

5 November 2021

Dear parents / carers,

The pupils have returned from the half term break refreshed and ready to learn which makes the job of teachers so much easier! I hope that it was a good time for you and that this long half term can be one of focus, hard work, and preparation for the wonderful feast of Christmas. There will be a number of initiatives over the coming weeks to raise money, engage with the community and support those less fortunate than ourselves at this time. Please do look at the notices below over the coming weeks to see in which ways you can support. Can also really encourage you to follow the school on Twitter @CNSLuton and Instagram @CNSLuton so that you can also celebrate our achievements and activities regularly.

St John Henry Newman wrote 'A person would do nothing if they waited until they could do it so well that no one could find fault.' Over the coming weeks Year 11 and the Sixth Form will be revising and preparing themselves for their Mock exams. All the students need to work hard in order to prepare themselves and perform to the very best of their ability. Please encourage, monitor and support your sons/daughters in the lead up to these exams so that they be fully prepared.

Thursday, II November is Remembrance Day. Students who attend cadets may wear their cadet uniform on that day.

Next Friday, I2<sup>th</sup> November, we have a Bank Holiday in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Schools were given the freedom to choose when this might be most appropriate since we the actual bank holiday falls in our May half term. The school will not be open on this day.

Please continue to do regular LFD testing at home, twice per week, as per government guidance so that we can continue to mitigate the risk of transferring the virus around our community. Also, if your sons and daughters wish to wear a mask in and around school then they are able to, however, they must wear it properly. Staff also have the option to wear a mask should they feel that they want to. Thank you for your continued support during these testing times.

As ever there are some standing items that I would ask you to read below.

Have a blessed weekend.

Andrew Bull Headteacher

### **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 - <a href="mailto:sbradley@cardinalnewmanschool.net">sbradley@cardinalnewmanschool.net</a>

### **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 <a href="mailto:mgilmartin@stcat.co.uk">mgilmartin@stcat.co.uk</a>

# <u>Uniform</u>

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.

# **Drop Everything And Read**

As part of our improving literacy strategy we are stopping the whole for 20 minutes each week to read. Please make sure that all pupils have reading material to read every day but especially on the day they have DEAR.

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

Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> November – Week 2 timetable	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Law / Science / RE cross curricular event
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 and 11 pupils to Wadham College, Oxford
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	DEAR P4
Thursday I Ith November	Year 13 Apprenticeship workshop am; Year 9 Induction Evening 6pm-8pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	CNS Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

#### Coming up:

19th November - No Uniform Day to raise funds for the annual disabled children's party