



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your support of everything the school has done in this first half term. We are really grateful that so many of you were able to attend our Year 7 Welcome events and our Year 11 GCSE support evening. We know that working together is key to making sure that our young people have the best educational experience we can offer and so to continue to build on this and keep in more regular contact with you about life in school, we're going to be sending out a school bulletin fortnightly on a Friday - of which this is our first edition. In addition to our facebook and twitter feeds, this will provide you with an update of the events, successes and opportunities available to our students in school, as well as sharing key messages with you. We hope you will find the bulletin a useful addition to home-school communication, and welcome any feedback you may have regarding it.

As half term approaches, we hope our young people have had a positive start to the year and have a restful half term - and for those who are going on our RE Department trip to New York, we wish them an exciting and successful visit to New York: updates will be appearing on our Twitter and Facebook feeds.

Year 11 GCSE Support Evening

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our Year 11 GCSE Support Evening. Year 11 have a challenging year ahead but we hope the evening reassured you that the support is here in school, as well as at home, to help them make the best of their final year at our school. The presentations from Tuesday night's event are now available on the school website under the 'Parents and Carers' tab on the main page as 'Year 11 Support.'

World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 10th October was World Mental Health Day, and we shared a video from the Anna Freud foundation with our students in form time. We also have a 'Mental Health Awareness' week coming up in February as part of our efforts to help our young people understand this important issue. If you'd like to watch the video, or talk about it with your child, then it can be found on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxIDKZH3-E>

Lettings

Please be aware that the school facilities are available to let in the evenings and at weekends: we have badminton and netball clubs making use of our facilities from January, and dance schools and theatre groups booking our auditorium in the New Year for shows and rehearsals. If you are involved with a group who might like to hire our facilities, the price lists and contact details for lettings are now on our website under the 'Our School' tab.

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Music Performance Evening: 18th October

On Thursday evening we have a performance evening in our auditorium, featuring our school choir, and many of our talented students including our superb Year 11 musicians. The evening begins at 7pm and will be a cabaret style event, with seating at tables and refreshments available throughout, compered by our Head of Music, Ms Goodban. If you would like to attend, tickets are available through the school gateway at £3 for adults, and £1.50 for children or, subject to availability, can be purchased on the door.

Sporting Success

At Cardinal Newman we believe that sport is a vital part of our young people's education and we're very fortunate to have so many talented and enthusiastic students in our school. This year, to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate, we are entering an unprecedented number of competitions and events. In these first 5 weeks alone we have had teams participating in the Warrington Town football league, the Rugby League National Cup, the Warrington Netball League, the Warrington Girls' Football League and the Northwest trophy, alongside our involvement with Warrington Rowing. We are one of the few schools who put out a team every week for the Wolves' Foundation competition and these entries have resulted in a number of successes: our Year 8 and Year 10 boys' rugby league teams will compete in the finals at Victoria Park on 14th November, and our Year 9 boys have only this week beaten Oldham in the national cup to progress to the next stage. Updates about our successes can also be found on our Twitter feed.

In order to give your children these opportunities, you may see staff other than our PE staff on the sidelines of matches. This is in order to allow our participation in all the competitions, as many often take place on the same night and, like many schools, we rely on our whole staff community to make our involvement possible. We're really proud of the extraordinary commitment of staff from all areas of the school who are prepared to give up their time to ensure your children get these opportunities. We're very hopeful that our commitment to extra curricular sport will see increasing levels of participation and success and look forward to sharing them with you in future editions of our bulletin and on social media.