



Monday 15th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached our latest edition of Parent and Carer News. This provides you with up to date information about events in the school and key notices. A summary of the school calendar is published at the end of this newsletter. Please note the key dates that apply to your child/children.

Joe Richardson, Headteacher

Sporting success!

This year has been quite something for Year 9 with huge success in rugby before Christmas. Last week saw further success for the basketball team as they were crowned county champions and the football team progressed to the next round of the national cup with a 4-3 win! All of this and a winning performance in town cross country too. Congratulations all round!

Year 12 and 13 talk from Shaman Dolly:

It was a great pleasure to welcome Shaman back to Cardinal Newman to speak to the sixth form on the day they received their Pre Public Exam results. He shared a message of improvement over time and one that connected with so many students sat in the hall. Shaman is now in his final year of study to become a Doctor and his input was exceptional. He made one reflection that made us all think:

*“Students from independent schools think differently to us. We think “I could do this or that” whereas they think “I **should** be able to do this or that””.*

It spoke of a confidence that comes from having very few barriers in the way of achievement – no need for a part time job for such students – and a culture of success that has been passed on through generations. Our students, your sons and daughters, must remember that having enjoyed success at GCSE there should be nothing that now stands in their way.

Year 11 Subject Evening:

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported their child at the subject evening last week. Support from parents and carers is, to my mind, the first and most important factor in ensuring success. A word of praise from a parent carries far more value than any award we can offer in school.

Misuse of social media:

We repeatedly share advice and warnings about the dangers of social media. Last week we had to issue a warning about a site on Snapchat that was used to promote images alleged to be of children from schools in Luton. In fact, many images were captured from the internet and posted with student names. The purpose of this site is to humiliate, to embarrass and to degrade individuals. The school is working with the police and other schools where appropriate to bring individuals to account and strong action will always be taken should we find students from our school are in any way responsible. The work to investigate these issues is taking a huge amount of time and cannot be written off as ‘kids messing around’.

I am particularly concerned at the lack of parental control in a minority of cases. Some students regard their phones and social media as something that is out of reach of parents. This cannot be the case.

If you pay for the contract and the phone is in your name you will need to think very carefully about the potential risk of indecent images being downloaded to your child's device that might also be downloaded to your own phone where accounts are in some way paired.

If you are concerned, you should check your child's photos, their message streams and the private areas of platforms such as Snapchat where images may be saved and password protected.

Mobile devices:

Please remember that these are not permitted to be used or out in school; this includes I-watches and the equivalent. The school remains committed to ensuring students do not have access to mobile devices throughout the school day.

Year 7 - 9 Mid-Year Exams:

These exams start this week and take place in lesson time. Students should be making use of Knowledge Books, their exercise books and online revision resources to prepare for the exams. Knowledge Books are available on the website here:

<http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.net/page/?title=GCSE&pid=612>

Self-quizzing:

Lots of students find revision difficult and finding a method that works is challenging. What we do know is that simply reading through or highlighting notes is not effective. The video below on self-quizzing might be useful to your child if they find themselves struggling to revise. The process is simple: READ, COVER, SAY, WRITE, CHECK:

Learn Knowledge Book pages no more than one page at a time. Choose your page.

- Step 1:

Read a small section of the page covering no more than 4 key words / ideas.

- Step 2:

Cover the page. **Say** what you have learned out loud. Then check to see if you are right.

- Step 3:

Write out the section from memory. Check to see if you are right.

- Step 4:

Use a red pen to add corrections to what you've written. Come back to this a **check** it again.

You might find the following video helpful in providing guidance to your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGZtGZU7VYo>



Cardinal Newman Testimonials

A good education for students including their personal development & academic achievement. Ofsted 2013

[Year 7](#)[Year 8](#)[Year 9](#)[GCSE](#)[Newman Sixth](#)

You are here: [Home](#) → [Students](#) → [Homework Knowledge Books](#) → [GCSE](#) →

GCSE

For Year 10 Maths knowledge books please [click here](#)

For Year 11 Maths knowledge books please [click here](#)



[Drama Year 10 Knowledge book](#)

Joe Richardson

French Revision for January Assessments

Online revision resources have been set up by the French department in order to help students achieve better in their January assessments.

Year 10 students have been asked to log on Quizlet through ShowMyHomework in order to check and practice the vocabulary used in their upcoming reading assessment. Unfortunately, the majority of students are not using this opportunity to prepare fully for their assessments.

Please remind your child to check ShowMyHomework and follow the link to Quizlet. They will need to join the class group (it's free) in order to access the learning zone set up by the school. Once on the website they can revise essential vocabulary with interactive games and tests that will ensure they are fully prepared for their assessments.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Y. Le Coguic
Head of MFL

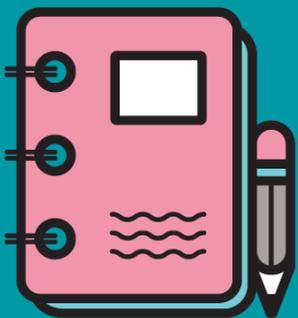
Friends of Newman

The Friends of Newman Meeting will be taking place in school at 18:00 on Tuesday, 16 January. New recruits to the committee will be warmly welcomed. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in becoming a Friend of Newman please email the school and we will pass your details on.

