



18 November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week has seemed to fly by! There have been so many different activities that it has seemed that each day has just morphed into the next. We have had sports fixtures, visiting artists, careers trips, Yr12 Safe Drive Stay Alive workshop in Milton Keynes, Speakers for Schools and Year 8 Parent's Evening. We have also battled some of the heaviest downpours that we have experienced for quite a while! Below are a number of items for information as well as announcements.

Sports Results

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have represented the school at various sports this week. Below are their results. We are very proud of all their efforts and how they conduct themselves whilst representing the school.

- U16 Boys Rugby 10 – 7 Denbigh
- Year 9 Netball @ county tournament – 3 wins/4 losses
- Year 9 Girls Basketball 50 – 14 Lealands
- Year 7 Boys Basketball 16 – 8 Denbigh
- Year 8 Boys Basketball 13 – 11 Lealands
- U16 Boys Basketball 41 – 41 Lealands
- U16 Girls Basketball 20 – 8 Lealands
- Year 8 Girls Basketball 16 – Lealands 18
- U16s Boys Basketball 36 – 64 Lea Manor

World Cup 2022

We are very excited about the start of the Football World Cup this Sunday. On Monday 21st November England play their first match vs Iran. Kick-off is at 1 o'clock. This is the only pool match during the school day for England. We would like all the students to enjoy this in school. A large number of students and staff have requested to watch the match. We have therefore made the decision that all p5 teachers will show the match on the screen in their lessons. If any student does not wish to watch the match they can read their book for this time or undertake revision. We are looking at having quiet spaces for those students who do not wish to watch the football. Those Year 13 students who have exams will still do their exams during this time.

Last week of term

This year we really want to be able to celebrate Christmas well during the last week of term in our year groups. The way that we will manage this is as follows:

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

You will receive more information regarding the paying for the Christmas lunch and how to donate some money towards the Pantomime through Parent Mail early next week. The Christmas lunch will be served as pre-paid and a ticket will be issued to all those that pay prior to the day.

Social Media

Social media is a part of life and can be used in many positive ways. However, dealing with disagreements and activity on social media is taking up more and more of the time of the pastoral team at CNS. I would like to encourage you to discuss with your child their use of social media as well as regularly check their phones to ensure that they are using the different platforms responsibly.

Vaping

There is a growing trend, nationally, that considers vaping to be acceptable for teenagers. In fact, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase vaping products therefore, vapes are entirely banned at Cardinal Newman School. Vaping has many negative side effects. These include that they are highly addictive, impact hormone levels and development, impact levels of concentration and can be mixed with more harmful chemicals including some illegal substances such as cannabis. Please discuss these issues with your children and highlight the negative impacts that these e-cigarettes have on their bodies and minds. Vapes are becoming more and more prevalent and we need your support to ensure they don't become a problem in school.

Dinner money

There are a number of students who owe money to the canteen after having gone into debt. Our philosophy at CNS is that no child should go hungry during the day so we have always allowed a small amount of debt whilst parents top up their accounts. We will have to cap the accounts if debts are not paid off over the coming days. Please do check your child's account and top it up where necessary.

As ever, thank you for your support and have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull
Headteacher

Week beginning 21st November

<i>This is Week 2 on the timetable</i>	
<i>Monday 21st November</i>	Year 13 Exam Week Year 11 Revision Week England World Cup Match to be shown P5 Year 8 Boys Home Basketball Fixture vs Challney U16 Boys Basketball Away @ Lea Manor
<i>Tuesday 22nd November</i>	Year 13 Exam Week Year 11 Revision Week Year 7 Netball v Icknield (Away) KS3 Film Club Japanese Club
<i>Wednesday 23rd November</i>	Year 13 Exam Week Year 11 Revision Week Bake Off Club (7,8,9, and 10) Table top club Year 7&8 Sports Hall Athletics Home Yr9 Boys B'ball Vs Lealands Year 8,9 and U16 Netball Away Fixture vs Stopsley Year 7 Boys Basketball Home vs Lealands
<i>Thursday 24th November</i>	Year 13 Exam Week Year 11 Revision Week
<i>Friday 25th November</i>	Year 13 Exam Week Year 11 Revision Week Friday Forum Friday Night Detention