

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

e-Bulletin

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

25 February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Our school motto is 'Together towards our Lord through learning, love and faith'. What a wonderful reminder of what we are trying to achieve at CNS each and every day. My weekly message to all the pupils uses our motto as a basis for what I encourage them in. We have this written in extremely large letters in the main hall and seeing the Year 11s sitting their exams in there underneath this statement is a real example of all three parts of this statement, learning by being loved and routed in faith, enabling young people to be the best versions of themselves.

I hope you are well. With the recent Prime Minister announcement relating to the abolition of a raft of COVID restrictions (see '[Living with COVID](#)' Guidance), it is time for a short pause for a reiteration of thanks from me to all in the school community who rallied to see us through that phase of our history. It is almost two years ago to the day that we had to cancel trips abroad, for fear of pupils being locked down abroad. Within a week of that, I vividly recall standing on the touchline at my son's fixture and receiving a call alerting me to our first positive case in the School. By the end of that week all schools had been closed and we were in national lockdown. It's been quite a journey, and one the like of which I hope we do not have to see again: the lockdowns, the cancellations, the self-isolation, the social distancing, the 'bubbles', the contact tracing, the face masks, the LFT devices, the on-site testing, the 'virtual classroom', the disruption, the fragmentation, etc, etc . . . Through it all, I wanted to thank all of you for ensuring we charted a proportionate pathway to ensure we sustained a high quality of education with safety on infection control – thank you!

COVID Restrictions

Below is an outline of what this means for us Cardinal Newman School.

- Face coverings do NOT need to be worn from Monday 28th February for pupils, staff and visitors in any area of the school. If pupils, staff or visitors wish to wear masks then they may choose to do so.
- Twice weekly testing is no longer advised for schools (staff or pupils).
- We are still encouraged to isolate for 5 days if you test positive, I would also expect this to happen until Easter unless otherwise advised.
- We will also start in person assemblies again.

As in the previous two years I have also always followed the advice that we have received from Public Health England and the Public Health team at Luton Borough Council. If their advice changes to step up or down any of the restrictions I will of course inform you.

Social Media

Many of the issues that we are dealing with in school are as a result of social media activity. Please find some time this weekend to talk with your children about appropriate use and also how to keep themselves safe on-line. I have attached a helpful guide on security settings on different applications. Please consider checking your child's phone regularly to monitor how they are using social media and chat applications. I would also request that as parents you model appropriate use of social media.

Friday Night Detentions (FND)

We receive regular enquiries as to why pupils are placed in FND. I thought that it would be helpful to outline main reasons for a child to be in FND.

- Failure to attend a HOY detention for gaining 8 behaviour points in a week, being late more than twice in a week or for being sent to remove
- Full standards card which means a pupil is not following school uniform policy on 6 occasions within a term or not following school uniform policy and they may have standards card signed for poor behaviour either before school, in between lessons, at break or at lunchtime.
- When asked for planner so that standards card can be signed pupil does not have planner with them or they refuse to hand planner to member of staff when asked.

We have had a good chance to settle back into school following all the disruption of COVID and now that we are returning to some sort of reality it really is an opportunity for us to reset our expectations, behaviours and approach to school. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your sons and daughters be the very best versions of themselves each day.

Have a blessed weekend.

Mr Bull
Headteacher

Week beginning 28th February

<i>This is Week 1 on the timetable</i>	
<i>Monday 28th February</i>	Year 11 Assessments Drop Everything And Read p2
<i>Tuesday 1st March</i>	Year 11 Assessments
<i>Wednesday 2nd March</i>	Year 11 Assessments Ash Wednesday – Liturgies in the morning
<i>Thursday 3rd March</i>	Year 11 Assessments Sixth Form Catholic Schools Public Speaking Challenge Year 13 Apprenticeship Workshop am
<i>Friday 4th March</i>	Year 11 Assessments Friday Night Detention

Upcoming dates

7th – 11th March – National Careers Week

7th – 11th March – Year 11 Language Orals Week

14th – 18th March – Science Week