



# St. Cuthbert's

Roman Catholic High School



Thank you for showing an interest in this post. Please find enclosed some information about St Cuthbert's.

We are a Catholic School with 1100 pupils, aged 11-16, and we serve the parishes of Rochdale. We offer a high quality of education and care to all our pupils, and we aim to develop their talent and abilities during the years which they spend with us.

We have a strong Catholic ethos and are committed to achievement and success.

Further information which you need about our school, including educational opportunities, sporting facilities and extra curricular activities including music and drama are on the school website.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Dr C Meehan  
**Headteacher**



St Cuthbert's is a voluntary aided college, providing a Catholic Education for pupils in the Rochdale area aged 11-16. Over the years we have developed close links with the eight Catholic primary schools in the town:

Alice Ingham, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St Gabriel's, St John's, St Mary's, St Patrick's and St Vincent's.

We welcome applications from all primary schools in Rochdale and neighbouring towns, with open days taking place throughout the year.

We offer all pupils the experience of belonging to a caring, Christian Community, where each pupil is encouraged to develop their talents and ability to the full.

We do this by providing:

- a warm, supportive environment
- a Christian ethos expressed through daily prayer, assemblies, weekly Mass and helping others
- a wide and varied curriculum including vocational options
- an extensive Transition Programme
- a record of excellent examination results
- a wide range of extra-curricular activities e.g. music, dance, drama, sports, gifted/talented options and charity work.

## **A CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE**

### **"IN CHRIST WE SERVE"**

All pupils follow a course of Religious Education, which is designed to enhance their faith journey. Our pupils are encouraged to take an active part in assemblies and liturgies. On a daily basis each form group begins the day by praying together.

All pupils in Year 9 spend a day on retreat outside school and there are opportunities for other groups to go on retreat throughout the year.

On Holy Days of Obligation, Mass is always celebrated in school at the start of the day. This is in addition to our weekly lunchtime Mass.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a Roman Catholic school providing for the children and young people in our care, an excellence of education rooted in and sustained by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

### **VALUES STATEMENT**

We believe that:

All are made in the image and likeness of God.

All people are unique and of equal worth.

A person's worth cannot be measured but their successes should be celebrated.

Each and every one of us is born for greatness; born to become the loving person God intended us to be.

All need help and support in their journey of faith.

Prayer and worship nourishes our relationship with God and each other.

People grow through relationships that affirm, support, respect, trust and show not only tolerance but also forgiveness and reconciliation.

Human flourishing occurs in community and not in isolation; all have responsibilities to themselves and to others.

Strong working relationships between pupils, teachers and parents/carers helps to promote the welfare of individuals in community.

Our gifts, talents and abilities are God given and should be used for the benefit of all.

All have a contribution to make to our community and their differences enrich it.

The whole person, body, mind and spirit should be educated.

Learning should challenge so that potential is fulfilled and talents developed.

Every child has the opportunity and right to learn.

Everyone has the right to feel safe in school.

Working with young people is more than a job – it is a vocation of service and a privilege.

It is hoped that every aspect of school life will support and reflect these aims, and that in particular, the life of the school will find definition in the Good News of the Gospel and in the example of the teaching of Jesus Christ, so that the Christian spirit will be pervasive and obvious and will be reflected in all relationships within the school.

# CAREERS IN TEACHING, LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE.



**St. Cuthbert's**  
Safe | Happy | Successful

## Change the world with us...

Whether you are an NQT looking to begin your career, an experienced teacher looking for promotion or someone who has a desire to improve the life chances of young people, then look no further, St Cuthbert's is for you. We are a thriving community open to new ideas and committed to embracing innovative strategies to improve the lives of young people. Experience and follow the life of our school as it unfolds on a daily basis on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Scrchs>.

Set at the foot of the Pennines with magnificent views over open countryside, St Cuthbert's is just a short drive from the Peak District National Park. Our new school buildings provide an outstanding and innovative learning environment for all of our students. We now boast state-of-the-art facilities and design including indoor and outdoor dining areas with a mezzanine and giant video walls providing media opportunities unrivalled by any other Rochdale school.

St Cuthbert's has always invested extensively in the most advanced technological developments. Our students have access to the most up-to-date ICT equipment and our staff are highly competent at delivering in a 21st Century learning environment.

## What is it like working at St Cuthberts?

"I can genuinely say that St. Cuthbert's is the friendliest school I have ever worked in. Colleagues from all areas of the school have gone out of their way to ask me how I am settling in and students have been equally as open and welcoming.

I have been delighted by the amount of help and guidance I am offered, from both within my department and from the wider school community, making me feel very supported. Overall I feel that St. Cuthbert's is the ideal place for me to begin my teaching career."

**Katie Taylor - MFL teacher**



# Change the **WORLD...** work with us

“Since joining the school in September as an NQT I have benefitted from a supportive network, both within the English department and as part of the NQT induction programme. Colleagues in school are more than happy to share their professional expertise with lesson planning, behaviour management and other aspects of school life.

The students themselves are enthusiastic and friendly, and are willing to take on new challenges. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at St Cuthbert's and feel I have flourished and developed as a teacher within this encouraging environment.”

**Aylish Doherty - English teacher**

“I joined St Cuthbert's in September 2016 as an MFL Teacher after completing part of my teacher training at the school. Since beginning, I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from my colleagues who are always willing to help, it truly feels like a school community.

