Welcome
to our school

St Cuthbert Mayne School

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St Cuthbert Mayne is a joint Roman Catholic and Church of England school that serves Torbay and South Devon. All children are welcome and valued in our school, regardless of whether they have a faith background or not.

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A good education must promote life in all its fullness.

In our school we are creating a culture where every person in our school family wants to improve, not because they are not good enough but because they can be even better and that there is no limit to what can be achieved.

These are very exciting times for St Cuthbert Mayne and I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Mr James Down
Headteacher

"Educating for life in all its fullness"
- John 10:10

Our Core Values

All children are welcome in our school, regardless of whether they have a faith background or not. We have a strong Christian ethos, which is built on our unique joint Roman Catholic and Church of England foundation.

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At St Cuthbert Mayne School we have a set of core values which are key to **encouraging and motivating students** to be the very best they can be, both inside and outside of school.

Our core values underpin how we work as a school community and are the values we look to develop in all members of the community, to provide a **positive and supportive learning environment** in every part of school.

Compassion
To care for others and be peace makers

Courage
Being confident to embrace challenge

Creativity
To be inventive, resourceful and visionary

Integrity
To do the right thing even when no one is watching

Curriculum

At St Cuthbert Mayne School, students follow a three-year Key Stage 3 and a two-year Key Stage 4 curriculum that provides a strong foundation to educate students for life in all its fullness. Students study a broad range of National Curriculum subjects, allowing them to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to **succeed academically and personally**.

Alongside their academic learning, students take part in Personal Development lessons, which support their understanding of health and wellbeing, relationships, citizenship and careers education. Throughout the year, students also participate in Deep Learning Mornings, giving them opportunities to explore important topics, current affairs, develop wider skills and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Our curriculum is ambitious, inclusive and rooted in our Christian values. We believe **every child has unique talents and the potential to succeed.** Through high-quality teaching and a supportive environment, we encourage students to enjoy learning, challenge themselves and grow in confidence.

We are proud to be a **welcoming and inclusive school community** where achievement, effort and personal growth are celebrated. Beyond the classroom, we provide a wide range of enrichment opportunities that help students develop their interests, creativity, leadership skills and cultural understanding.

At St Cuthbert Mayne, we aim to nurture respectful, resilient and compassionate young people who are well prepared for the next stage of education and future aspirations. We want every student to feel **valued and inspired to achieve their very best.**

Our curriculum provides a **broad, balanced and engaging education** for all students, helping every child achieve their full academic and personal potential. We encourage students to become confident, independent and resilient learners while developing character, leadership and responsibility.

Through our Christian values, we promote respect, kindness and compassion, alongside curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. We are committed to supporting students' emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing, while offering a wide range of enrichment opportunities that **broaden experiences, nurture talents and prepare students** with the knowledge and skills needed for future education and employment.

Student Support

Student wellbeing is at the heart of our school, and every effort is made to ensure that **students feel safe and valued** throughout their time with us. A strong pastoral system including Heads of Year, Tutors, Pastoral Support Officers and the Safeguarding Team, works closely together to **provide the right guidance and personalised support at the right time.**

Students can benefit from the support of our school Chaplain and qualified School Counsellor, who offer **reassurance and guidance.**

Our Diana Award trained Mental Health Student Ambassadors provide peer support, and promote kindness and a **strong sense of community across the school.**

We are also proud to offer a fully supportive Young Carers programme, ens that students with caring responsibilities receive the **understanding and support they need.**

Our commitment to wellbeing has been recognised through the achievement of a Silver Mental Health Award by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools, celebrating our **outstanding provisions for supporting the mental health and wellbeing** of the entire school community.

"Clear, supportive systems and processes are well-embedded to ensure students are safe and their needs are noticed and addressed."
Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health In Schools, 2025

SEND

We are proud to provide an **inclusive, innovative and supportive environment** where every student is encouraged to achieve their full potential. Our dedicated Learning Support Department works closely with students, families and staff to ensure that all learners can access a broad and balanced curriculum, whatever their individual needs.

Our experienced team of Learning Mentors offer personalised support in the classroom, smaller learning groups or one-to-one interventions. We support students with a wide range of Special Educational Needs and disabilities, helping them to **grow in confidence** both academically and personally.

Our welcoming Social Hub provides students with a calm space for extra support, home learning or simply time to talk through any worries. Through flexible and innovative approaches, we work hard to **remove barriers to learning** and ensure that every student feels supported, included and valued.

