



Cardinal Newman CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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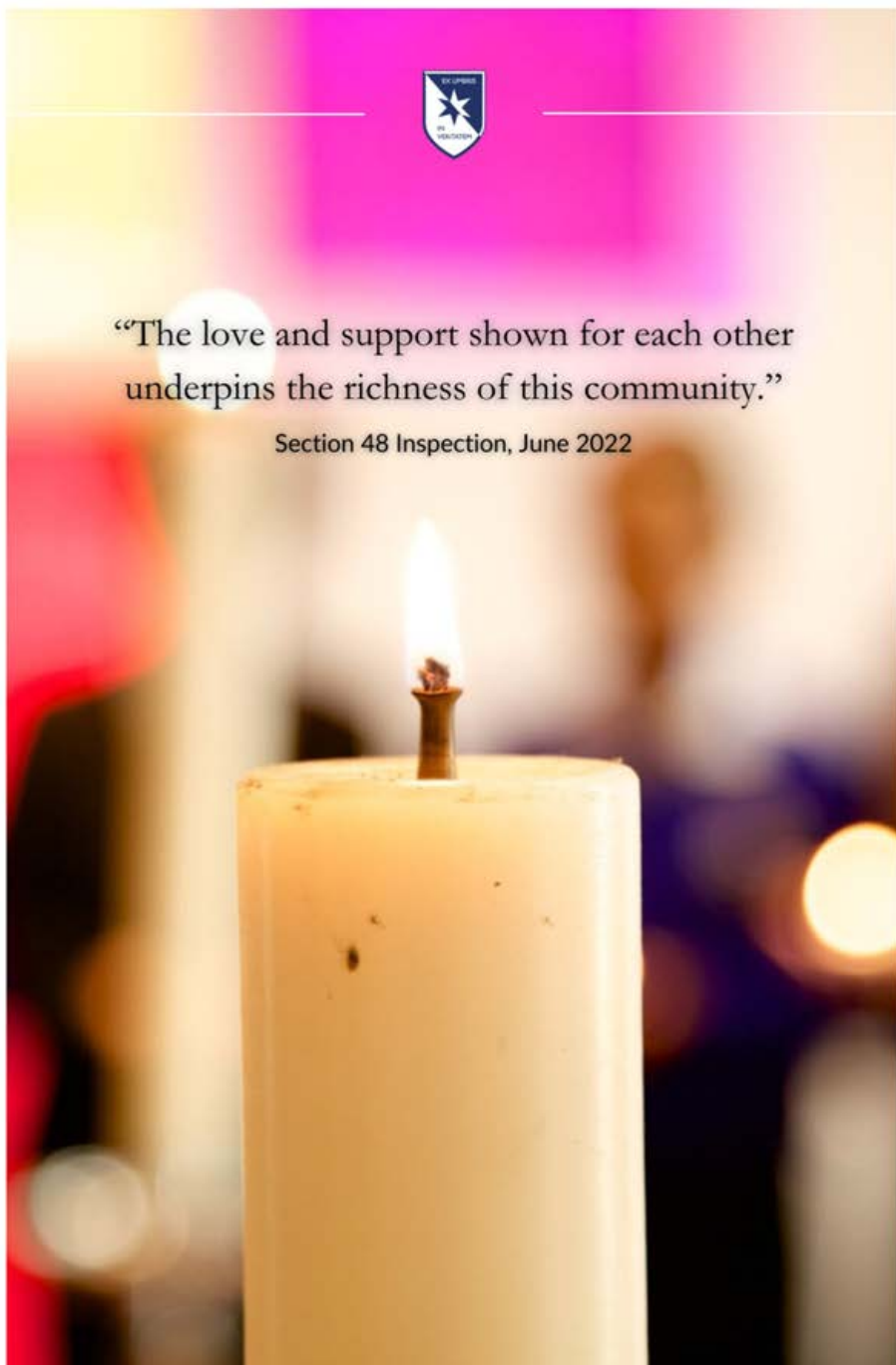


'Together towards our Lord through learning, love and faith'



“The love and support shown for each other
underpins the richness of this community.”

