

October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you and your family are well at this time.

As we reach the end of our first half term, we want to say a huge well done to all our Year 7 students for the brilliant start they've made to secondary school. It has been a pleasure to see them settling in, making friends and embracing new challenges.

We have had some fantastic highlights this term, including the Bushcraft residential and our PSHE workshops, which helped students build confidence and explore important topics around wellbeing and relationships.

We are delighted to share that 7RDS has been recognised as our top tutor group for ASPIRE this half term, reflecting their outstanding attitude, service, participation, integrity, resilience, and excellence. We have also seen fantastic attendance across the year group, with 7PRN leading the way—thank you for your continued support in helping students arrive ready to learn each day.

Looking ahead, we'll be starting Year 7 assessments after the October break. These will help us understand how students are progressing and where we can offer further support. We're also beginning preparations for our annual Carol Concert on Wednesday 10th December, and all of Year 7 will be expected to take part in what promises to be a joyful and festive celebration which we would love you to attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our high standards and expectations at Cardinal Newman School. We expect students to be in full school uniform everyday with their correct equipment. We also are a 'hands off' school and remind students not to make contact with one another. Finally, a polite reminder that mobile phones should not be seen or heard and will be confiscated if seen by a member of staff.

Thank you once again for your support this half term. We are incredibly proud of how Year 7 has begun their journey and look forward to all that the next half term will bring.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Yours Faithfully



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