"Pupils with SEND receive strong support. The school identifies their needs with precision and provides individualised support where required. Staff adapt how they teach the curriculum to ensure that pupils with SEND achieve well." Ofsted, 2025

Enrichment

Learning extends far beyond the classroom at St Cuthbert Mayne! Students are encouraged to take part in a **wide range of enrichment opportunities** that we are lucky enough to be able to offer.

Students enjoy can a variety of educational visits including trips to Parliament, Spaceport Cornwall and the theatre, as well as exciting international travel opportunities such as skiing on the Italian slopes, perusing Paris and school swaps in Spain.

Year 7 students take part in a day of outdoor activities at Grenville House, helping them to build even more **new friendships and confidence** in their first year with us.

There is the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, gaining valuable experiences through adventure and personal challenge.

Students can make a positive difference in the community through a range of volunteering and fundraising projects which support local charities and communities throughout the year.

There are also so many opportunities to get involved within the school too! With musical performances to be a part of, sports teams to join and competitions to get involved in, our students get the chance to **showcase their talents or find a new passion!**

These experiences **help students discover new interests**, broaden their horizons, and make the most of school life beyond the classroom.

Chaplaincy

At St Cuthbert Mayne, our Christian ethos is at the heart of school life. Inspired by Jesus' words in John 10:10, our vision is to **"educate for life in all its fullness,"** helping every student flourish academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Our Chaplain, based in the Cornerstone, **supports the wellbeing of the whole community through worship, pastoral care and guidance,** working alongside the wider pastoral team. Daily Collective Worship, centred on weekly themes and Bible verses, encourages reflection on values, faith and spirituality in an inclusive environment welcoming people of all faiths and none.

As a joint Anglican and Catholic school, we celebrate Christian festivals, offer opportunities for worship from both traditions, and **regularly gather for services that strengthen our community.**

The impact of our Christian ethos is evaluated through the Inspection process conducted by both Churches.

The school's vision of a full life inspires the curriculum intent. Subject leaders deliver a curriculum that prioritises both academic and personal growth.
Statutory Inspection of Anglican
and Methodist Schools Report, 2024

School Meals

At the heart of the school is our modern canteen and social space, designed to create a **welcoming and inclusive environment for all students**. It provides the perfect place for students to refuel, unwind and catch up with friends in a sociable environment.

Our dedicated in-house catering team is **committed to providing a varied selection of nutritious, high-quality meals** each day. Wherever possible, we use locally sourced ingredients and offer healthier options that include reduced-fat, low-sugar and wholemeal products. Our menus are carefully planned to support healthy lifestyles while ensuring students enjoy a wide range of delicious choices.

The canteen operates a cashless payment system, **making purchases simple and secure.** We also offer facilities for advance payments to help families manage meal provision. Our menu follows a four-week cycle and is refreshed each term to reflect seasonal produce and provide variety throughout the year.

As a school, **we are proud to promote healthy eating** and encourage students to make informed nutritional choices, supporting our commitment to maintaining Healthy School Status.

We are **committed to meeting a wide range of dietary and cultural requirements.** Options are available for students who require: Vegan, Gluten-Free, Halal, Lactose-Free, Dairy-Free and Sugar-Free. Please note that gluten-free meals should be pre-booked daily to ensure availability. Menu options may vary depending on stock and supplier availability.

Student Voices

Deciding on a Secondary school is a big step, and who better to hear from than students who've already made that choice? Here's what some of our year 7 students had to say about life St Cuthbert Mayne.

Robbie

"I love it here! It is very welcoming for newcomers. St Cuthbert Mayne offers clubs like netball, rugby, basketball and so much more. I really like my lessons, especially the ones with really fun practicals like Science."

"This is a lovely school and there are so many different opportunities for us. **The teachers are so supportive** and they make every lesson fun and interesting. I love being in my tutor group and we get involved in lots of interform competitions which is so much fun."

Erin

"We have so many opportunities here. I have made lots of friends at chess club. The food here is amazing and if you need any different foods for allergies they always make sure it is sorted out for you. **I love the lessons**, my favourite are Science and RE because they make me think, and are fun and engaging."

Toby

"It is amazing here. You will get lots of opportunities to get help with your work and the teachers are really nice and make sure you learn lots of new things. **St Cuthbert Mayne is all about kindness and helping you learn.** I am certain that you will have a fantastic time here and make lots of friends like I have."

Autumn

Jeanthea

"I've made a lot of amazing friends here and I could always look up to them as they're always there for me. The teachers here are very supportive and kind. **I genuinely love this school** and think you will love it too."

