



St Cuthbert Mayne School

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Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of the most extraordinary school year!

None of us could have imagined last September that the year would have played out quite the way it has. Over the last fourteen weeks of school closure we have all had to learn to do things differently and it's important to acknowledge the resilience we have all shown to adapt to this new way of living and working. We would like to thank all parents for responding so positively to the challenge of supporting their child to learn remotely. We know this hasn't been easy and many of you will have had to juggle the demands of your day job while trying to keep your child focused.

I would also like to put on record my thanks to all the amazing staff we have here at St Cuthbert Mayne. They really have been phenomenal in supporting remote learning, digesting daily guidance from the government and being courageous and creative in planning for the wider and full reopening of school from September. This is in addition to supporting their own children with remote learning. Collectively, we should all be very proud of the way we have responded as a community.

Staffing

I am pleased to report that the school will continue to be fully staffed with specialist teachers in all subjects from September.

Today we say goodbye to the following staff:

Mrs Sam Brown, Teacher of History
Mr Callum Cutler, Learning Mentor
Ms Carina Muir, Teacher of English
Mr Frank Keenan, Minibus Driver
Miss Sue Leverton, Teacher of English
Mr Patrick Marsh, Teacher of Science
Mr Edward Roberts, Learning Mentor
Miss Sarah Rust Ashford, Science Technician



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In September we will be welcoming the following members of staff to our school community:

Mrs Beth Andrews-Dawson, Teacher of English
Mrs Alison Barnes, Deputy SENDCo
Mrs Emma Bristow, Head of Year7 and Teacher of Science
Mrs Emma Firth, Teacher of D & T with Art
Miss Meri Florides, HLTA
Miss Emma Gill, Teacher of Science
Miss Rhiannon Hornabrook, Teacher of English
Mrs Sinead McEwan, Teacher of History
Miss Elizabeth Moore, Learning Support Assistant and Mentor
Miss Hannah Smith, Art Technician
Miss Lauren Smith, Learning Support Assistant and Mentor
Mrs Rachael Smith, Teacher of English
Mrs Sharon Walker, Designated Safeguarding Lead - Associate Senior Leader

I would also like to inform parents that Miss Bennett, our Head of English, will be stepping down her post as Head of Department at the end of this term. Miss Bennett has given 35 years of outstanding service to the school, 28 of these as Head of Department. We are very fortunate that Miss Bennett will continue to teach here at school albeit part time from September. Mr Jukes, our Head of Media Studies, will be taking on responsibility for leading the English team next academic year. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Jukes every success.

A full return to school in September

Over the last few weeks school leaders have been making plans to fully reopen the school to all students in a safe way from September. These plans will continue to take shape over the summer holidays. There will be two important communications sent to parents over the holidays. These will be sent on Friday 21st August and Friday 28th August. We are really looking forward to welcoming back all students in September. School is not the same without them! We have worked hard to follow the government guidance as best we can within our context. While we will be doing things differently in September, all students will have a full timetable and a broad and balanced curriculum. Please find attached some frequently asked questions from parents.

Sixth Form Enrolment

Enrolment forms for our Sixth Form will be posted home to all Year 11 students over the next two weeks. Mr Boughton, Head of Sixth Form, will also be posting a short 2 minute video for Year 11 students on our social media channels.

Chromebook Returns

Thank you to Year 11 and Year 13 students who have returned their Chromebook. Please ensure these are returned to avoid any delays on results days.

Finally, I would like to thank you all once again for your support this year and we wish you all a safe and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J. Down
Headteacher