



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School places a significant emphasis on student's attendance and good punctuality to school.

Research shows that pupils who attend school on a regular basis make good progress and achieve superior exam results. Students that don't attend school fall behind with their work and don't achieve as well.

Students that don't attend are more likely to become disengaged in their learning and their aspirations to succeed are much lower.

Good school attendance shows future employers that a young person is reliable, hardworking and more likely to achieve their full potential.

Children with **over 95% attendance** are **more likely to gain 5 or more A-C GCSEs** or any qualifications

Children with **less than 90%** attendance are **unlikely to gain 5 A-C GCSEs** or any qualifications

Being frequently late for school also adds up to lost learning:

- **Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year**
- **Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year**
- **Arriving 30 minutes late is the same as being absent for 19 days a year**

19 days lost a year through being late = **90% attendance, a student is classed as a Persistent Absentee, their attendance will also be monitored by the Local Authority, potentially resulting in action may be taken against the parent/carer.**

At Cardinal Newman Catholic High School we expect **every** student to strive for 100% attendance with a minimum expectation of 95% for each school year.

Being punctual to school is also one of Cardinal Newman's high expectations. We take into account there maybe one off sessions where students are late to school but persistent punctuality is unacceptable and students are sanctioned for this by their Head of Year. Students are expected to be on school site for 8.40am each day and at their form rooms to register for 8.45am.

If a student is due to be absent from school, it is required that contact is made to school on each day of absence by the parent/carer and the reason for absence provided.

Holidays during term time are not authorised, it is encouraged that all holidays are taken during school holidays. Please ensure that you check the school holiday dates before booking any trip, please also consider any sibling school holidays so confusion is avoided.