"All of the lessons are made fun by the teachers. **It is easy to make friends and there will always be someone to help you**. My favourite lesson is computing because my teacher is kind and her lessons push me. There are also many opportunities to learn more like computing club and homework club. We also have a fantastic library."

Dylan

Alumni

St Cuthbert Mayne graduate Sian Warren is now a Senior Character and Creature Modeller, creating digital characters and creatures for **major VFX studios including Industrial Light & Magic (ILM), Disney and MPC.**

Her work has featured in productions such as Mufasa: The Lion King, Snow White, Marvel's Ant-Man and Loki, Netflix's Life on Our Planet, **as well as projects for the BBC and Amazon Prime.**

While studying Media Studies, Art and Computing at St Cuthbert Mayne, Sian developed a unique blend of traditional artistic skills and digital creativity. **She went on to study Computer Animation Arts** at Bournemouth University, specialising in digital sculpting, rigging and creature creation.

Alongside her film work, Sian collaborates with palaeontologists to create scientifically accurate prehistoric animal models and has presented internationally on the intersection of art and science.

Sian's advice to students: **"Try everything. You never know what you may love or enjoy, and it is all about learning and observing; reference is key."**

Application Process

At St Cuthbert Mayne School, **we welcome applications from students of all faiths and backgrounds** and are committed to providing an inclusive, supportive environment where every student can flourish.

Admission to Year 7 is coordinated through the local authority's secondary school admissions process. Parents and carers should complete the Common Application Form and list St Cuthbert Mayne as their preferred school. **As places are often highly sought after, families are encouraged to apply by the published deadline.**

As a joint Catholic and Church of England school, St Cuthbert Mayne offers a faith-based admissions route for families wishing to apply on the grounds of religious commitment. Applicants seeking consideration under the school's faith criteria should also complete a Supplementary Information Form, which may require confirmation from a parish priest or minister. This enables applications to be considered in accordance with the school's published admissions policy.

We also welcome applications for in-year admissions from students seeking to join the school during Years 7–11. Whether families are moving into the area or looking for a change of school, applications are considered throughout the academic year, subject to the availability of places and the school's admissions criteria. Our admissions team works closely with families to ensure a smooth and successful transition into school life.

Our Sixth Form welcomes both current students and external applicants. Entry is based on meeting the general Sixth Form requirements and any subject-specific criteria for chosen courses. With a broad range of pathways, students are supported to achieve their ambitions and prepare for their next steps. The Sixth Form represents the culmination of **the journey through St Cuthbert Mayne from Year 7** onwards, building on the knowledge, skills and values developed throughout their time at the school.

For full details of admissions arrangements, application forms, entry requirements and key dates, please visit our website or contact us directly.

Transition

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone, and we understand that it can also feel like a big step for both children and parents.

That's why we help students make the move into Year 7 as smooth, supportive and enjoyable as possible through our carefully planned transition programme.

During the summer term, we work closely with each feeder primary school and Year 6 teachers to gather important academic and pastoral information. This helps us ensure that **every child receives the support and encouragement they need** from the very start of their time with us.

We will either visit your child in their school, or arrange virtual meetings if it is needed. These conversations help us get to know **every student as an individual**, including their academic progress, interests, hobbies and any additional support they may need before joining us. By understanding each student's strengths and needs, we can make sure they feel ready to thrive at secondary school.

For some students, moving to secondary school can feel particularly daunting. That is why our **enhanced transition programme** for children who may benefit from some extra support to begin their new school journey with us. For students with Education Health & Care Plans and high or complex needs, we offer **additional enhanced transition sessions**, with the aim of making sure that transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible.

One of the highlights of the transition programme are the Year 6 Transition Days. Your child will spend two full days at St Cuthbert Mayne, giving them the **opportunity to experience secondary school**, meet their new teachers and classmates, sample our amazing food at lunch, explore the school site and take part in exciting lessons and activities.

We also invite parents and carers to our Welcome Evening, where you will have the chance to meet members of staff, learn more about our school and discover what your child can expect as they begin Year 7.

We also encourage families to explore the Summer School, run by The Big Step. This exciting programme is designed to **help students build confidence, make new friends** and start to settle into St Cuthbert Mayne for September.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school community and **supporting your child every step of the way** as they begin this exciting new chapter.

For more information about joining our school, please contact:
admissions@stcm.torbay.sch.uk

"The school has high aspirations for its pupils. Many areas of the curriculum have been successfully redesigned in recent years to increase ambition. As a result, pupils now benefit from a better quality of education than before, allowing them to achieve more highly."
Ofsted, 2025

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