Mrs Bradley
PA to Headteacher

GCSE English Revision Support

Level Trust are offering this fantastic opportunity to our students completely free of charge. Please see below for information on how to book a place.



FREE GCSE ENGLISH SUPPORT

Every Monday from 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Led by a qualified English teacher and experienced tutor.

Just drop in to the Uniform Exchange in Luton Mall.
(It's upstairs next to the children's centre.)

- Support with approaching the English GCSE exam
- Opportunities for one-to-one feedback
- Help with exam techniques
- Tips for coping with stress

For enquiries please contact
christian.iszchak@leveltrust.org
07846 149 532



Level Trust is a registered charity 1153936

Nicki Brown
Family Worker

Free Porridge

Our generous catering company offer free porridge to students every morning from 08:15 – 08:35 in the canteen.

Nicki Brown
Family Worker

Parent / Carer Contact Information

We send a lot of information and reminders out to parents via e-mail & text message. If you have not been receiving communications from us then we may have incorrect / out of date information.

If you have changed your mobile number or e-mail address recently please e-mail us at admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net with your child's name and form and your up to date information.

Admin

Year 7 Disco

The year 7 disco will take place on Wednesday 7th February from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the school hall. This will be run by year 11 students. The gates to the school will be locked at 6:45pm for security purposes and will be re-opened before the end of the disco in order for students to be collected. Please be mindful that if you arrive after 6:45pm there will be no way of contacting us for entry.

Tickets (£3) will be sold in the Finance Office during break and lunch times and all fund raised will go towards the Year 11 Prom.

Miss Chester

PE – Basketball Trip

The PE Department would like to invite students to see the 2018 BBL and WBBL basketball league play-off finals at the O2, London.

This will be a tremendous opportunity to see elite basketball and to experience the atmosphere of watching live sport. As well as the showpiece games Hoops Aid will also be part of the line-up for the day. As well as the showpiece games there will be a magical menu of courtside entertainment including music, MC's, cheerleaders and dancing.



Please see Miss Drewry for a letter with more information.

The consent letter can also be found on our website:

<http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.net/page/?title=Extra+Curriculum&pid=452>

There are a limited number of tickets available and it is first come first serve.

Miss Drewery
PE



Understanding the Mass

Our experience of going to Mass each week is enhanced by understanding what we do and why. A 6-week course is being offered at Holy Ghost Centre, starting this Wednesday, looking at the different parts of the Mass, how they have developed and what they mean to us as Catholics. Participants are welcome to attend any or all of the 6 evenings. Full details are available here <http://lutonpastoralarea.org/event/celebrating-our-catholic-liturgy-week-1/>

Jane Porter
School Chaplain

Luton Borough Council Parent & Carer Autism Training Programme 2018



The Luton CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) Neurodevelopmental Team, in partnership with Autism Bedfordshire, will be running a series of lectures to support parents and carers to understand and manage behaviours consistent with Autism.

Cost: £18 per person for the 6 week course to cover costs of the venue, refreshments and resources (please note we are unable to accept payment for individual sessions)

Time: Arrival 9:45am for prompt 10am start until 1:00pm

Venue: Richmond Hill School, Sunridge Avenue, Luton LU2 7JL

Parking: Plenty of nearby street parking is available, please avoid parking at the school. Special thanks to Richmond Hill Special School for providing the facilities to run this programme.

To register/pay for your place please contact Autism Bedfordshire (01234) 214871 or enquiries@autismbeds.org

Calendar

MONTH	DAY	YEAR 7 - 11	NEWMAN SIXTH
JAN WEEK 2.	Mon. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year exams for Y7 – 9 take place in lessons over next fortnight • Friends of Newman – 6pm – 7:30pm 	
JAN	Wed. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y11 PSHE: Cancer talk in the Hall 	
JAN	Thur. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 Retreat (JPR) – Holy Ghost • - Year 9 Options Evening 18.00-20.00 	
JAN	Fri. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 Retreat (JPR) – Holy Ghost 	
JAN WEEK 1.	Mon. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 Retreat (JPR) – Holy Ghost 	
JAN	Tues. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 injections in Hall all day 	
JAN	Wed. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 injections in Hall all day 	
JAN	Thur. 25		Y13 Subject Evening – Early close 13:30
JAN	Fri. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y10 Retreat (JPR) – Holy Ghost 	
JAN	Tues. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MYE results for Y10 deadline today 	
FEB	Thur. 8		Year 12 Subject Evening - Early Close 13:30
HALF TERM Monday 12th – Friday 16th February			

Together towards our Lord, through learning, love and faith

Headteacher Mr Joe Richardson



Cardinal Newman Catholic School

e: admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net

w: www.cardinalnewmanschool.net



@CNSLuton



St. Alban
Catholic
Schools'
Partnership

