Messages from the Headteacher

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR - I hope you all had a restful and relaxing holiday. The new school year has got off to a flying start and we have really enjoyed welcoming all our students - particularly our new Year 7.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF - It is always wonderful to welcome new staff to our school. This year we welcome Mrs Sandra Mallon as Head of RE, Mr Demi Oni as Head of ICT, Mr Richard Ayidah joins the Maths Faculty, Mr Kevin Ward and Miss Jessica Devine will be teaching English and Drama and Mrs Elizabeth Hearn joins the Geography department. Joining our team of support staff is Miss Sarah Matthews who is our new First Aider. I hope that they will be happy and successful at our school.

YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING - Parents of students in Year 11 should have received a letter inviting them to Year 11 Information Evening on Thursday 15 September at 6.30pm. During the evening, parents and students will be provided with essential information to help support students during this challenging academic year. We expect all parents/carers to attend this evening so that you are fully informed about what lies ahead during this critical year. Please ensure the reply slip is completed and returned by Monday 12th September 2016.

EXAMINATION RESULTS IN 2016 - August was a big month for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who received their outcomes from the summer examinations. At A level 50% of students achieved A* to B grades in Year 13 and at GCSE 68% of students achieved 5A*-C. This year there have been some outstanding individual successes and we congratulate all our students who are now moving onto their future pathways.

OPEN EVENING, WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER & EARLY CLOSURE - Open Evening will soon be upon us! Already a huge operation is underway to prepare for our visitors. It is always a fantastic occasion and we look forward to meeting Year 6 and Year 5 children with their parents. We will have many students on duty throughout the evening so we will be allowing students to leave school on Wednesday 21 September at 1.30pm. If any student needs to stay until 3.10pm this is not a problem - please let the appropriate form tutor know. Some parents without children in Year 5 or Year 6 have asked if they can attend and they would be most welcome. Do check the website www.cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk for all the latest information about Open Evening.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - I am sure that there were many proud parents as they sent their children to school on Monday in their school uniform. The uniform looks fantastic and I hope that all our students will wear their uniform with pride and remember that they are representatives of Cardinal Newman when they are wearing it. A reminder to parents and students that school shoes, skirts and trousers must adhere to the school uniform policy and that jewellery is not allowed. Please ensure that your child has plain black shoes and the correct pleated skirts or trousers and we appreciate the support of all our parents in ensuring that our standards remain high. Well done to all our Sixth Form students who look particularly professional in their smart office wear.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS - We currently have two vacancies for foundation governors at Cardinal Newman. If you know of anyone who is interested, further information can be obtained by visiting www.bdes.org.uk and clicking on ‘Admissions and Governance’. Alternatively, please contact Suzanne Harris, Clerk to the Governors at the school’s admin email address.

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to Miss Walker and Miss Coates who were married over the summer. Miss Walker is now Mrs Harris and Miss Coates, Mrs Samworth. Congratulations also to Mrs Mitchell who gave birth to a baby boy, Harrison, during the holiday.

FOOTBALL ACADEMY - We have a number of students who are part of the Coventry City Football Club Academy player release scheme. Good luck this season to Daniel Lafferty, Jonathan Ngandu, Harrison Nee and Ryan Monga-Ambroise.

WHO’S WHO & IMPORTANT DATES 2016-17 - Also going home with this letter is a list of who to contact if you have a query at school and a set of our important school days.

PARKING COMPLAINTS - I have had a number of complaints from the local residents this week about inconsiderate parking from our parents. Local residents have complained that their drives have been blocked preventing access to and from their homes which is clearly unacceptable. There have also been issues with parents trying to access school site at the end of the day to pick up students causing dangerous congestion on Sandpits Lane. I appreciate that access to the school site and parking arrangements close to school are both limited but all parents are asked to respect our neighbours and make safe arrangements for dropping off and picking up their children school. To add to the problem we have been informed that from next week parents who park at the JOHN REAY GOLF CENTRE/HOGANS to collect students from Cardinal Newman will be clamped.

