



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Newman 50th:

This year we welcome our 50th cohort of Year 7 students and celebrate our 50th anniversary. So many of you reading this letter will be part of 'Newman's' history, and I am sure will have fond memories of your time with the school, be that as parent and / or former student. Over the course of the year we have four key events that provide the focus for our celebration:

- Wednesday, 10th October – Year 7 Mass of Welcome with Bishop Peter followed by thanksgiving lunch with Clergy
- Saturday, 6th May – Friends of Newman celebration event. **(Save the date!)** A great opportunity for groups of friends to host a reunion at the school with dancing, food and drink and much reminiscing!
- Friday, 5th July – Newman Day: A day of celebration in school
- Saturday, 6th July – **(Save the date!)** 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop Peter followed by afternoon tea

Summer success:

It was a great privilege to welcome students to collect their A-Level and GCSE results this summer. Once again, our results are strong with a wonderful set of A Level results that saw a near 100% pass rate; A*-A at 23%; A*-B at 47% (our best ever!) and A*-C at 77%. All three of these indicators were in line with the high standards we secured in 2016. Most pleasing was our success in students' 'Best 3 A-Level' score where we saw results rise by almost one third of a grade. GCSE was a clear success too with progress set to be above national standards once again. The proportion of students gaining 3 A*/A or 7-9 in their qualifications rose to 28%, which is pleasing as this was a focus for improvement for the school last year.

We are proud to be a Catholic comprehensive school. Our GCSE and A Level results show that students from every academic background go on to great success. The diversity of our school is part of our strength and we are proud of every students who strives to do their best.

We are determined that our high expectations will be maintained into the year ahead and will be reflected in the achievements of students next summer. We will maintain our high standards of behaviour, our expectation that students should do their best every lesson and a firm belief that every student can achieve outstanding outcomes.

With your support and with the dedication of students and staff alike we have every reason to look forward to the year ahead with optimism and excitement and I wish every student great success in their studies.

Your welcome pack:

Contained in the start of term pack on the website are some pieces of general information and some letters (Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12) to which we require a response. Attached is a separate reply slip confirming you have read the information on the website which you can access via the Parents' Page. Your child needs to return the reply slip to their tutor.

Our school website www.cardinalnewmanschool.net has the link to a Parents' Page, which contains the following information:

Term Dates, training days and induction days

- School policies, including the Anti-Bullying Policy, Behaviour & Discipline Policy, Uniform Policy, Internet Policy, Mobile Phone Rules and a copy of the Home School Agreement
- Arrangements for entering and leaving the school site
- Data Protection – Fair Processing Notice
- Photographing Students
- Eligibility for Free School Meals
- Key Stage 3 Induction Evening – Thursday, 20 September, 2018
- Key Stage 4 Induction Evening – Thursday, 27 September, 2018
- Key Stage 5 Induction Evening – Thursday, 13 September, 2018
- Student commitment to community safety

Can we reach you?

Almost all of our communication is sent out by email. If you do not check your email or if you have not supplied us with an up to date account, it is highly likely that you will miss important announcements. We send a fortnightly Parent and Carers Newsletter by email, letters by email and will increasingly be moving away from paper-based communication.

Online banking facility:

Parents will be aware that we already use an online system of banking for some payments. We will be extending the use of secure online banking to cover all payments by 1st January 2019. All parents and carers need to ensure that they are in a position to make online payments by that date. We will be removing the top up machines in school in due course and there will be no alternative provision to online services other than for those families facing specific challenges that prevent access to online banking.

Calendar for the Academic Year:

A link to the school calendar is sent by email as part of the Parent News.

Reminder about parking:

Parents can only collect students on site after 3:20pm on a Thursday and after 3:50pm on every other school night. Students should wait at reception until they are collected.

If you arrive before this time you will be asked to park off site at a safe distance away from the school entrance. The excessive crowding of cars at the school gate is dangerous and places children at risk of harm. The school has no authority to direct parking off the school site as this is a matter for the police and the council, but we do have the right to insist parents do not come onto the school site at busy times. I am sorry to be so direct about this issue, but am confident readers will appreciate that this message is directed at a minority of parents and carers who insist on parking in such a way that it places others at risk. The safety of children will always be my first concern.

Dates for your diary this month:

- Thursday, 13 September 2018 - 18:30 - 20:00 - Key Stage 5 Induction Evening for parents and carers of Y12 students.
- Thursday, 20 September 2018 - 18:30 - 20:30 - Key Stage 3 Induction Evening for parents and carers of Year 7 students. This is an information evening and offers parents and carers the chance to drop in on your child's tutor. This letter will be sent home with students.
- Thursday, 27 September 2018 - 18:30 - 20:00 - Key Stage 4 Induction Evening for parents and carers of Year 10 students. This letter will be sent home with students.

I thank you in advance for your support over the course of the year.

Yours sincerely

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Together towards our Lord, through learning, love and faith

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