Section 48 Inspection, June 2022





Welcome

We would like to welcome you to Cardinal Newman Catholic School a truly extraordinary school built to serve the Luton community through our mission Together Towards Our Lord through Learning, Love and Faith.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School's formation was achieved through the efforts of the Catholic communities of Luton and the Diocese of Northampton who advocated and campaigned for a Catholic secondary school in Luton. The bonds of connection of those educated through the school are forged across Luton and have positively contributed to this community for years. This legacy is a firm part of the school to this very day and evident in every classroom. Many of the children who attend here were preceded by parents, friends and loved ones; many of the teachers who teach here, attended the school; the legacy of these connections of the past stretch into the future.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is a special and extraordinary school committed to the personal, academic and spiritual growth of the children we serve to make our Luton community and our world a better place.

The children here are truly loved by their teachers and they know it through the relationships they encourage, challenge and support they receive. It is in this loving environment that your child will be able to develop personally, academically and spiritually to be the person they were born to be.

It is our mission to do good. To do His work and we have faith that through a combination of love, academic success and the development of good character through our 'Newman Way' your child will be able to thrive and grow leading to a life where they make a positive difference for all they meet.

Mark McLaughlin, Executive Headteacher and Helen Fay, Head of School.

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Learning



All pupils, including students in the sixth form, learn about what good character is. They do this through the school's chosen character development programme. This teaches pupils how to 'live out the Newman way' through learning, love, and faith. Ofsted 2024

The children at Cardinal Newman Catholic School deserve the best. At the heart of the school is a value on supporting children to develop good character and achieve the highest academic outcomes that they can. We actively promote and develop good character through our 'Newman Way' we seek to support children to help them to flourish. The 'Newman Way' is a way of living and a path to developing good character through a focus on the growth of the fruits of the Holy Spirit within our students, developing the virtues of joy, self-control, patience, love, kindness, peace, faithfulness, generosity and gentleness.

Academically our students achieve some of the best results in Luton. This year at GCSE we achieved our highest ever progress score and at A Level over 45% of students achieved A*-B grades. This academic excellence is important to the school as we aim for children to leave us having fulfilled the potential of their talents – leaving us with options for their lives with choices about what they will do next. Our Year 13 leavers exemplified this this year by being able to pursue their next step choices successfully with 36% attending the highest performing universities in the country.



Love

Pupils feel valued, whatever their background, within the Catholic identity of this school. Staff know pupils well and pupils know that staff are there to help them. This helps pupils feel happy and safe. Ofsted 2024

Our staff Love the children here and ensure that they know they are loved through our actions towards them. This love is in the relationships between staff and children and the connection with them. It is these relationships that power the learning in our classrooms.

We believe that through loving and caring relationships the best possible learning can occur. We know that as a parent you are entrusting us with your children the most valuable and precious thing you have; in turn we will love, protect and challenge your child to fulfil their potential.





Faith

Cardinal Newman is an exceptional Catholic school with a strong sense of mission which is shared across the whole community. Staff, pupils, and parents are rightly proud of their school. Section 48 inspection June 2022

We have faith that the students we serve can achieve great things. As an 'Outstanding' Catholic school we have a strong focus on mission and the faith that underpins it. Throughout their time in the school, we will provide them with opportunities to explore their own faith (whatever that may be) and bring them closer to gospel values, which are inherent in good character.

Within the school children are given space to explore their faith and come closer to our Lord welcoming all who seek God with a sincere heart. Our students faith journey is supported through high quality RE lessons within the Core curriculum, prayer, reflection and liturgy. The children are supported in this by our fantastic Chaplain and have access to our Chapel.





