

Dear parents and carers,

Starting the school year on the third of January was a bit of a shock to the system but as soon as the students arrived on the fourth it was as if we had never been away! Thank you to you all for a great start to term.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. Have you ever heard of Epiphanytide? If you haven't, you are not alone. This beautiful season was recognized for centuries and still is by many Catholics. This joyful season deserves our awareness. During the lifetime of St. John Henry Newman and until recently, Epiphanytide was considered part of the "Christmas Cycle" which began at the end of November and extended through the end of January. Within this Christmas cycle fell three distinct seasons: Advent, which we still celebrate; Christmastide, or the 12 Days of Christmas ending on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth," that is, "making known." Epiphany is the first time Christ made Himself known to the world, emphasized by the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the newborn King. Epiphany begins the final and third portion of the Christmas Cycle, called "Epiphanytide." The Feast of the Epiphany and Epiphanytide are a radiant time of the liturgical year, and Newman clearly teaches at the beginning of this sermon why this season is special. To paraphrase his words, this is a season to be joyful and to continue to celebrate!

As ever there are some notes below to be aware of.

God Bless,

Andrew Bull Headteacher

Parents Evenings Survey

Following COVID and the two parents' evenings we have had this academic year we have had some requests to return to face to face parents' evenings. On the flip side of this we have also had parents who appreciate the virtual parents' evenings. In order to move forward can I please request that you complete this I-minute survey (click here) to indicate your preference. The survey will be live until Friday 13th at 3pm. Thank you!

Online safety

Please find attached the first monthly Online Safety Newsletter. We will be publishing a newsletter each month with a different focus on Online safety for you as parents. Hopefully you will find this helpful.

Football Kit

This week we had the official unveiling of our new football kit which has been kindly sponsored by MyNewTerm! The students are delighted with how it looks and it has turned out. Please do look on our social media channels to see what it looks like!

<u>Uniform</u>

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that we maintain the incredibly high standards of uniform. As a reminder please note the guidance on jewellery and the types of trousers that are acceptable.

ClassCharts

As I mentioned in my letter at the beginning of the week we are using ClassCharts as the vehicle for reporting student absence. If you are struggling with the app or how to log in please contact <u>admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net</u>

Warm Hubs

Please find attached a flyer with information around warm spaces this winter in Luton. This <u>link</u> will also give you more information.

Week beginning 9th January

		This is Week I on the timetable
Monday 9 th January	Year 10 Exams Year 13 Art Mock Exam Year 12 Business Unit I – External Exam	
Tuesday 10 th January	Year 10 Exams Year 13 Art Mock Exam Year 12 Sport Unit I – External Exam KS3 Film Club Japanese Club	
Wednesday th January	Year 10 Exams PSHE Bake Off Club (7,8,9, and 10) Table top club	
Thursday 12 th January	Year 10 Exams Year 13 Sport Unit 3 – External Exam Year 13 Parents Evening	
Friday 13 th January	Year 10 Exams Year 11 Results Assembly Friday Forum Year 13 Business Unit 15 – External Exam Friday Night Detention	