



## FAMILIES UPDATE WEEK 35

21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga. Whether it is an accident of history or the work of the Holy Spirit when one meets a saint, one often meets multiple saints. This is just as true in the life of St Aloysius as anywhere. St Aloysius received his first communion from St Charles Borromeo and was formed by St Robert Bellarmine during his time in the Society of Jesus.

It is no coincidence that saints are found in clusters. This is because Christianity is difficult to live alone. The scriptures tell us that just as "Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) The people who surround us have a profound influence on us.

*(based on an Ignatian reflection)*

This is a truth that we must recapture. All too often today we are told that faith is a private matter, or that there is no room for it in the public square. But our faith is communal by nature. Basil Hume OSB, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, is quoted as saying 'Faith is always personal, but it is never individual'.

Jesuits like St Aloysius Gonzaga refer to their fellow Jesuits as 'friends in the Lord'. Can we be, to all we meet, friends in the Lord, formed by His example and close to Him?

Wishing you a restful and restorative weekend.

Yours sincerely

Daniel P. Murray  
**Headmaster**

The week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June will be **Week B**

### General Information

**Pupil/Student Medication:** Medication stored in school for pupils and students will need to be collected by parents/carers. Uncollected medication will be destroyed.

**Year 11 to 12 transition:** Well done Year 11 on completion of your GCSE exams. We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form Transition Days on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### Uniform Sales

Our uniform suppliers can offer the opportunity to purchase uniform during the Summer School or during Week 6 of the summer holidays.

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History (access via Student Reception)
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History (access via Student Reception)
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History (access via Student Reception)
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History (access via Student Reception)
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	10.00am – 3.30pm	History (access via Student Reception)

Thank you to parents/carers for your continuing support in ensuring the highest standards of school uniform. Before the start of the new academic year, we wish to remind all parents/carers and pupils of our uniform and appearance rules as set out in our Uniform Policy (available on our [website](#)).

Please ensure that any new items purchased for school are in keeping with the Uniform Policy.

- Ties are to be done up and worn from the neck to the waist.
- Socks are to be plain grey or black (white socks are not acceptable).
- Shoes are to be black leather, plain, formal, and polished. Laces and stitching are to be black.

Pupils who fail to wear uniform correctly will be dealt with according to the School's Behaviour Policy.

All items provided by The School Outfit have been approved by the school and can be purchased from their [website](#).

**Recycled Uniform:** If your son's uniform is too small for him, but is in reasonable condition, can you please consider donating it to school, so that we have hold a stock of uniform here? This will help to support other families when blazers are damaged, or boys grow out of them during the year. For parents/carers of pupils in Year 11 please consider donating any items of school uniform that your son will no longer need. Thank you.

Co-Curricular PE Clubs		
Day	Lunch Time	After School
		12.20pm – 12.55pm

<b>Monday</b>	Cricket Club (All Years)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 10 – 11 Exam PE Table Tennis Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club Year 7 & 8 Climbing Club	Tennis Club (Year 7, 8 & 9)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Table Tennis (Year 7 & 8) Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club Running Club (Year 7, 8 & 9)	Tennis Club (Year 9 & 10) Rounders Club (Year 8 & 9) Golf Club (Close House)
<b>Thursday</b>	Dodgeball (Year 7 and 8) Year 10 & 11 Fitness Club	Cricket Club (All Years)
<b>Friday</b>	Year 10 & 11 Exam PE Table Tennis	

**Fixtures week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Vs</b>	<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Kick Off Time</b>
Year 8 Junior NBA North East Finals	Multiple Teams	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Durham University	Starts 9:30am Finishes 3:15pm

**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](https://twitter.com/StCuthbertsCC) on Twitter for updated results.



## Sixth Form

**Year 13:** Congratulations to our Year 13 students who have completed their final examinations this week. Have a brilliant summer and we will catch up with you on results day, 15<sup>th</sup> August. An email will be sent with our Results Day information.

**Year 12:** Good Luck to our Year 12 who sit their end of year examinations next week. This is followed by a week of work experience.

**Northumbria University:** On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July we have our campus visit to Northumbria University. Details have been emailed to parents.

