



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year. This year poses many challenges for pupils in Year 11 - a new framework of assessment with performance in terminal examinations graded 9-1 ;the removal of controlled assessment, more GCSE examinations than any other cohort has had to undertake along with post 16 options and plans for life beyond Cardinal Newman High School.

Having already received their GCSE English Literature examination result, your child will have some experience of the highs or indeed lows of this new 'high stakes' system of assessment. This is a system where your child's ability will often be measured by how they perform in a single exam on a single day. Our aim is to ensure every child achieves their full potential and develops the skills necessary to be successful; we have a wide range of events and activities planned to support your child's learning and progress over the next academic year.

However, the support of parents cannot be underestimated and we look forward to working closely with you in order to ensure that your child is able to meet the challenges that year 11 will inevitably bring. We have high expectations of all of our pupils and believe that by working in partnership 'Together We Can Make A Difference'. We want your child to leave Cardinal Newman with a set of results that they can be proud of and we would ask that you closely monitor their progress, attainment and behaviour throughout this year.


It is imperative that you attend the Year 11 Information Evening, Parents' Evening and sign and check their school diary on a weekly basis. A calendar of key events for Year 11 is printed overleaf. Parents can also login into 'Show my Homework' to view all the homework and revision activities that have been set specifically for your child. We will also update you on your child's behaviour and achievement record via email each week and would ask that you ensure the school office has a current email address through which we can contact you.

A pupil's attendance and punctuality record is inextricably linked to their academic achievement. Excellent attendance and punctuality increases your child's chance of success. Statistics from the government show that pupils with 95% attendance are more likely to secure 5 good passes at GCSE. Therefore, it is imperative that your child attends school regularly and on time.

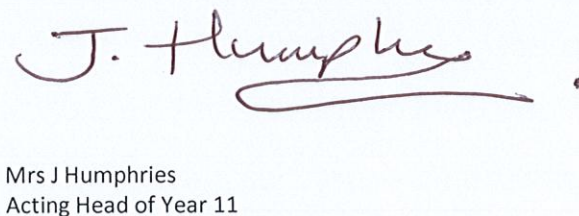
Success at GCSE level is no accident and there is simply no substitute for hard work. If your child is to fulfill their potential and achieve success then they need to engage fully in their learning, complete all work to the best of their ability and display a positive attitude to their studies. If they want to have a set of results they can be proud of in August 2018, there can be no half measures. To quote Dr Seuss: 'You have brains in your head, feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose'.

Thank-you for your continued support.

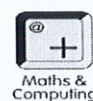
Yours faithfully



Mrs J Cadman
Associate Assistant Headteacher



Mrs J Humphries
Acting Head of Year 11



Key Dates for Year 11

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| 26 September 2017 | Sports Awards Evening |
| 10 October 2017 | Year 11 Information Evening |
| 11 December 2017 | Mock Exams Begin |
| 19 December 2017 | Year 11 Autumn term report |
| 17 January 2018 | Parents' Evening |
| 15 February 2018 | Progress Review Day |
| 28 March 2018 | Year 11 Spring term report |
| 14 May 2018 | GCSE Exams begin |
| 22 June 2018 | Final GCSE Exam |
| 28 June 2018 | Year 11 Prom |