



**CARDINAL
NEWMAN**

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Service: Compassion: Forgiveness: Truth



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Cardinal Newman Catholic High School. We are a vibrant, ambitious and caring community, with students drawn from a variety of backgrounds.

A link in a chain

Everything that happens within our school is inspired by gospel values and Cardinal Newman's words that we are all: "a link in a chain. A bond of connection between persons."

Stepping into the future

Our school provides a rich and engaging learning experience with high expectations for all our pupils, whatever their starting points, so that they gain the knowledge and skills to prepare them for their futures. As well as rigorous academic expectations, our school works creatively to prepare pupils for the wider world, and provide them with pathways into successful future careers. Our wider

curriculum provides a coherent programme of opportunities designed to foster a love of learning.

Igniting an interest in the world

We want to inspire our pupils to become lifelong learners, igniting an interest in the world around them, motivating them to lead to fulfilling, compassionate and imaginative lives.

We welcome your interest in our school.



Everyone Is Valued

Community

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School is a community in which 'everyone is valued.'

Dedicated staff

Our dedicated staff inspire, support and challenge each of our students in terms of their emotional and spiritual growth and their academic achievement. We strive to ensure our students are happy and responsible citizens who make a difference to our society.

Academic success

As well as providing high quality learning experiences which ensure our students achieve academic success, we provide an education based upon gospel values, promoting the growth of the whole child.

Extra-curricular opportunities

Our extra-curricular opportunities inspire students to make the best of their talents, with a wide range of clubs. For example, we have particular success in Rugby League and Rowing for both our male and female teams. Performing Arts are a key component of the enrichment on offer with a variety of musical ensembles, a highly successful school show and both Drama and Music thriving at GCSE.

Respectful, calm and productive

We also have high expectations of the conduct and behaviour of all members of our community, which ensures our school is a respectful, calm and productive environment in which we can all thrive and enjoy working and learning.

Mental health

Our cutting-edge provision in mental health and our outstanding pastoral team ensure that our students also have the emotional skills they need to succeed throughout their lives.



Our Values: Service, Compassion, Forgiveness And Truth



Core values

At the heart of our school are our core values, inspired by the Beatitudes and the words of Cardinal Newman, which form our school prayer.

'Heart speaks to Heart'

All members of our community, students, staff, parents and governors aim to live out our values of Service, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth in our interactions with one another. We ask that everyone is mindful of their actions, thoughts and words so that we can be a school in which the words of Cardinal Newman are clear. Our school is a place where 'Heart speaks to Heart' and we show love to God, one another and ourselves.

Tolerance

We are also a school of tolerance, where we respect each individual because we recognise that every member of school is unique, important and loved.

Pastoral support

We have a strong, pro-active Pastoral Team that focus on developing good relationships and provide support to all our students.

All areas of life

Building on our school values students have access to a wealth of experience to ensure that they are supported in all areas of school life. The Pastoral Team support students in a variety of ways from a falling out with friends to intensive behaviour support. Each year group has an allocated Head of Year who stays with them as they move through the school. These are supported by two Pastoral Managers and an Attendance Officer.

Additional support

Our pastoral team also co-ordinate support beyond students' lives in school, with access to an excellent range of external services. If members of our school community need advice of any kind, our pastoral team are always there to offer guidance and help.



Joining Our School

Transition

Our Transition Programme begins in the summer term of Year 5 when students are invited for an activity day during May half term. This is open to all students in Year 5, regardless of if they attend a feeder school or not.

Taster Day

For our feeder primary schools this is followed by a Taster Day, when each class is invited for day to experience life at High School. We have excellent links with our feeder schools and offer a range of activities including:

- A science day.
- Sporting activities.
- A maths challenge.
- E-safety training.
- ...and a special performance of the yearly school production.

Open Evening

Each September we hold our annual Open Evening for Year 6 students. In the Spring term each class is invited to attend a Foundation Day when we work on those key skills needed to have a successful transition. We use this opportunity to gather a range of information on each child by spending the day with the class teacher and ensuring a thorough transition takes place.

Transition Days

Year 6 students are also invited to attend for two Transition Days during the summer term (usually the first week in July). During these two days they will have the opportunity to meet their Form Tutor and their new form class.

Summer School

We offer a three-day Summer School during August to enable students to prepare for the exciting time ahead and make new friends. A range of activities are run to ensure that they have the opportunity to find their way around and familiarise themselves with different staff.





Our Curriculum: Joining The Wider World Of Learning



Inspire and engage

Our curriculum offers a broad range of subjects to our students throughout their time at Cardinal Newman, designed to inspire and engage all our young people in their learning.

Rapid progress

Our high expectations ensure that curriculum content is rigorous and designed to support rapid student progress from their starting point. The curriculum is also designed to be aspirational and relevant to each individual, with students in Year 9 being offered a range of qualifications for their Key Stage 4 studies in Year 10 and 11, alongside our core offer of English, Maths, Science, RE, PHSE and core PE.

