



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Ms J Langstaff

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Dear Parent/Carer

During the four weeks before Christmas, Advent is traditionally celebrated. Advent is the season for waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus. During this time our school has a number of events which are all part of our preparations for Christmas and promote the compassion and generosity of this season.

To begin our celebrations, I would like to invite you to our Advent celebration on Monday 3rd December at 6.00 pm in the Auditorium. This is the service at which we will also light our St. Rocco's 'Light up a Life' Christmas Tree.

Each year our Head Students lead our charity work at this time and their chosen charity for this year is 'The River Reeves Foundation'. The River Reeves Foundation has the ambition to help young people realise their dreams as actors, writers, artists, directors and musicians through grants, donations and bursaries. They aim to provide the financial support that ensures passionate, talented young men and women to dream about their futures within the arts.

We will be holding a number of activities during December in order to raise funds for this:

- On Monday 17th December, we will hold our annual Christmas Jumper day where pupils will wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1.00 (school uniform does not need to be worn on this day, if you are wearing a Christmas jumper).
- We will also be transforming the Auditorium into our very own Christmas market with each form planning and preparing their own stalls of treats, decorations, games and Christmas goodies. You are invited to attend between 12 and 1.00pm if you would like to see what our students have created

This year, as an additional event, we will host our festive Christmas Carol Concert on Monday 17th December at 6.30pm in the Auditorium. Tickets will be on sale £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. This event will also see the launch of our PTA who will be providing refreshments on the night and you can learn a little more about how you can get involved and support our community.

The other organisation we support at this time of year is the St. Joseph's Family Centre. The Christmas hampers are now being prepared and we are asking students to bring in one non-perishable item to put into their form hamper which will be distributed by St Joseph's to local people within our own community. For each donation the children will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into a draw at the end of term to win a prize.

As always the true spirit of generosity will be alive and visible in our school during this busy time. We rely heavily upon your generosity and are extremely grateful for any support you can give.

We wish you and your family a peaceful Advent.

Yours sincerely

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School Chaplain

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