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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. I would particularly like to welcome new parents who have children joining our school this year. We have been really impressed with the start that all students have made in school. We have been particularly impressed with our new Year 7 students with their positive attitudes to learning. They have risen to the challenge of finding their way around a new school and getting fully involved in school life.

New Staff

- Will Woodham - Head of Year 10 & Teacher of Science and PE
- Michale Sykes - Associate Assistant Headteacher & Lead for English and Literacy
- Stuart Allcock - Teacher of MFL (Maternity cover)
- James Cole - Teacher of Social Sciences and Personal Development
- Fleur Appleby - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Maritta Hobbs - Pastoral Support Officer (Year 9)
- Taliesin Oldridge - Teacher of Computing
- Dortha Cook - Science Technician
- Donna Virginie - Teacher of Computing
- Louise Brooks - Behaviour Mentor

Student Community Card

This term we have launched our new school community card. The aim of this initiative is to encourage students to get fully involved in the life of the school. Students are tasked with completing a number of challenges to receive their bronze award. Please speak to your child about this.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Extra curricular clubs have now opened for sign-up and we would encourage as many students as possible to get involved. Clubs are a great way to learn new skills, meet new friends and take part in competitions. For full details of our clubs and activities, please click on the link below:

<https://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Clubs-Timetable-Autumn-24.pdf>

School Photos

On Wednesday 18th September, school photographs will be taking place in school. This will be for students in Years 7, 10 and 12, plus new starters in other year groups. As always, students will need to be in full school uniform. Students will be asked to ensure they are wearing their tie correctly and to do up the first button on their blazer for the photo. The event will be supervised by a member of school staff.

The photos are used for school internal use only, however, parents can buy them from the company if they so wish. Proofs will be sent home with the students in due course and all orders are to be made directly with the company.

Parental Consent

To ensure schools comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we need to ask for consent for a variety of different things e.g. if you give permission for your child's photo to be taken and used in school communications. Please can parents click on the link below to complete our consent form for this year: [Consent Form](#)

Autumn Term Canteen Menu

Our school canteen is open from 8:15am to 8:40am for breakfast each day, and serves a range of delicious hot and cold food for students to purchase at break and lunch times during the day. Please visit the school website to view the price list and canteen menu for this half term: [STCM: Canteen](#)

Parking at the end of school

Thank you to all parents who have changed their parking arrangements at the end of school to ensure the safety and well-being of all children. The situation has improved significantly, so thank you very much for your support with this.

School Improvement Priorities for 2024-25

Congratulations to Mrs Marnley, who won the draw for the £50 Amazon voucher for completing our parental survey at the end of the summer term. We saw some significant improvement in parental satisfaction across all measures. I will be writing separately to outline the priorities for 2024-25 and thank all parents for their feedback.

Dates for your diary

This term is always very busy. Please see below some key dates for your diary:

Wednesday	18/09/2024	Yr 7, 10 and 12 School Photographs
Thursday	19/09/2024	Yr 5/6 Open Evening (6pm - 8pm)
Friday	20/09/2024	Lockdown Drill (2.30pm)
Tuesday	24/09/2024	The Day Programme. Behaviour & Safeguarding
Thursday	26/09/2024	Yr 10/12 Information Evening
Friday	27/09/2024	SEND Review Day (Yrs 7 and 11)
Tuesday	01/10/2024	Health & Safety Meeting
Wednesday	02/10/2024	Yr 11 BTEC Sports Practical Moderation Day
Thursday	03/10/2024	Yr 4/5 Open Morning (9.15am - 11.15am)
Thursday	03/10/2024	Meet the Tutor Event
Friday	04/10/2024	Fire Evacuation Drill (Period 2)

I would like to wish you and your child a great term and I look forward to meeting you at the various events we have planned.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher