



26 November 2021

Dear parents / carers,

Year 11 are in the midst of their mock exams and they have to be commended for their approach to these, which will allow us to really see the great progress that they are making. Year 12 have Walking Talking Mocks in lessons and Year 13 continue their revision in preparation for their exams the following week, they look very focussed as I walk around school and pop into lessons.

As I mentioned in briefing - Luton has seen a rise in positive COVID cases over the last week, as have we at CNS. Therefore, from MONDAY 29th November we will be requiring all pupils and staff to wear face coverings in communal areas again. They must be worn properly (over the nose and mouth) and must not have any slogans on. If any pupil goes to MI they will also need to wear a mask. Pupils are also allowed to wear their masks in lessons if they wish (this is not compulsory). The requirement to wear masks on the buses remains compulsory. Any visitors to the school must also wear face coverings when on-site. Thank you for supporting us on this matter. Please can I also encourage you to continue to test twice per week so that we look after each other and mitigate against the transmission of the Corona Virus.

This happy poem, "Advent-Lauds" by Blessed John Henry Newman, is a translation of a fifth-century Latin hymn. The original hymn would have been used for Lauds on Sundays and week-days during Advent in monastic prayer. Lauds was the first prayer of daybreak and hence its symbolism is of Christ's resurrection. Lauds hails in the rising sun, the image of Christ triumphant—and reminds the Christian that the first act of the day should be praise, and that one's thoughts should be of God before facing the cares of the day. Advent, of course, also hails in a new beginning, the birth of Christ himself. Both Advent and lauds are preparing the Christian for Christ. The first line of the original Latin hymn is the epigram for Newman's poem: "En clara vox redarguit." The first line of the poem is Newman's translation of this Latin line.

Advent—Lauds

En clara vox redarguit.
HARK, a joyful voice is thrilling,
And each dim and winding way
Of the ancient Temple filling;
Dreams, depart! for it is day.

Christ is coming!—from thy bed,
Earth-bound soul, awake and spring,—
With the sun new-risen to shed
Health on human suffering.

Lo! to grant a pardon free,
Comes a willing Lamb from Heaven;
Sad and tearful, hasten we,
One and all, to be forgiven.

Once again He comes in light,
Girding earth with fear and woe;
Lord! be Thou our loving Might,
From our guilt and ghostly foe.

To the Father, and the Son,
And the Spirit, who in Heaven
Ever witness, Three and One,
Praise on earth be ever given.

As can be seen from the Advent at Cardinal Newman Calendar (which is attached) there is a lot going on over the coming weeks as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas.

As ever, below are some reminders for you to read.

Have a blessed weekend,

Andrew Bull
Headteacher

SENECA

[How to connect my parent account to my child's account? | Seneca Learning Help Center](#) If you would like to monitor what your son/daughter is doing on SENECA please follow these instructions.

Friends of Newman

Please contact the Headteacher's PA if you are able to be involved and able to support the Friends of Newman by emailing – sbradley@cardinalnewmanschool.net – On Monday 29th November we will be meeting and planning the year ahead. Please do email my PA if you would like to attend!

Request for Governors

The St. Thomas Catholic Academy Trust is making an appeal for governors, in particular to serve the St Martin de Porres community and that of St Margaret's of Scotland. If you would like more information please contact mgilmartin@stcat.co.uk

Uniform

Please check the uniform policy in the student planners so that you are aware of all the high expectations.

Dropping off and collecting pupils by car

No cars are allowed on site between 8.15am and 9.15am 2.30pm and 3.20pm (except where permission has been given in advance). For the safety and welfare of all pupils please support the school in this. If you need to pick up your child by car then wait until after 3.20 or collect them from somewhere close to the school, as highlighted in previous communications. Please avoid coming on to Warden Hill Rd to collect or drop off your children. The level of traffic is becoming unmanageable on this narrow street.

Do follow all that we are up to on our Twitter feed @CNSLuton and Instagram account @CNSLuton

Week beginning 29th November – Week 1 timetable – No Assemblies due to exams	
Monday 29th November	Year 11 Mock Exams continue Year 13 Revision week
Tuesday 30th November	Year 11 Mock Exams continue Year 13 Revision week
Wednesday 1st December	Year 11 Mock Exams continue Year 13 Revision week Year 8 & 9 Theatre Trip to see Cinderella
Thursday 2nd December	Year 11 Mock Exams continue Year 13 Revision week DEAR p2 Choir to airport Year 7 Pantomime in Main Hall
Friday 3rd December	Year 11 Mock Exams continue Year 13 Revision week Headteacher Detention – 3pm-5pm

Coming up:

Monday 6th December – Year 13 Mock exams start
See attached Calendar for details of Advent activities