



## FAMILIES UPDATE WEEK 28

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

*"With your hearts in God, with open hands, and a big smile, share the joy of the Gospel with all those you encounter." (Pope Francis)*

Last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday, a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In his message for Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis said:

*"To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love."*

Let us pray that all people may know clearly the work that God is calling them to do in life and that they may have every grace to answer that call with courage, love, and lasting dedication to God's will.

Wishing you and your families a restful and restorative weekend.

Yours sincerely

Daniel P. Murray  
Headmaster

The week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April will be **Week A**

### General Information

**Parking on Gretna Road:** When parking outside of school at the start and end of the day, please be considerate of our neighbours on Gretna Road. We have been informed by residents that cars have been blocking driveways leading residents to be late for work and appointments.

We would also like to remind parents that no cars should be parked on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school on Gretna Road in restricted hours. The restricted hours are between 8.00am and 5.00pm.

Regarding this matter, Newcastle City Council state that:

*Vehicles should not block residents drives as this could result in a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) being issued by the Local Authority.*

*Immediately outside of schools, there will often be yellow zig zag lines and the words "School Keep Clear" in place to help ensure that the area immediately outside the school is kept clear for safety reasons. A vehicle may not stop on zig zag lines during the restricted no stopping times. This parking restriction also applies to Disabled Blue Badge holders. [Source](#).*

**Golf lessons at Close House Golf Club – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** We have secured a fantastic opportunity for up to 12 pupils to receive group golf lessons at the prestigious Close House Golf Club. Please note that there is no cost for the lessons, and details are outlined below.

Your son will be transported via school minibus to Close House, located just outside Heddon on the Wall. Lessons begin at 4.00pm and your son will be returned to school via the school minibus for 5:15pm, unless arrangements are made to collect your son from the golf course's academy at 4:45pm.

The lessons are funded for a series of at least 6 lessons, every Wednesday night between the dates shown. Equipment is provided. There will be no lesson during half term. If your son is interested, they should speak to their PE teacher. They will be expected to attend all scheduled sessions as places are limited.

The boys will be supervised during the lessons by a member of St Cuthbert's PE staff, as well as receiving lessons from a PGA qualified golf academy coach from Close House Golf Club.

**Year 7 Parents' Evening Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Parents' evening appointments have opened to book via SchoolCloud. Some teachers may already be fully booked, if this is the case, and you would like some feedback, please email us at [admin@scchs.org.uk](mailto:admin@scchs.org.uk) with your son's name and the specific teachers you wish to receive feedback from. We will collate this feedback and email it back to you.

**Year 10 Supporting Your Son:** This event will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm - 6.30pm and is an opportunity for parents to understand how they can support their son to achieve his best in the GCSE examinations. Further details will be emailed to Year 10 parents next week.

**Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Days:** Sixth Form Transition Days for Year 11 will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This will include: an introduction into the Climate and Culture of the Sixth Form, lesson tasters, co-curricular sessions, apprenticeship/college workshops, and culminating in a celebration event.

Co-Curricular PE Clubs		
Day	Lunch Time	After School
	12.20pm - 12.55pm	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Monday	Cricket Club (All Year groups)	
Tuesday	Year 10 - 11 Exam PE Table Tennis Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club Year 7 & 8 Climbing Club	Tennis Club (Year 7, 8 & 9)
Wednesday	Table Tennis (Year 7 & 8) Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club Running Club (Year 7, 8 & 9)	Tennis Club (Year 9 & 10) Golf Club (Close House)
Thursday	Dodgeball (Year 7 and 8) Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club	Cricket Club (All Years)
Friday	Year 10 & 11 Exam PE Table Tennis	Sixth Form Volleyball Club

Fixtures this week				
Year Group	Vs	Day/Date	Venue	Kick Off Time
Year 8 Football Leagues Finals	Multiple Teams	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Walker	4.00pm
Year 10 Football League Finals	Multiple Teams	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Walbottle	4.00pm

**Exit from school:** At the end of all home and away fixtures, if pupils are being collected by parents and carers, they should be picked up at the Gretna Road entrance to the school.

**PE Kit:** Could we please remind parents that pupils/students must bring PE kit to **every** lesson? If a pupil is ill or injured, please write a note stating what the issue is and the PE staff will provide the pupil with another role within the lesson ensuring that their learning and progress continues.

**Lost PE Kit:** At the end of each academic week, any PE kit that has been left in the PE Department will be transferred to student reception.



Please follow [StCuthbertsCC](#) on Twitter for updated results.



### Careers Development

**Careers podcast:** With the upcoming North East Mayoral Combined Authority elections, why not learn about a career in politics? Listen [here](#) for the latest podcast.

**Student guide to University:** Thinking about going to University? Read [here](#) to find the latest guide for you and your son.

### Sixth Form

**Head Boy applications:** The deadline for applications is midday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to a competitive and high-quality selection process.

**Year Photo and Leavers' Hoodies:** Orders are now being taken for our Year 13 group photo and Leavers Hoody. All orders should be directed to the Finance Office.

### PSHE at Home

	Week 28 lesson title	PSHE at home Task
Years 7 to 12	Contextual Safeguarding: Drug crime in Newcastle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 arrests and over £800,000 worth of Class A drugs seized in clampdown across North East (October 2021)</li> <li>• Five arrested in Newcastle 'spice' drug raids after deaths of three men (October 2021)</li> <li>• Suspected dealer charged after guns and cocaine seized in Newcastle (October 2021)</li> <li>• Cocaine and crystal meth with street value of up to £11m have been uncovered by police in North East (February 2022)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspected drug dealers arrested in series of dawn raids in Newcastle (May 2021)</li> </ul> <p>According to newspaper headlines, is there an issue with drug crime in the area?</p>
Year 13	Year 13 have now finished their PSHE lessons and will focus on revision.	

### Words of the Week

Please use and encourage your son to use their word of the week around the home. The more your son is exposed to this word, the quicker that word will become part of their vocabulary.

This week's words are:

Year 7	parallel
Year 8	nevertheless
Year 9	sustain
Year 10	intrinsic

### Numeracy Brainteaser

The answer to last week's puzzle was 5420; the first digit is the number of letters, the second digit is the sequence of month, then the next number is multiplication of the first two digits. Look out for the next one in next week's update.

### Prayers

**Pray with the Pope:** The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions Brought to you by Apostleship of Prayer the first Friday of each month. You can access these prayers [here](#).

**Prayer for the Week:** This week's prayer is our diocesan Daily Prayer for Vocations.

*Heavenly Father,  
in Baptism, you called us by name  
and made us members of your family, the Church.*

*Help all your people to know their vocation in life,  
and to respond by living a life of holiness.*

*For your greater glory and for the service of your people,  
raise up dedicated and generous men who will serve as priests  
for the Church of Hexham and Newcastle.*

*Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen our communities,  
our seminarians and all who are discerning their vocation.  
Amen.*

*Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.  
St Cuthbert, pray for us.*

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