY - Room 412 RE - 10am - 1pm - SCN - Room 413 RE 10am - 1pm - RBA - Room 414
Tuesday 9th April	English - 10am - 1pm - Humanities Block
Wednesday 10th April	GCSE Food - 9.30am - 1pm - Room 412 GCSE DT - 9.30am - 1pm - Room 413
Thursday 11th April	GCSE PE - 10am - 2pm - 412 and Sports-hall - you will need sportswear and trainers
Friday 12th April	No Lessons

All students will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks for the days they are attending.



Lunchtime Enrichment

M	Year 10 and 11 Football (3g – DAA)
T	Year 10 and 11 Football (3g – DAA) Years 9 and 10 Netball (MMS/HWD – SH) Eco Team (NHD – 313) Vocal group (406 – AHT)
W	Year 10 and 11 Football (3g – DAA) Year 7 and 8 Dodgeball club (HWD – SH) Kaleidoscope club (ALY/KFR – 310)
Th	Year 10 and 11 Football (3g – DAA) KS3 Badminton (JRN – SH) Gift team (NHD – 313)
F	Years 10 and 11 Football (3g – DAA) Years 7 and 8 Dodgeball (HWD – Gym)



After-school Enrichment

M	Year 10 and 11 Boys Football matches Year 7 and 8 Dance club (AHS - 405) Year 10 GCSE Art catch up (SAN - 101)
T	KS3 Drama Club (LMY - Hall) Year 7 and 9 Football practices and games (3G - DAA) Year 10 Health and Social Care coursework support (DEE) All Year groups Girls Football (JHT - 3g/Sports hall)
W	NO ACTIVITIES
Th	KS3 Keyboard club (JMS - 408) Year 10 GCSE Art catch up (SAN - 101) Year 10 Health and Social Care coursework support (DEE) Textiles Club (CSR)
F	Year 10 - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh meetings (last Friday of each month - JHT/HWD - 409) Year 8 football (3G - KKA/ EGT) Year 9, 10 and 11 Dance Club (AHS - 405)

