



- My name is Mr Forni and I am the Head of year 7
- I have been at Cardinal Newman School for 5 years
- My surname is Italian (although I can't speak it)
- I have 5 children (4 girls and 1 boy)
- I love sports and music
- My favourite subjects when I was at school were PE, RE and History
- I can still remember my first day at Secondary school. I remember feeling worried the night before and nervous in the morning.



Transition day

Normally we would have a transition day in July where all the year 6 students coming to Cardinal Newman meet their new form tutor and the students in their tutor groups.

However at this time we are not sure if this is going to be possible.

Things are obviously very different this year. However **WE WILL** ensure that you are supported and please know that we are very excited about you joining our community and can not wait to meet you.



Questions about Cardinal Newman

- What clubs can we join?
- There are absolutely loads of clubs to join. Drama, Music, PE teams, debating society.
- If we don't have it, start it. Come and let me know and we can find you a space.
- Do we get to go abroad?
- Yes. In year 7 there is the opportunity to go to France (limited places). Year 8- 11 have the chance to go skiing. Year 11 go to Rome.
- How much do we need to pay for the bus? How do we pay for the bus? Where are the bus stops? What happens if I miss the bus?
- A weekly pass is £15. You must buy the Cardinal Newman bus ticket. You can use any 800 bus along with any Arriva bus.



- What uniform do you need to wear? Can girls wear trousers?
- Girls can wear trousers. Your parents will be given information about what you can wear and where to buy the school uniform from on the Transition evening.
- Do girls and boys wear ties?
- Only boys wear ties.
- Can you wear Jewellery and makeup?
- This will be in the information packs your Parent's will receive.



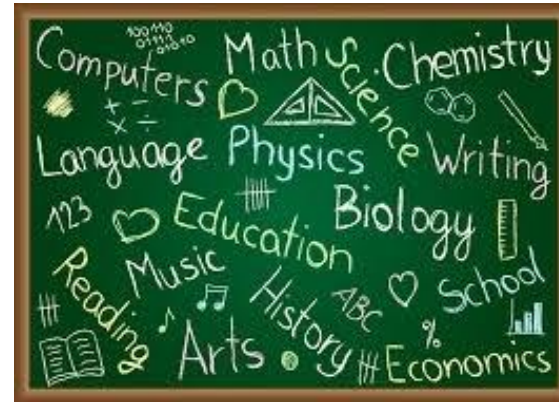
- How do we find our way around? What happens if we are late for class? Do you take us around on transition day? What happens if I get lost or can't find my locker? Do we share lockers?
- We will have an activity on your first day to help you familiarise yourself with the school.
- At the start of the year, teachers will give you the benefit of the doubt as they are aware you are still finding your way around. Peer mentors from year 9 will be attached to a tutor group for the first 3 weeks. They will meet you at the start and end of your lessons and take you to your classes.
- Once you know your way around, the mentors will stop taking you to lessons.
- If you are late for a lesson, the teacher will mark you as late and you will receive a AD behaviour point.
- If you get lost, go to reception and they will ask the monitors to take you to your class.
- Your lockers will be in your form rooms. I have a master key just in case you forget your locker key.
- Most students are allocated a locker but some of you might have to share.



- What equipment will we need to bring with us to school? What school supplies do I need? What happens if you forget any equipment?
- Pencils, pens (bring spares) red pen, rubber, sharpener, ruler, colour pencils (if you have them), maths equipment, glue stick
- At the start of the year I am sure teachers will give you a chance. After that you will receive an organisational point.
- Do we go to different classes for different subjects? Are there different blocks for all subjects?
- Yes. The school is designed in blocks so you have an English corridor, maths corridor and humanities corridor- they are all in the big main block.
- There are separate science labs, Art and design, Re blocks. We are in the process of building a brand new business study block.



- How many classes per year group?
- There will be 9 tutor groups in year 7 with up to 32 students in each class. Some subjects are taught in tutor groups, some classes are taught in ability groups.
- What subjects are taught?
- Core subjects plus Art, Design, Drama, Music, PE, Food, Textiles, Geography, History, Thinking skills
- Is the work hard?
- Some subjects will be in ability sets. Some subjects will be in tutor groups. The work will be set according to your ability.
- Will we be in tutor groups and classes with children from our own school or will we be mixed? Where do we go for registration?
- Mixed
- Year 7 will be based in Littlemore House
- Is the Science good?
- Yes- lots of experiments!
- Do we do cookery?
- Yes- It will be on a rotation with design and technology. You will all have one half term (6 weeks) of cookery.



