



FAMILIES UPDATE WEEK 36

28th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

On 29th June each year, we remember and celebrate two of God's most unlikely heroes; Peter and Paul. Each in their own way carried on the mission and ministry of Jesus as they proclaimed the Gospel through their words and actions as missionary disciples in the early church.

Given his history, no one in their right mind would have picked Peter to lead the new church. But God's ways are not our ways. God does not choose the powerful, the wealthy, the clever or the important. God chooses the least likely who have the most potential. God does not look at outer appearance, but at the heart of a person.

Paul never actually met Jesus, but he did experience Jesus in a most profound way. On the road to Damascus; he heard these words, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' By persecuting the followers of Jesus, Saul is persecuting Jesus himself. Saul becomes Paul, the greatest missionary of the early Church. Again, God does not look at outer appearance, but at the heart of a person.

(based on an Oblates reflection)

Who are the unlikely heroes of the Gospel today? Can we look at the heart of a person rather than judging by outward appearances?

Wishing you a restful and restorative weekend.

Yours sincerely

Daniel P. Murray
Headmaster

The week beginning Monday 1st July will be **Week A**

Arrangements for the end of the Academic Year

The Easter Term and the Academic Year end Friday 19th July 2024. As in previous years, the school will close earlier than usual on this day. Pupils in Year 7-10 will have a staggered exit by Year Groups beginning at 1.00pm until 1.15pm. The school office will remain open until 3.00pm, closing one hour earlier than usual.

If for any reason your son needs to remain in school until 3.00pm as usual, please contact your son's Head of Year, so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. The scholars service will run at the usual time for any pupil remaining in school until 3.00pm.

Arrangements for START of the NEW Academic Year

The first day of the Michaelmas Term and the new Academic Year is **Wednesday 4th September 2024**. All pupils should be on site by 8.30am and so that they can be in their Form Class for a prompt start at 8.40am.

The Fox and Hounds Gate will close at **8.30am** and the Gretna Road will close at **8.35am**.

School Office

In the first week of the school holidays (week beginning Monday 22nd July 2024) we will be holding our Year 6 Summer School and therefore the school office will be open. See table below for school office opening hours for the remainder of the summer break:

Week	Dates	School Office Opening Times
1	Week commencing 22 nd July 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
2	Week commencing 29 th July 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
3	Week commencing 5 th August 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
4	Week commencing 12 th August 2023	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
5	Week commencing 19 th August 2024	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm
6	Week commencing 26 th August 2024 (With the exception of Monday 26 th August)	Open 8:00am – 4:00pm

General Information

Author Visit: On Tuesday the 2nd July author **James Campbell** will be visiting St Cuthbert's. Years 7 and 8 will each receive an assembly from James with the chance to ask questions and purchase books to be signed. A selection of books will be sold, the details of which can be found at www.jamescampbellauthor.com. If your son is interested in purchasing his own copy, books will be £8, cash or card accepted. Any questions, please contact Ms Black in the library.

Medication: Parents and carers please note that medication for pupils and students must be collected before the end of term as we are not allowed to keep it in school over the holidays. Any medication not collected by Friday 19th July will be destroyed.

Year 11 transition: We welcomed Year 11 pupils to our Sixth Form Transition days this week. The boys attended a range of lessons, progression activities and co-curricular tasters as part of the days. The pupils were incredibly positive about the days and particularly about the quality of the lessons experienced. Have a look on our Twitter page @StCuthberts6th for more information.

The maturity and engagement of the pupils was first class. We look forward to welcoming them into Sixth Form in September. Enjoy the extended summer break and good luck for results day.

Co-Curricular PE Clubs

Day	Lunch Time	After School
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	12.20pm – 12.55pm	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday	Cricket Club (All Years)	
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) Rounders Club (Year 8 & 9) 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	

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 12: Well done to our Year 12 students who completed their end of year examinations this week. We wish them well as they take on some work experience next week.

Careers Development

Apprenticeship awareness: take a look at the latest newsletter [here](#) to find out more about apprenticeships.

PSHE at Home				
	Big Question	Sub-unit	Week 36 lesson title	PSHE at home Task
Year 7	How do I become ready for work?	All about me; a consideration of my skills, qualities and personality and how does this link to my future goals ?	A – Z of Jobs challenge Review my skills and qualities	This week your son has learnt what the difference is between skills and qualities. Your son has identified what skills and qualities he already possesses. How could your son develop more skills and qualities? Take the skills challenge! https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homelearning/skills-challenges
Year 8		The importance of Listening with Patricia, a Subject Matter Expert at KPMG	How can I develop the required skills for education and employment?	This week your son has learnt what Listening skills are and what the need for this in the work place. How could your son develop their Listening skills? Go to the Skills Builder HOMEZONE, decide if your son is Getting started, Intermediate, Advanced or at Mastery level, watch the introductory video and build the skill together. https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/listening-getting-started
Year 9		Further, Higher Education or Apprenticeships; which is the right route for me?	Future Me; where do I want to go and how do I get there?	This week your son has learnt what the different options are at 16 and 18. How could your son start to plan his own pathway? Talking Futures has a range of resources to help you do further research and develop your careers conversations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Activities to try at home include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a family action plan to map out what you will do to explore the different options. ○ Supporting your child to complete a pathway planner to help them to consider all the decisions they need to make and who they need support from. ○ A conversation starter activity to prompt your discussions with your child. To access these resources go to www.talkingfutures.org.uk/parents/

Year 10		What is a CV and what will I include on mine?	How can I prepare myself for next steps after Year 11 and beyond?	<p>This week your son has learnt how to construct a CV and the key information required.</p> <p>Why not create a CV at home? Useful websites are:</p> <p>https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/how-to-write-a-cv</p> <p>https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/cv-sections</p> <p>https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/tools-resources/finding-job/cv-tips</p>
Year 12	How do I become a man for others?	How can I help create a world of 'justice, truth, peace and love'?	How can we reduce the risk of violent extremism?	<p>This week your son has debated the question 'How can we reduce the risk of violent extremism?'. Watch the video to discuss the importance of preparing for interviews and the key strategies on perfecting your interview technique.</p> <p>Reducing violent extremism- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tm6imYYZ-o</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:

Year 7	hierarchy
Year 8	dynamic
Year 9	stimulus/stimuli
Year 10	penultimate

Numeracy Brainteaser

The answer to last week's puzzle was 144. Look out for the last brainteaser for this academic year 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 3rd September at 7.00pm and each Tuesday thereafter at 7.00pm with the Confirmation itself with Bishop Stephen on Tuesday 8th 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.

Cake Stall (St George's): St George's Ladies group are having a cake stall on Saturday 29th June to raise funds towards the cost of our young people going to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage in July. Cakes will be on sale from 5.30pm – 6.00pm and then after Mass.

Pie and Peas Supper: There will be a Pie & Peas Supper at St George's Club on Thursday 18th July at 7.30pm with Bingo, quiz and raffle. Tickets: £5. Everyone is welcome.

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

Youth 2000 is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise, reflection and social on Sunday 7th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's RC church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from frnickjennings@uwclub.net) Further enquiries email irishanthony12@gmail.com Don't forget to book for the Youth2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey August 23-26 <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024> Please see the poster at the back of church.

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

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 1st 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 a prayer for Ss Peter and Paul.

God of saints and sinners,
by the power of the Holy Spirit Peter and Paul
bore courageous witness to the death and resurrection of your Son.
Hear our prayer for your blessings,
that we may be more faithful witnesses to the truth of the Gospel,
the Good News of Jesus Christ,
both now and for ever.
Amen

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

St Cuthbert, pray for us.

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