Thank you for your support for all our events over the past few weeks. Particular thanks to the Year 11 parents who attended the GCSE Information evening: we were delighted to see so many of you join us. The resources used during the evening will be available on the school website imminently and can be accessed by clicking on the Parent/Carer tab followed by ‘Year 11 Support.’ Also, a reminder that the GCSE Mocks will begin on 18th November and run until 28th November.

A reminder too that we have new accounts for your child to contact us about any difficulties they are encountering in school if they don’t feel able to talk to someone face to face. Our Instagram account is @tellus.cnchs_warrington, or for those who don’t have Instagram we also have an email address: tellus@cardinal-newman.co.uk. Please encourage them to follow us and make use of these tools. Attached to this bulletin is also a guide to understanding TikTok, and advice on how young people can stay safe whilst using it.

Clubs and Societies Fair

On Monday 21st October during PHSE, our Year 7 and 8 students will be invited to attend our clubs and societies fair. At this event, they will be able to see the wide range of activities we have on offer beyond the classroom, meet the students who run them, and sign up to get involved. Activities on offer range from Chess Club and Debating Society, to the Craft Club, Eco Warriors our various Sports Teams and many more. Years 9-11 will have the opportunity to access the Fair during lunch time. Attached to this bulletin you will find an overview of all the extra-curricular activities currently on offer, and an enrichment brochure will follow shortly. Both of these will also be available on our school website for your reference. We encourage students to join up, try something new and make the most of every opportunity available.

Mrs Finn

Careers Week 4th-9th November

After we return from half term, it will be Careers Week for all our Year groups. The key event of our week is the Careers Fair on Thursday 8th November at which our students will be able to meet employers and higher education providers and be encouraged to think about their future ambitions. This year, we are adding to our offer by including talks every lunch time, open to students from all year groups, about particular professions. We have solicitors, psychiatrists, party planners, marine biologists and many more coming to speak to us. Priestley College are also offering drop in workshops to help with CV writing and application filling, and Chester University and Carmel College are also on hand to offer advice on next steps in education. For particular year groups, there are also specific enrichment visits. The full timetable is on the back of the bulletin – please encourage your child to sign up and participate. If careers week sparks any questions, you may also like to know that we now employ our own Careers Advisor one day a fortnight who is able to offer individual interviews to our students to help them understand the pathways open to them and students should see Mrs McWilliams for any further information.

Mrs McWilliams
Music Showcase 23rd October

You are all warmly invited to attend our Music Showcase on 23rd October from 6pm. Following the success of our inaugural event last year, Years 7-11 will once again be stepping into the spotlight to perform for us in a celebration of the musical talent we have in school. Tickets are available at a cost of £3 for adults and £1 for children, and will be available on the door. Refreshments will also be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Haggerty

English Department Activities

The English Department have been very busy. We had over 100 entries for our poetry competition 'Through their eyes'. Winners will be announced next week to the whole school. Year 10 enjoyed a contemporary performance of Macbeth on Thursday at The Royal Exchange, Manchester. Coming up, we have ex-pupil and published author Emily Chriscoli coming to speak to Y10 pupils next Thursday about writing. For students inspired by all of this, two competitions will also be launched this week. Updates are available via our twitter page.

Mrs Curry

Maths Support

The maths department continues to introduce pupils to our new resource www.hegartymaths.com. It is a fantastic resource for revision and independent study and provides pupils with a short video followed by a task. Your child will be set some of their maths homework on HegartyMaths. If your child has not yet logged in all they need is their name and date of birth so please encourage them to do so. The evidence from schools who are already using this resource is that continual use makes a real difference to students’ Maths so we would encourage all our students to make the most of it.

We have additional support available for our Year 11 students -- Angela Gould, who formerly worked for the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust is coming into school on Wednesday 16th October and Wednesday 6th November to work with a group of Y11 pupils to inspire confidence as they prepare for their GCSE exams.

Sporting Success

After a busy week of sport, particular congratulations must go to Year 7 who are proving themselves to be a committed and talented group of young people. Both the A and B Netball teams triumphed over Kings’ Academy (A team won 4-2, and B team 8-0). Year 7 also put out the first boys’ and girls’ Cardinal Newman Cross Country Teams at the Walton Hall competition, with runners for the girls finishing 1st and 2nd in muddy conditions, and the boys’ team combined effort placing them 2nd of the Warrington Secondary Schools so far. The Year 7 girls’ football team scored an impressive total of 10 goals (a Newman record) in the tournament at Penketh and the Year 7 boys’ football team won 4-3 in a fantastic game at Lymm. Congratulations all round.
Year 9 and Year 10 boys’ football teams also had success in their cup competitions, with Year 10 beating The Grange in the first round of the National ESFA Cup, 3-2, and Year 9 beating Helsby High in the first round of the Cheshire Cup 5-3.

In the final week of the half term, Year 8-11 boys’ football teams all have important matches and we hope for even greater participation and success, with all teams representing Cardinal Newman with the positive, respectful attitude we expect of our young people.

The PE Department