Enrichment

Academic, pastoral, sporting and social enrichment activities are highly valued and are an integral part of the students' learning experience. Examples of enrichment at Cardinal Newman:

- The Chaplaincy
- The School Council
- Sports, both local and county wide
- Students as Learning Partners
- Learning in Depth Project
- Talent Shows
- Black History Month
- Specialist Music Groups (wind, string, ensemble and choir)
- Whole School Musicals
- Drama Productions
- Drama Club
- Shakespeare Drama Festival
- Specialist Science Activities
- Annual trip to Rome
- Science trip to Geneva and Berlin
- French Trip
- Maths Puzzle Days
- Maths Challenge
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Sixth Form Volunteering Abroad
- Ski Trip
- Cranfield Business Challenge
- University Visits for Years 10-13
- Master Classes
- Student Enterprise
- Art Club
- Debating Club
- Creative Writing Club





Transport to and from school

Arriva run buses to and from Cardinal Newman School from different parts of Luton. Students who catch these buses can buy a weekly ticket from the bus driver. Ticket information is available from the Arriva Travel Shop, Luton Interchange, Station Road, Luton LU1 2LT.

If you are on low income then you may be entitled to help with transport costs. If you are a Catholic then you must live at least three miles from the school. If you are not a Catholic then Cardinal Newman must also be one of the three schools nearest to your home.

To find out if you are eligible, please contact Luton Passenger Transport Unit, Central Depot, Kingsway, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AU.Tel: 01582 547219 or email ptu@luton.gov.uk





If you are not Catholic

We do not expect everyone to share our faith but we do expect everyone to respect it and to learn about it while they are here.

Before you choose Cardinal Newman for your child please consider the following:

- We have prayers at the start of every day. These are lead by the Form Tutor and the pupils..
- All Students study a Catholic Religious Education curriculum from Year 7-9.
- All students take the GCSE in Religious Education. We follow the national curriculum which says that students should undertake a study of two different faiths. Our students study Catholic Christianity and Judaism. We study Judaism because the Old Testament scriptures are directly connected to the New Testament. Our exam results in Religious Education are excellent and many students go on to study this at A Level.
- We do not have a separate room for Muslim students to pray in but we do set aside a classroom that can be used for this purpose at lunchtime.
- Our school meals service does not currently serve Halal food but students can bring a packed lunch.
- All students must do PE and girls can wear 'joggers' instead of shorts.
- Our school uniform is strict but Muslim girls can wear the hijab providing it is plain navy blue in colour.
- All students have a 15 minute Year Assembly once a fortnight which finishes with a prayer. These are very important times when the whole Year Group comes together. It helps to foster a real sense of belonging to the school. In addition to prayer and reflection, assemblies are times for awards to be announced and important notices given to the students.
- The Catholic life of the school is celebrated throughout the year with Mass and other liturgical celebrations that mark our faith in Christ as expressed through the teachings and sacraments of the Catholic Church. All students attend these events.

We hope you will want your child to attend our school and be happy here. We want everyone to share that sense of belonging to the Newman family that comes from taking a full part in school life.



If you want to make an application

- Please make sure you have looked at the Admissions Criteria and the Admissions Information so that you are quite clear about how to make your application and how your application will be processed.
- Make your application online at <https://www.luton.gov.uk/admissions> by 31st October.
- If you want to do this tonight then there is someone here to help you. Please ask a Prefect or member of staff to take you to the room set aside for this purpose.
- You must also complete a supplementary form for Cardinal Newman Catholic School. There is a blue copy of this form available at reception but you can also download this form from the Luton Borough Council School Admissions website.
- If your child attends one of the Catholic Primary Schools you should hand the Supplementary Form in to the primary school office along with your child's original Baptism Certificate (the school office will make a copy and return the original to you) by 31st October.
- If you do not attend a Catholic primary school in Luton or Dunstable then deliver it personally to our Reception staff who will take a copy of your child's original Baptism Certificate
- If you are not a Catholic but you attend another Christian Church then make sure you have completed the section of the supplementary form that asks for the name, address and telephone number of your minister. We will contact your minister and ask him/her to support your child's application to Cardinal Newman. Please make sure you have told your minister to expect our letter and check that he/she has received it and replied by the middle of December.
- If you are of another faith then please complete the section of the supplementary form that asks for the name, address and telephone number of a minister of religion whom we can contact to vouch for your child's application to this school.
- If you do not complete a supplementary form your application will automatically be assigned the last of the Admissions Criteria.

If you have any questions about applying to Cardinal Newman Catholic School please contact us on 01582-597125 or send an email to the following email address - admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net



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