



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Ms J Langstaff

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 is a very important year for our students as they begin the process of choosing their option subjects for Key Stage 4 study. We are aware that Warrington Borough Council have contacted you about provision within Warrington for Year 10 next year, and would wish to make you aware of the process we follow at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School to help your child make the best choice for them.

We have an extremely strong GCSE offer with students achieving well above the national average in all core areas. In addition we offer a rich and varied options package including GCSE, BTEC and other vocational qualifications, including an Engineering qualification which we deliver in collaboration with Warrington Vale Royal College, utilising their excellent engineering and workshop facilities.

There is a clear guidance process that exists in school to help you and your child decide what is best. To help students fully understand what is available to them, our options process begins with our school careers fair in November, when students have the opportunity to visit various 6th Form providers and local employers. Following this, students will have small group interviews with a careers advisor to discuss how their options can support their future aspirations and there are presentations to students by staff, giving detailed information about what is involved in subject areas at GCSE.

We have a highly personalised approach to options choices and work very closely with students in ensuring that their choices are met as far as possible. We have a wide range of options – please visit our website to see last year's options booklet. There are calendared opportunities for parents to speak to form tutors and subject teachers about options before students make their final choices.

We believe that for the majority of our students, following GCSE and BTEC subjects at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School is the right route for them, but we appreciate that, for some students, they may feel a different provider is a better option. If you are thinking of transferring your child to another provider, please contact the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Year 9, Mrs Finn, who will be able to assist you further.

Yours sincerely

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