I thoroughly enjoy working with the pupils at St Cuthbert's and no two days are alike. I am driven by the chance to improve the life chances of the young people in our school and I feel as though I am able to do that on a daily basis thanks to the resources and support available to me. I am very proud to say that I am a teacher at St Cuthbert's and hope to spend many more years here.”

**Sarah Philips - MFL teacher**

## Classrooms

All classrooms are equipped to the highest standard, creating a modern, inviting learning environment. Our recently added Humanities suite comprises four large, bright classrooms. There are six science labs with all the latest equipment, a bespoke technology area with workshop and kitchens and 'The LINC' is dedicated to ICT where students can use the latest equipment and the media/radio studio.



“I started my role as Pastoral Manager at St Cuthbert's in September 2008. I had previously worked for the authority as a Learning Mentor Coordinator for primary schools throughout Rochdale and knew St Cuthbert's by its excellent reputation.

I was assigned to a specific year group and worked closely with the HOY to provide the best pastoral care and support for the pupils, not just in our year group but throughout the school. I have found, in my time here that the pupils and staff are amazing people. Pupils are always willing to try and want to achieve the best they can. Staff members really support each other, senior leadership is truly forward thinking and nothing is beyond a team that works so well together. There have been challenges along the way, not least of all in setting up our inclusion unit or the DEN as we have named it (Discover, Educate and Nurture). This is an area in school that works with some of the most vulnerable pupils, including those who struggle with the routines of a regular school day. This has been a very successful intervention, so much so that it has outgrown the space we use and our school has made significant changes to accommodate us in a much bigger area, listening to the changing needs of our pupils and responding generously.

I have to say I have been very proud to be part of such a caring and supportive community and can only see our school going from strength to strength due to such wonderful pupils and outstanding staff.”

**Kath Egerton. - Pastoral Manager**



"Since starting at St. Cuthbert's I have seen many changes, not only in myself but the students, staff and school environment.

There are many opportunities to develop both professionally and personally and each is done in a caring, Christian community. My promotion to KS3 Co-ordinator came about as I was able to grow and develop within the R.E. department as well as being given support and guidance along the way.

The positive relationship with students and staff is a massive part of what makes St. Cuthbert's such a rewarding place to work. Each day is different, each day will bring a new challenge and each day will help you develop."

**Andrew Hall – RE teacher**



### The Dome

In January 2016, we unveiled our impressive library also known as our 'Dome' which is an inviting and calming space for our students to make use of during lesson, break and lunch times.

I began my career at St Cuthbert's as a trainee teacher in 2007 on the Graduate Teacher Training Programme. I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to establish a foundation for my teaching career working along side other professionals who are supportive, extremely knowledgeable and experienced. I find the pupils at St Cuthbert's to be engaged and receptive. The school is an energetic and vibrant community with pupils who enjoy being challenged to think in different ways.

Through its Catholic ethos St Cuthbert's promotes a love of learning in an environment which is unique and committed to offering a well-rounded, engaging curriculum for its pupils.

**Claire Rothwell - Technology teacher**



### The Cuisine

The Cuisine can seat 350 students. It also includes a mezzanine area and an outdoor seating area which both students and staff can use for break and lunch. Hot and cold healthy food is available along with a wide selection of drinks. Students are able to use the dining facilities in the morning, before school starts, to buy breakfast.

"I joined St Cuthbert's in September 2015 and from my initial impression of the school, the support shown by the Maths department to how welcoming the Headteacher was, I knew I wanted to be part of this community.

Since then the school has lived up to my initial experiences, I couldn't ask for a better department to work for, the sense of unity here is equivalent to being part of a small family. My role as Assistant Head of Maths has allowed me to broaden my experiences and pave the way for to being a well-rounded future leader. From a teaching point of view my skills have diversified over the years, and the school is very supportive in aiding you to develop these skills. I have contributed massively to the wider life of school and gained immense valuable experiences."

**Mohammad Waqass Zahoor - Maths teacher**

"Working at St. Cuthbert's has been a gift to me. I enjoy the privilege of working within a supportive and close-knit whole school community that has undoubtedly shaped my career.

I trained at the school, completed my NQT year here, and I am now a head of year – opportunities for professional development and promotion are widely available. Our students are polite and receptive; they genuinely want you to help them to achieve their potential and this in itself makes teaching at St. Cuthbert's highly rewarding."

Louise Machen - Head of Year



The one thing that impressed me most about St Cuthbert's is the attitude of the staff. I get a feeling of belonging, support and encouragement. The positive atmosphere at is noticeable at all levels, both colleagues and pupils alike are welcoming, helpful and genuine, we all share the same ethics and goals and I feel everyone in the school is an integral part of the whole school team. No two days are the same, working within an educational setting and there is never a dull moment.

At St Cuthbert's you are encouraged to continue your own professional career path and are helped in every way possible, and your success is rewarded. Working closely with students to try and improve their grades has allowed me to push students to their best abilities but it has also helped me grow and continue my personal journey.

Jodie Miller- English technician

## Where to find us

St. Cuthbert's R.C. High School is an 11-16 voluntary aided school serving the wider community of Rochdale in Lancashire.

We are situated off the A671 between Rochdale and Oldham and have excellent links to the M62 and M60 for Manchester and Leeds.

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