High quality

Our students can study a range of GCSEs, BTECs and applied qualifications, with a particularly high number of our students taking the prestigious EBACC qualification, including a language and a humanity. Through partnership with Warrington Vale Royal College we are also able to offer high quality Engineering courses.

Value based

Our curriculum is far more than the content that is taught in the classroom. As a faith school, our curriculum is 'values based' and designed to educate for life with a wide variety of enrichment and enhancement opportunities in all subjects extending learning beyond the classroom and into the wider world in preparation for their futures.



A 'Reading School'

We are a 'Reading School', and encourage all our students to read regularly, continually developing themselves as readers. To support students in reading, we offer the following:

- Regular shared reading during form time for Years 7-9. We are keen to emphasise that this is a shared experience where the entire form read the same novel together. The shared reading experience is reinforced through quizzes and competitions based on that novel. Prizes and reading trophies are awarded in assembly.
- All Year 7 and 8 pupils are enrolled in the Accelerated Reader programme. This involves pupils completing a Star Reading Test to determine their reading age. The reading age is used to ensure pupils are reading books which are both accessible and suitably challenging.
- Parents of Year 7 and 8 pupils are informed of their reading age via letter. Recommended reading lists are sent to parents to encourage reading for pleasure at home.
- A Parent Information Evening will take place during the Autumn term to provide guidance/strategies parents can use to support their child's reading at home.
- Pupils who are identified as requiring extra support with reading are assigned a Year 10 Reading Buddy.
- It is the expectation that all Year 7 pupils will have a reading book with them every day.
- There are a wide range of activities to celebrate reading: author visits, workshops, reading challenges, World Book Day competitions and book swaps.



Extra-curricular activities

We have a very wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Performing

Students can engage with our Performing Arts Clubs, school choir, 'after school and in school' music lessons and take part in our annual summer show.

Duke of Edinburgh Programme

We run a Duke of Edinburgh Programme for our Year 9 students, and our Year 10 and 11 students engage with Camps International to work on community projects in Kenya.

Clubs

Our library offers a variety of lunch time clubs including our Chess Ladder and Debating Club. Our Science Department run various eco-projects which students can engage with, whilst our Maths Department run a Code-Breaking Club who have achieved regular success in the University of Manchester programmes.

Faith in Action Award

Our Chaplaincy Group offer the Faith in Action Award, which engages our students in community work within school as well as in the wider community.

Visits

Our students can take part in a wide variety of visits including annual retreats, theatre trips and field trips with the Geography Department. Further afield, our students have visited New York, Rome, Iceland and Kenya.



Student Leadership

Having a voice and making a difference

Our young people are our future leaders, and we aim to develop the leadership skills and independence that they need to succeed in life...and make a difference to the wider world!

An important voice in the school community

Our School Council is an important voice in our school community. They are elected from every year group and are involved in decision making on a range of issues from site improvements, environmental projects, and are also involved in the interview process for staff.

Our E-Safety Team are qualified to deliver training on this issue to local primary schools.

Our Eco-Team lead the way in ensuring our school plays its role in reducing humanity's impact upon the environment.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been key in developing our school's anti-bullying pledge, to which all students sign up.

Our Mental Fitness Team have been trained by Warrington Wolves Community Foundation to provide peer support to students regarding mental health issues.

Through sport, we also offer the Sports Leaders programme, with our young people equipped to deliver sports sessions to groups of younger students. Our Headteacher, students and the prefect team represent our school in public events, as well as deciding upon our school charity each year so that our work in the community is actively led by our students.

Sporting Excellence

At Cardinal Newman sport and physical activity is an essential part of the curriculum, with Core PE offered to all our students and a range of GCSE and Applied Sporting Qualification offered at KS4. In addition, we offer a range of leadership courses to our students.

Sport is also a vital part of the life of the school and we are very proud of the sporting heritage of our school, with a number of local, regional and national titles to our credit. Our extra curricular programme caters for students of all levels of sporting ability, from beginners who wish to try out a sport for the first time, to the numerous students performing at an elite level.

We encourage all our students to live healthy, active lifestyles through engagement with sport and our wide range of sports teams including:

- Football. • Rugby. • Athletics. • Cross country.
- Netball. • Badminton. • Rounders. • Rowing.





Preparation For Life: Pathways To The Future



Careers Education

Our Careers Education programme helps to ensure that our students are prepared for the next steps in their educational journey.

Careers Adviser

In addition to our classroom sessions, we employ our own Careers Adviser to ensure we offer every student the individual guidance they need to make the right choices.

Careers Fair

In partnership with local employers we offer an annual Careers Fair to all year groups to support our students in accessing opportunities and making career and post 16 decisions.

Post 16 providers

We work in partnership with several post 16 providers, offering conferences and visits in a wide range of courses including STEM residentials, Maths and Science conferences and Computing visits.

Universities

At post 16 we engage with several universities including the University of Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and Oxford as well as working closely with several key local employers and companies offering high quality apprenticeships.

Next steps

As a result, our students are effectively prepared to take their next steps and thrive as compassionate and active citizens who make the most of their gifts and talents.



Taking their next steps... to make the most of their gifts and talents.



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