We are looking forward to a busy and successful year for all our students at Cardinal Newman, working in partnership with parents to support them.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any issues or concerns so that they can be addressed as quickly as possible.

Best wishes, Mrs Marina Kelly, Headteacher
School Attendance

Our school target for attendance this year is an aspirational 96%. It is the expectation that all students are in school every day, unless a serious reason prevents this from happening. The school day is made up of 2 sessions and are both equally as important, so for example if your child feels ill when they wake up but starts to feel better as they move through the morning, then it would be reasonable to send them to school to finish off the afternoon and therefore gain a session mark.

As a school we are unable to authorise any holidays but we still need to know if you intend to take your child out of school for a period of time.

Finally, the school’s new attendance officer is Mrs D Plant who can be reached on diane.plant@cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk.

Mr J-P McInerney, Assistant Headteacher

New Lesson Punctuality System

You son/daughter may have come home and told you about a new strategy around the importance of being punctual to all lessons. As a school, we are a having a big drive on this and we would welcome your support with ensuring your son/daughter understands the importance of being punctual to all lessons at Cardinal Newman. However, there may be some students that might not consider this to be important and therefore we will issuing a 15 minute detention for every lesson they are late to each week. These detentions will happen on a Friday and you will receive a text message about this on Thursday evening. We trust that we have your support on this matter and if you have any questions then please direct them to your child’s Head of Year in the first instance.

Mr J-P McInerney, Assistant Headteacher

World Youth Day - Kraków 2016

During the summer, a group of Sixth Form students and staff travelled to Poland to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis. We joined 120 other pilgrims from the Birmingham Diocese and travelled together by coach to Warsaw for our days in the Diocese.

On our arrival, we were greeted by our host families who we would be staying with for the next week, a new experience for many of us! We were welcomed into the homes of strangers and made to feel like part of their family immediately through their love and care for us.

During the first week we worked extremely hard in a number of mission projects, working in the local hospital, supporting in a residential care home for adults with special needs, creating a sensory garden, reaching out to the local community through ministry and music, creating a rosary garden for the elderly and many more projects. We achieved so much in a short amount of time, whilst also sharing faith together with our new Polish friends and learning more about the Church and culture in Poland.

During our second week we travelled to Krakow to prepare for our Mass with Pope Francis. We spent three days hosting Catechesis and meeting with Archbishops and Cardinals who spoke to us about our faith and the challenges we must overcome. We celebrated through the Liturgy and music and invited other pilgrims from around the world to join us.

We then began our Pilgrimage to the field of Mercy in sweltering heat and set up camp for the vigil with Pope Francis. Challenges and barriers to faith were powerfully explored through a series of liturgy, art, dance and drama. Pope Francis then addressed the millions of youth calling us to “get up off the couch” to leave behind our screens and our comfort and to begin to undertake risks, to transform and to educate our world about living in diversity, to challenge wars and violence and extremism through prayer. In response all those gathered joined hands in a moment of impromptu prayer, a silence stunned the millions gathered and together we raised our prayers to God. In our millions we lit candles in a vigil of prayer with our Holy Father and slept out in the field of mercy with nothing but our sleeping bags in a vigil of prayer, music and joy. Together we celebrated Mass with Pope Francis where again we were reminded of our worth and the worth of life and not to feel limited.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported us in our fundraising efforts and our spiritual preparation for World Youth Day.

We gave thanks in prayer for your support at the Papal Mass.

