



## FAMILIES UPDATE WEEK 37

5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

On Wednesday of this week, we celebrated the Feast of St Thomas. In the Gospels, Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Thomas' unbelief in the risen Lord's appearance was altered the moment he touched the wound of Christ's side. He was filled with wonder and awe in the fulfillment of the resurrection.

The disciples had firsthand experiences with Jesus. Followers today come to know Jesus through their personal encounters with him in scripture, prayer, liturgy, or service. An encounter with the risen Lord is unforgettable; it dwells and wells up in you as you recall it.

*(based on an Ignatian reflection)*

Whether through the artwork that the boys produce, or through their impressive musical performances, or even in the day to day encounters, I often stand in wonder and awe of the God-given talents they possess. Each day, I am privileged to encounter Christ at work in the school community.

Where do you experience wonder and awe? Is it in scripture, solitude, or nature? Is it through those you serve?

Wishing you a restful and restorative weekend.

Yours sincerely

Daniel P. Murray  
Headmaster

### General Information

**Library:** All library books must be returned to the library before the last day of term. At this time we cannot allow boys to borrow books over the holidays. However, thousands of ebooks and audiobooks are available to enjoy over the summer holidays. These can be accessed from the school website [here](#). All login details for ebooks and audiobooks can be found on this webpage. Any questions contact: [library@scchs.org.uk](mailto:library@scchs.org.uk)

**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 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.

### 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](#).

Co-Curricular PE Clubs		
Day	Lunch Time	After School
	12.20pm – 12.55pm	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday	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)
<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 8<sup>th</sup> July

Year Group	Vs	Day/Date	Venue	Kick Off Time
U13 Indoor Cricket	St Mary's	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	St Cuthbert's	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](https://twitter.com/StCuthbertsCC) on Twitter for updated results.



### Sixth Form

**Year 12 Campus Visit:** Year 12 will be visiting Northumbria University on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Parents should fill in the online EV7 form.

### PSHE at Home

Big Question	Sub-unit	Week 37 lesson title	PSHE at home Task
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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 ?	'Top Dog'; what does success look like to you, who would you say is successful? Can you give examples? What makes them successful?	This week your son has thought about their role models and what skills and qualities they possess. How could your son develop more skills and qualities to be like their role model? Take the skills challenge! Or complete the Extra activities on the slides <a href="https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homelearning/skills-challenges">https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homelearning/skills-challenges</a>
Year 8		How can I develop the required skills for education and employment?	The importance of Speaking with Bethany, an Events and Hospitality Associate at KPMG	This week your son has learnt what Speaking skills are and what the need for this in the work place. How could your son develop their Speaking 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. <a href="https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/speaking-getting-started">https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/speaking-getting-started</a>
Year 9		Future Me; where do I want to go and how do I get there?	My pathway; thinking about my strengths and interests, what is a job role in a business sector that I would be interested in as a future career	This week your son has thought about their own strengths and interests and what is their unique selling point. How could you and your son learn more about their next steps and their own personal journey? Go to <a href="https://icould.com/information-for-parents/">https://icould.com/information-for-parents/</a>
Year 10		How can I prepare myself for next steps after Year 11 and beyond?	How can I prepare for an interview and why should I be chosen for opportunities that come my way?	This week your son has learnt how to prepare for an interview. How can you help him prepare further? Practise your skills with a virtual job interview <a href="https://barclayslifskills.com/i-want-to-prepare-for-an-interview/school/">https://barclayslifskills.com/i-want-to-prepare-for-an-interview/school/</a>
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 I identify techniques used to engage someone with an extremist group?	This week your son has debated the question 'How can I identify techniques used to engage someone with an extremist group?'. Watch the video to discuss the importance of being able to identify signs of possible extremism recruitment tactics. Extremist recruitment efforts - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU_Ay8rAzg4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU_Ay8rAzg4</a>

## Words of the Week

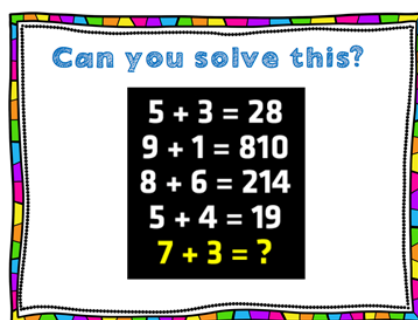
Please use and encourage your son to use their word of the week around the home. The more your son is exposed to this word, the quicker that word will become part of their vocabulary.

This week's words are:

Year 7	formula
Year 8	isolate
Year 9	ostentatious
Year 10	ultimate

## Numeracy Brainteaser

The last brainteaser for this academic year 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.

**Fundraising for the Little Sisters of the Poor:** David and Teresa O'Neill raise funds for the Little Sisters at St Joseph's Home by collecting & sorting used postage stamps (any period or country), foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families. To date they have raised over £21,200 which helps the Sisters run St Joseph's. If you are able to help, please contact David & Theresa O'Neill, 34 Morston Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7RZ, Tel: 0191 264 5771.

**Pie and Peas Supper:** There will be a Pie & Peas Supper at St George's Club on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:frnickjennings@uwclub.net) ) Further enquiries email [irishanthony12@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Would you like to be an Altar Server? If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to learn how more about the Mass and how to serve at the Altar. Please speak to Fr Damian or Fr Paul after Mass.

**English Martyrs, St Robert's and St Cuthbert's Kenton:** Click [here](#) for the latest parish newsletter. Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities & transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted & free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities & excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

## 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 the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle.

Father, let our celebration of the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle  
be the source of his unfailing help and protection.  
Fill us with your life-giving grace  
through faith in your Son, Jesus,  
whom Thomas acknowledged to be his Lord and God.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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

*St Cuthbert, pray for us.*

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