



# 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 voluntary aided Catholic School with 1100 pupils, 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, St. Vincent's and Our Lady & St. Anselm's.

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

We aim to do our absolute best to help the children in our care to achieve their full potential academically, physically, socially and spiritually; encouraging them to be the very best they can be.

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 wide range of extra-curricular activities e.g. music, dance, drama, sports, gifted/ talented options and charity work.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Shields  
**Headteacher**

# CAREERS IN TEACHING, LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE.



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## 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 has been ideal place for me to begin my teaching career."

**Katie Taylor - MFL teacher**



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



"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 year group and worked closely with the HOY to provide the best pastoral care and support for the students. I have found, in my time here that the students and staff are amazing people. Students 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. This is an area in school that works with some of the most vulnerable students, including those who struggle with the routines of a regular school day. This has been a very successful intervention.

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 students and outstanding staff."

**Kath Egerton - Pastoral Manager**

## **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' a dedicated ICT area where students can use the latest equipment



"Since joining the school 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**



"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 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 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**



"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 is noticeable at all levels, both colleagues and students 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 here and there is never dull moment.

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

Jodie Miller- English Teacher

## 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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### MISSION STATEMENT & SCHOOL PRAYER

*The Lord God requires of us that we should help others whenever we can,  
always make the right choices and be the best that we can be in everything that we do.*