



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for a really positive and productive term. I can't believe that the past 12 weeks has flown by so quickly. The internal exams for Years 11 and 13 have gone really well and all the students approached them with maturity and focus. The results that have come from them are focusing the intervention and support that is needed in these last weeks before the public exams which start in May. I used to work with a colleague who always told his year 11 classes that Easter wasn't a full holiday, 'it was a study break'. Everyone needs a break from school but for Year 11 and Year 13 the next two weeks are going to help have significant impact on their outcomes in the summer. Please do encourage your sons and daughters to attend the masterclasses that are being put on next week to help them secure the grades they want, need and are capable of. Also to have some structure around their revision time.

Dr Alex George the government's Youth Mental Health Ambassador, has said that:

"Life throws us into the deep end at times. However, with the help of family and friends, we overcome even the most seemingly insurmountable challenges."

This quote resonates with me as it shows that, as a community we are stronger together. With this in mind, I would like to thank you as parents and carers for your kindness towards staff in supporting the school's ethos and culture, especially as we prepare our young people for their public exams.

Over the Easter break there are some works going on around the school site. The one that impacts you as parents most is the re-installation of the gates on the drive and at the top gate. The site will now be totally secure and safe during the hours of 8.45am and 2.30pm you will have to press a buzzer to gain access to the site. Sixth formers can use the pedestrian gate on the drive with their cards (they need to have them on them at all times). There will now be no pedestrian access at the top gate.

Next week is Holy Week and is the most precious week in our whole liturgical calendar. This is the week where we journey through the Gospels along with

Jesus during his last days. St John Henry Newman wrote the prayer below for this coming week:

*My Lord, I offer You myself in turn,
as a sacrifice of thanksgiving.
You have died for me,
And I in turn make myself over to You.
I am not my own.
You have bought me:
I will, by my own act and deed,
complete the purchase.
My wish is to be separated
from everything of this world;
To cleanse myself simply from sin;
To put away from me even what is innocent,
If used for its own sake
and not for Yours.
I put away reputation and honour
and influence and power,
For my praise and strength,
shall be in You.
Enable me to carry out what I profess
Amen*

Let's keep this as our focus during this week.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Andrew Bull
Headteacher



Holy Week



Welcome to the weekly e-Bulletin, highlighting forthcoming events and school news. For further information visit the school website www.cardinalnewmanschool.net or @cnsluton on Instagram and Twitter

Safeguarding at CNS

The safeguarding section of the school website is updated regularly and includes a lot of helpful information around current challenges and how we manage safeguarding at Cardinal Newman. We also have our key contacts on this page. To access this please follow this [link](#).

Parents Evenings

Following the consultations on Parents evenings SLT has decided that going forward Parent's Evenings will follow the following pattern for the remainder of this year and next year:

- Year 7 – Face to face
- Year 8 – Virtual
- Year 9 – Face to face
- Year 10 – Virtual
- Year 11 – Face to face
- Sixth Form - Virtual

➔ We will revisit this at the end of next year and evaluate how this has been received.

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

Please follow this [link](#) to access the latest copy of our Monthly Online Safety Newsletter.

We do hope that you are finding these newsletters useful when having discussions with your children.

Dining Hall

Attached to this bulletin is the new Spring Summer Menu and pricing from Chartwells, our caterers. Hopefully this will enable you to budget and plan for the term ahead.

Additional INSET day – 24th April

On Monday 24th April all the school in the St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust have an additional INSET day. All the teaching staff will gather in St Joseph's, Slough to have a day of training and input from Doug Lemov, one of the foremost thinkers and practitioners in teaching. The school will not be open on this day to students.

CNS Prayer Journey

Once again here is the [link](#) for those of you that wish to journey, in prayer, alongside the school during the coming week.

Easter Masterclasses

Mr Hegarty has shared the plan for the Easter Masterclasses for the Year 11 and Year 13 students. Please do note the times that your son/daughter is expected in school during the first week of the Easter break, to receive input for their upcoming exams.

Week after Easter Break

Week beginning 17th April

<i>This is Week 2 on the timetable</i>	
Monday 17th April	Beginning of term for all year groups Year 10 Revision Week
Tuesday 18th April	Year 10 Revision Week Girls Year 9 & U16 Rounders
Wednesday 19th April	Year 10 Revision Week Y11 with Dr Van der Spoel Yr 11 Polish Oral Exams Music external moderation day Boys Year 9 & U16 Cricket
Thursday 20th April	Year 10 Revision Week Yr 11 Polish Oral Exams Year 12 and 13 Royal Court Theatre (CKE) Matine
Friday 21st April	Year 10 Revision Week Yr 11 Polish Oral Exams Friday Forum Friday Night Detention

Our Lady Help of Christians Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.00pm	Holy Ghost Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 7.30pm	Sacred Heart of Jesus Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.30pm
Holy Family & St John's Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.00pm	St Joseph's Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.00pm	St Margaret of Scotland Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.00pm
St Martin de Porres Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.00pm	St Mary's Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Good Friday 3.00pm Holy Saturday 8.00pm	