

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

e-Bulletin

Welcome to the weekly e-Bulletin, highlighting forthcoming events and school news. For further information about news & forthcoming events please visit our website www.cardinalnewmanschool.net



*"Together towards our Lord,
through learning,
love and faith"*

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been one of those that reminds me why being a headteacher is such a blessing and joy. On Tuesday Mr Carter, Mrs Amers, Mrs McNeil and myself accompanied the school orchestra, choir and steel band to Luton airport where they performed for King Charles III as he opened the new DART station. It was an incredible honour to be asked and to be a part of this momentous occasion for the town.

On Thursday we held our annual Christmas Party for children from the local special schools and our Year 11s who hosted it were phenomenal! Jane Porter, our Chaplain organised and coordinated expertly, as ever, and the year 11s played, sang and served these children for the whole day. Once again it demonstrated what a special school we are. This morning I hosted over 40 students from across the year group at a #madeforgreatness breakfast, the hot chocolate was popular this morning! It is great to recognise students for their tremendous efforts this past half term. SLT have also been delivering the 'I heard a Wispa' bars to students that have been recommended by their class teachers, it is definitely a highlight of our week! We only have 1 week of school left before we celebrate Christmas, please see below for the plans for next week.

I have had the great pleasure of attending a number of Advent Carol services already this year and one thing that always strikes me is that this is a joyous season. The carols and hymns are inspiring and tell a real story of faith and hope. Hymns such as, "O come, O come, O come Emmanuel" and 'The King shall come when morning dawns' direct us to Christ. I encourage you this Advent to engage in the preparation for Christmas and possibly also look to attend our Carol Service on Monday to help focus your thoughts and prayers on the great joy of Christ coming at Christmas.

Below are a number of messages.

As ever have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull
Headteacher

Snow

There is a significant chance that it will snow over the coming days. Should it snow, we will inform you via Parent Mail if we have had to make the decision to close the school at all. This will be between 6 and 6.30 am on the day. We of course want to keep the school open where possible but the buses need to have access to the site and be able to go their usual route to pick the students up also many staff travel a significant distance and we need to ensure that the site is staffed if we have children in school. Thank you for your understanding on this.

Last Week of term

The last week of term is shaping up to be a good one! As you are aware we have changed the format from previous years to ensure that all the students are able to have a good opportunity to celebrate with their peers. I include the outline below and a flyer for the staff and sixth form Pantomime that Years 7-9 will be able to enjoy. During all other times lessons will be carrying on as normal right up until the last day.

Day	Morning	Lunch	Activity	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 12th December		Year 7 Christmas Lunch	Christmas activities in Dining Hall @ lunch	P5 – Staff and Sixth Form Pantomime – Year 7 only	Carol Service – 7pm
Tuesday 13th December		Year 8 Christmas Lunch / Sixth Form Lunch	Christmas activities in Dining Hall @ lunch	P5 – Staff and Sixth Form Pantomime – Year 8 only	
Wednesday 14th December	Advent Liturgies	Year 9 Christmas Lunch	Christmas activities in Dining Hall @ lunch	P5 – Staff and Sixth Form Pantomime – Year 9 only	
Thursday 15th December	Advent Liturgies	Year 10 and 11 Christmas Lunch	Christmas activities in Dining Hall @ lunch		
Friday 16th December	Last day of term – finish at 1pm				

Carol Service

Our Carol Service at Cardinal Newman Catholic School will take place on Monday 12 December at 7pm. All are very welcome to join us. Please use the following link to book a free ticket:-

[CNS Carol Service Tickets, Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Porridge

Just a reminder that we have porridge available every morning in the canteen for all students. Students can come and get some to warm them up and keep them going throughout the morning. It is totally free!

Warm spaces – Luton

As the cold weather sets in Luton has set up a number of Warm Spaces for people to go during the day. All the information regarding these is found by following this link [Warm spaces \(luton.gov.uk\)](#).

Strep A

Following the news reports regarding the rise in cases of Strep A we have put together the information sheet which is attached. We have put this together to support you as we enter the colder months now.

Consultation on school day

Please find attached the outcomes of the Parent Consultation on the school day. We will now use this information to make a decision over the coming term regarding the times of the school day starting from September 2023.