



St Cuthbert Mayne School

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I want to thank you for your continued support throughout the most extraordinary of terms. It has been fantastic to welcome all students back to school and they have re-engaged with their learning really well. We are looking forward to building on this great start in the Summer term.

Building Project

Over the Easter holidays our £3.6 million building project will start. We are really excited about the improvements this project will make to our school. There will be some changes to our normal operation procedures during the 12 month project, but we will be keeping students and parents updated throughout. As with any building project of this scale, there will be a significant number of contractors on site, which will place an additional pressure on parking and traffic in the Trumlands Road area. We would encourage as many students to walk or cycle to school as possible. If parents need to drive their child to and from school, we would ask that you drop or collect them a short walk from school and avoid entering Trumlands Road.

Home Testing

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this national programme. Schools have been tasked with asking parents to continue testing their children during the school holidays. Therefore, we would ask that your child continues to test on Sundays and Wednesdays after 6pm throughout the Easter holidays please.

Student Progress Data

Shortly after Easter, we will be sending home progress checks for all year groups. For Key Stage 3, this will be for 'Attitude to Learning' only, with two further full progress checks taking place later in the term.



International Cross
of Nails Schools



We have recently invested in an online platform which allows us to host virtual Parents' Evenings reliably and safely. After Easter, Miss Gale will be writing to all Year 8 parents with information on how to access this platform and book appointment ready for the Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 29th April. The letter will also include details of alternative arrangements for those without internet access. As COVID restrictions begin to lift we will review whether the Year 7 Parents' Evening planned for the 6th July will be hosted virtually or in school.

TikTok

We are aware that many young people are accessing Tik Tok via their mobile phones. Recently, a video went viral on a national level that encouraged school children to use their face mask strings to saw through and damage their school chair. We are aware that children in Torbay schools have seen this video and have copied this behaviour. We have reminded the students that anyone caught damaging school property at St Cuthbert Mayne school will be charged for a replacement.

A movement committed to eradicating rape culture

Over the last week the website 'Everyone's Invited' has drawn much publicity for the shocking testimonials from over 10,000 people describing sexual abuse by other young people.

A new helpline has been set up to provide both children and adults who are potential victims of sexual abuse with the appropriate support and advice. This includes how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. The helpline will also provide support to parents and professionals too. The number can be found here: Dedicated NSPCC helpline 0800 136 663.

Should any parent or student wish to discuss any safeguarding related issue, they are encouraged to contact Mrs Sharon Walker, our Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01803 328725.

Face Coverings

We understand that this Easter the government will be reviewing the latest guidance on students in secondary schools wearing face masks in classrooms. We will update parents should there be any change in the guidance. We would strongly encourage parents to purchase a reusable face mask, which can be washed regularly. There has been an increase locally in the number of disposable face masks littering the environment. It is important that stewards of creation, we take responsibility for protecting the environment and not litter. We will be working with students on this next term so we play our part in the local community.

Key dates for next term

Upcoming Events	
Monday 26th April - Tuesday 27th April	HPV vaccination
Thursday 29th April	Yr 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 28th May	Year 11 & 13 students move to transitional learning timetable
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Half Term
Thursday 17th June	UCAS Deadline
Friday 18th June	Centre Assessed Grades Submission Deadline
Friday 25th June	Enhanced Y6 Transition Day
Monday 28th June - Friday 9th July	Yr 10 & Yr 12 Mock Exams
Tuesday 29th June	St Peter & St Paul Services
Thursday 1st July	Yr 6 Transition Day
Tuesday 6th July	Yr 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 9th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 13th July	Yr 12 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20th July	End of Year Service
Wednesday 21st July - Friday 23rd July	Enrichment Days
Friday 23rd July	Last Day of the Summer Term

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and holy Easter.

Christ is Risen - Alleluia, Alleluia!

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 19th April.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. James Down
Headteacher