



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Ms J Langstaff

10 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year. This year poses many challenges for pupils in Year 11 and 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. 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.

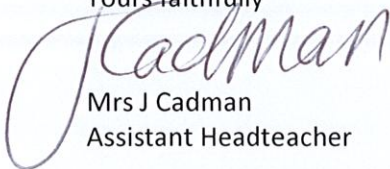
It is imperative that you attend the Year 11 information evening, parents' evening and sign and check their school diary on a weekly basis. Parents can also login into 'Show my Homework' to view all the homework and revision activities that have been set specifically for your child. If you have not done so already, we would encourage you to download the SIMS Parent APP as this will allow you to monitor your child's behaviour, achievement and attendance record.

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
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs M Hatton
Head of Year 11

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Autumn Term: Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 12th September – Year 11 Photographs

Friday 21st September – Year 11 Alton Towers Reward Trip

Tuesday 9th October – ‘Supporting Your Child through GCSE’: Information Evening for Year 11 parents

Friday 19th October – School closes for half term

Monday 22nd October – New York Residential

Monday 29th October – School reopens

Tuesday 27th November – Careers Day

Wednesday 5th December – Friday 14th December – Year 11 Mock Examinations

Monday 17th December – Christmas Market

Tuesday 18th December – Year 11 Autumn Term Progress Report

Friday 21st December – School closes for Christmas