### PSHE at Home

	Big Question	Sub-unit	Week 35 lesson title	PSHE at home Task
<b>Years 7-10</b>	Contextual Safeguarding lesson		Is gang crime an issue in our local area, Newcastle upon Tyne?	<p>Carly was beaten up and bullied at school before she made friends with an older boy. He was in a gang, had money and said he could protect her. But Carly became in danger and had to find a way to get help.</p> <p>Visit Carly's story at: <a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/real-life-stories/gangs-carlys-story/">https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/real-life-stories/gangs-carlys-story/</a></p> <p>Discuss Carly's story and other resources on the topic of gangs at: <a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gangs/">https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gangs/</a></p>
<b>Year 12</b>	How do I become a man for others?	How can I help create a world of 'justice, truth, peace and love'?	How do I distinguish between violent extremism and legitimate behaviours in democracy?	<p>This week your son has debated the question 'How do I distinguish between violent extremism and legitimate behaviours in democracy?'. Watch the video to discuss the importance of understanding the difference between violent extremism and legitimate behaviours in democracy.</p> <p>What causes extremism? - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uX-AOi8kp2U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uX-AOi8kp2U</a></p>

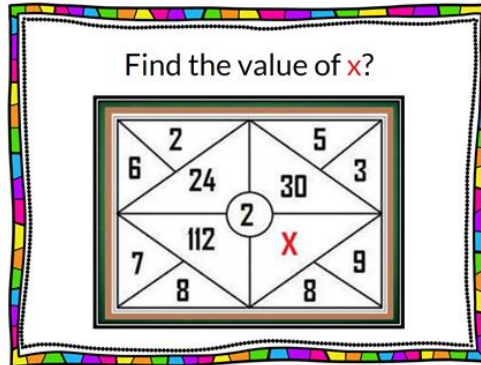
### Words of the Week

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:

<b>Year 7</b>	hypothesis
<b>Year 8</b>	comprehensive
<b>Year 9</b>	empirical

### Numeracy Brainteaser

This week's brainteaser for you to have a go at. Answer will be shared in next week's update.



### Parish News

**Newcastle City Centre (St Mary's Cathedral, St Dominic's, St Michael's and St Andrews):** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

Confirmations 2024- The confirmation course for those between 14 and 18 years of age will begin at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm and each Tuesday thereafter at 7.00pm with the Confirmation itself with Bishop Stephen on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Application forms are available at the back of church and when completed should be handed to one of the clergy.

**All Saints Parish (St Bede's and St George's Churches):** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

St George's Nursery and Reception Classes- Places available in the Nursery and Reception classes at St George's Primary School. Free Nursery places for 15 and 30 hours. More information: email: [office@stgcps.org](mailto:office@stgcps.org) Telephone: 0191 267 5677 or visit their website: [www.stgcps.org](http://www.stgcps.org)

Little Dragons at St George's Catholic Primary School Free Baby and Toddler Group- Every Wednesday from 5<sup>th</sup> June until 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Drop in any time from 8:45am to 10:30am. More information: email: [office@stgcps.org](mailto:office@stgcps.org) Telephone: 0191 267 5677 or visit their website: [www.stgcps.org](http://www.stgcps.org)

**St John Vianney's, St Cuthbert's Throckley and St Marks:** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

Lourdes Bake Sale – We will be holding a bake sale again after 11.00am Mass at St John Vianney on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June to raise funds for our young people going to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage in July. Please come along and enjoy the refreshments.

First Holy Communion – The children at St Cuthbert's will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.00am and at St Mark's on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers.

**English Martyrs, St Robert's and St Cuthbert's Kenton:** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter.

Angels of the North: Baroness Joyce Quin, former Labour MP & co-author introduces us to some more remarkable women of the Northeast in her latest collaboration: Angels of the North 2024. Following Angels of the North 2018, Joyce explains a fresh look at her choice of women & their special links to our region. Join us to hear about some of these amazing women & their achievements. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7.00pm. St Robert's Church Hall Bolbec Road, Fenham, NE4 9EP Entry £5—cash only—refreshments included.

### 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 for today's Feast of St Aloysius.

*Lord, help me to imitate St Aloysius Gonzaga in turning my whole heart toward you.  
May the light within me focus outward so that I may engage your people  
in a way that helps everyone to grow closer to you.  
Amen.*

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

*St Cuthbert, pray for us.*

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