Laura Kemp, Carmel Keane & Geraldine Isherwood

“WYD was an amazing experience! It helped me to build up my faith and make many new friends, from hundreds of thousands of people there, from various nationalities” - Krzysztof

“World Youth day was an amazing experience for me as I have never been to Poland before and I was a bit clueless as to what the catholic religion consisted of: World youth day helped me to bond with people from all around the world and discover how and what encouraged their belief. It was like one massive family uniting together in song, dance and prayer. It was beautiful.” - Emily
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 11
Information Eve - Thurs 15 Sept, 6.30pm
Open Evening - Wed 21 Sept, 6pm
St Augustine’s Parish Mass - Sun 25 Sept, 10.30am
Break Up for Half Term - Fri 21 Oct 16

GCSE History Revision Guides For Sale
We have recently had a delivery of CGP revision guides for Newman students studying GCSE History. They are only £2.75 and can be bought from any of the history teachers in the Humanities Faculty

Mr Davies, Faculty Leader, Humanities

Shoe Box Appeal
Don’t forget to start collecting shoe boxes for this year’s Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal.
Let us try to beat last year’s figure of 188 shoe boxes.

Weekly Prayer

Lord of the years,
We ask you blessing on the year to come.
Give us the resilience to bear its disappointments,
Energy to seize its opportunities
And openness to accept the more abundant life
Which you have promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Coventry Youth Dance Company
Youth Dance Coventry are recruiting.
Free taster sessions are taking place on:
Tuesday 13 September: 4.45-5.45pm & 6.00-8.00pm
Studio 126, The Ellen Terry Building Location, Coventry University, Jordan Well, CV1 5FB. Tel: 024 7678 8575.
A free dance workshop is also taking place after school on Wednesday 28 September 2016. The workshop is open to all students Years 7-11.

Mrs C Harris, PE Department

Cardinal Newman's Peace and Justice Group need you!
How can we achieve peace and justice in today's chaotic world?
Do you think you can make a difference?
Want to find out more?
Come along on Friday lunchtime to Room 56

Friday Mass
Every week beginning 16th September
1.35pm - 2.00pm
Time for prayer, God’s Word, receiving Communion and peace.
Early lunch passes available from Laura

Roald Dahl Day
The Library will be celebrating Roald Dahl’s 100th birthday on Tuesday 13th September.
Come visit the Library to celebrate his day with fun activities and prizes to be won.
Every student that borrows a book will get a special ‘Wonka Golden Ticket’ and be entered into the prize draw. Please visit the Library for more info.

Mrs Kimberley-Taylor (Librarian)

CHESS – Easy to learn, difficult to master
Are you tough enough?!

• Chess at lunchtimes in Room 50 – Turn up and play
• Bring your lunch
• All students and staff welcome! Beginners to Grand Masters
• Mondays after school in Room 50 – Tactics, team training, tournaments

History Club!
This is not your normal old history lesson, we’re talking about the gory stuff! With gruesome games, display work and ancient art you’ll have so much FUN!
Every Thursday after school!
3:10-4:10 room 50
Starting: Thursday 15th September

St Augustine's Parish Mass
Sun 25 Sept, 10.30am

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Year 7 Mass
On Thursday 15 September at 11.30am we will celebrate mass with students in Year 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to come together as a year group. We would like to invite parents of Year 7 to attend this celebration if they are able. If you would like to join us for mass please contact school by email to sarah.boyle@cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk

Please sign into main school reception on arrival. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs S Boyle, Assistant Headteacher

Mass to Commemorate 1000 Years of St Osburga and the Catholic Faith in Coventry
As part of the 1000 years of Coventry Heritage being celebrated this weekend, there will be a special Mass, led by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Osburg’s Church on Sunday 11 September at 11.30am.

This is to commemorate 1000 years of St Osburga and the Catholic Faith in Coventry. This will be followed by a reception in the Parish hall afterwards and the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of Coventry will be among some of the invited guests.

The Cardinal Newman Prayer - written by Ellie Tynan (11NML)
Lord, Support us all day long.
Help us to learn and work together.
You have blessed us with special and unique gifts, help us to use them and not to hide them.
Help us to encourage others to use their gifts, to be their best self and prove that we are all made for greatness.

Don’t forget to check the school’s website for all the latest news: www.cardinalnewman.coventry.sch.uk