- How many lessons per day? How long are lessons?
- There are 5 lessons per day
- Registration – 8:50- 9:05
- Period 1: 9:10-10:10
- Period 2: 10:10- 11:10
- Break: 11:10 – 11:30
- Period 3: 11:30- 12:30
- Period 4a,b,c: 12:30- 2:00. Year 7 will go to period 4 for 30 minutes. They will then have a 30 minute lunch break with year 9. They then return to period 4 for a final 30 minutes.
- Period 5: 2:00- 3:00
- School ends at 3:00.



- Are we allowed phones out before registration, in lessons, between lessons, break time or lunchtime?
- NO




- Do we start school earlier than all of the other year groups in September?
- Yes. This will give you the chance to settle in.
- How does lunchtime work? Are play and lunch times staggered for different year groups?
- Lunch is 30 minutes.
- There are 3 lines to get into the canteen. One line for dinners, one line for packed lunches and another for street food (pasta and meatballs)
- You pay for your lunch by topping up your account. You will be given a pin number or a thumb print.
- A main meal cost £2:20- the main meal of the day plus a dessert.
- Can we go to the library at play and lunch?
- Yes
- Can we leave school at break and lunch?
- No



- How much homework will we get?
- Each subject will set homework. This has been a real issue for some students as they are not used to having lots of different pieces of homework to complete.
- Every Tuesday there is a homework support club 3:00- 4:00. Sixth formers will be on hand to help you if you are struggling to do your homework.




**KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK**



- What kind of awards can we achieve?
- Achievement points are awarded for class participation, hard work, excellent classwork, excellent homework, trying your best.
- At the end of each half term, if you have accumulated lots of achievement points and non behaviour points, you have a film and pop corn afternoon.
- Every month, your teachers will be asked to nominate a 'Student of the Month'. All names will be put onto a PowerPoint and shown in assembly. A winner will be selected at random and will receive a prize.
- Students with an excellent behaviour record get to go on an end of year achievement trip to Chessington.



- What is the PE curriculum like?
- In lessons the activities are:
- Team Sports
- Football (Boys & Girls)
- Netball
- Rugby
- Gaelic Football
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Rounders



- Individual Sports
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Badminton
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- Extra curricular Competitions
- Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Athletics
- Rounders



- How are bullies dealt with?
- We do not tolerate bullying. Students will be sanctioned, parent will be contacted. Persistent bullying will result in isolation and parents will be invited into the school for a meeting.



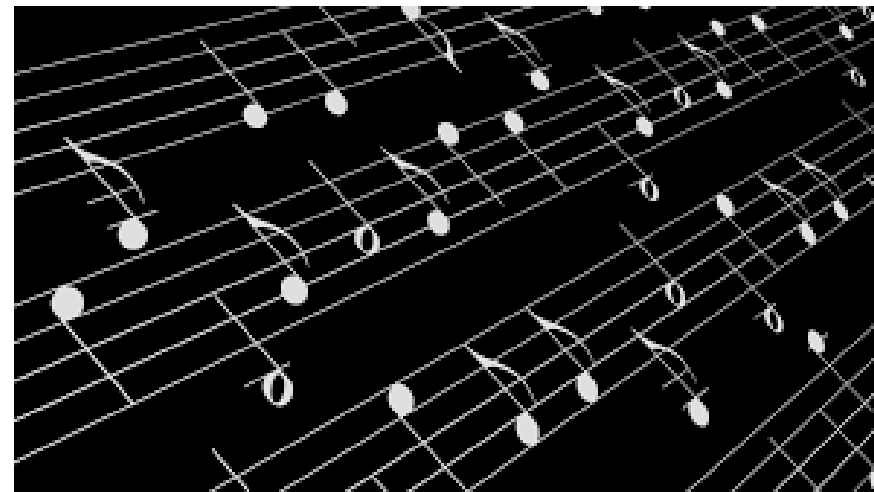
- What roles and responsibilities can you have in year 7?
- Register monitors, library helpers, form reps, and sports captains.
- When can I be a prefect?
- Year 11



- Will we have a mentor if we are worried about anything?
- We have 2 Assistant Head of Year's. We also have pastoral mentors to help the students who are finding it difficult to settle in.
- Will there be corridor monitors?
- Members of staff will be on duty along with year 11 prefects.



- Can we play an instrument in high school?
- Yes. You will have one music lesson per week in year 7. You can pick it as an option in year 8
- We provide;
- Guitar
- Piano
- Brass All
- Woodwind except Oboe
- Strings except Cello
- Lessons cost between £8- £9:50- 30 min lesson



Team bonding weekend away at Caythorpe will hopefully take place again this year.



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