



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 Student

## **Sixth Form Update: New Courses Available for Sixth Form Study**

We wanted to update you with regard to Sixth Form study at Cardinal Newman. We are delighted to be able to inform you that we are offering two new Level 3 courses that begin in September. The courses are: Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care and the Level 3 Diploma in Financial Services. Both courses support progression to a University or Higher Apprenticeship pathway.

### **Extended Diploma in BTEC Health & Social Care**

The BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care is an applied general qualification and supports progression to health-related professions including: nursing, social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. It is equivalent to 3 A levels and includes work experience.

This course is ideal for those who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education (or a Higher-Level Apprenticeship) and ultimately to employment in the health and social care sector. The qualification develops a deep common core of knowledge, understanding and skills in the health and social care sector and allows learners to focus on a particular aspect of the sector through a selection of optional units, including a route that focuses specifically on health studies.

### **Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies**

This qualification covers financial knowledge and the core disciplines of financial capability. This course will develop the core skills of critical analysis and evaluation, synthesis, verbal communication and written communication. You will develop the knowledge and skills required to make informed financial decisions by evaluating risks and challenges involved in personal finance and utilise tools for effective planning. You will also compare and contrast a range of financial solutions and draw reasoned, informed and sound financial judgements in particular contexts.

The Level 3 Diploma is equivalent to one A level and supports progression to Higher Education in financial and business-related areas including: Financial Studies and Accounting. Ultimately this qualification will support students interested in employment opportunities in areas such as accounting, business and banking.

### **Sixth Form Induction**

We are inviting all students who are progressing to the sixth form to attend a Sixth Form transition event on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This will include subject sessions, orientation talks, an introduction to the transition units and an opportunity for questions and answers. The induction will help prepare you for a successful start to your post-16 studies.

### **Meeting to discuss Subject Choices**

Students who are transferring to the sixth form will have meetings with the sixth form team over the next few weeks to discuss their subject choices. This is to help ensure that your chosen subjects will support you in reaching your preferred destination. This is also an opportunity for you to discuss any questions you may have about post-16 study.



If you have any questions about sixth form study please email Mr Courtney at:  
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Yours faithfully



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