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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: New School Name and Updated Uniform – September 2026

We are writing to provide you with details regarding the upcoming changes to our school uniform, which will take effect from **September 2026** as part of our transition to our new school which will be known as Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School.

The Children's Wellbeing Schools Bill, which becomes statutory in September 2027, places limits on the number of branded items a school may require as part of its uniform policy. In anticipation of this change and to support families during the transition we have carefully reviewed our uniform expectations. In response we have reduced the number of branded uniform items from September 2026, ensuring that our updated uniform is fully aligned with the requirements of the upcoming legislation. Below is a summary of the new daywear uniform

Branded Items

- Black blazer with school logo (compulsory)
- School tie (compulsory)

Non-Branded Items

- Plain white school shirt (compulsory)
- Plain black V-neck jumper – cotton rich (compulsory)
- Plain black tailored trousers (compulsory)
 - *Please note: leggings, flares, or tight-fitting trousers are not permitted.*
- Black school shoes (compulsory)
 - *Canvas pumps or trainers are not permitted*
- Black tights or black socks (compulsory)
- Checked school skirt (optional)
 - Black tailored knee-length shorts (optional), may be worn from May half term until October half term

Transition to the new uniform

To support families during this period of change, the following arrangements will be in place for current students in Years 7–10.

Blazer

We appreciate the costly expenses of purchasing a new blazer. We will therefore purchase badges with the new logo so that the students can cover the existing badge on their current blazer. For parents/carers who wish to purchase a new blazer, we will provide a £5 voucher to use against the costs, this is equivalent to the cost of the new badge.

- **Option 1:** School will provide a badge, with the new logo, to cover the students own existing blazer badge
- **Option 2:** Receive a £5 discount on the purchase of a new blazer

From September 2026 all students must wear a blazer with the new school badge.

Tie

- The school will issue every student in Years 7–10 with a new school tie, free of charge.

From September 2026 all students must wear the new tie.

Checked Skirt

- The checked skirt is optional, students may choose to wear this or alternatively wear black school trousers instead

From September 2026 black skirts will no longer be permitted. Images of the above items are attached at the end of this letter.

Jumper

- The current (old) jumper may continue to be worn until December 2026

From January 2027 all students must be in the new jumper, which is a plain black cotton rich V neck, and must not be sweatshirt material.

PE Kit

The current PE kit will be phased out over a period of time, with the expectation that the new PE kit will be in place by 2027. The new PE kit has two branded items and is outlined below.

Boys

- Unisex PE top with school logo (compulsory)
- Tracksuit bottoms with school logo (compulsory)
- Plain black, unbranded PE shorts (compulsory)
- Plain black, unbranded football socks (compulsory)
- Plain black, unbranded rugby top (compulsory)
- Football/rugby boots (compulsory)
- Trainers (compulsory)

Girls

- Unisex PE top with school logo (compulsory)
- Leggings with school logo (compulsory)
- Plain black, unbranded PE shorts (compulsory)
- Plain black, unbranded football socks (compulsory)
- Plain black unbranded warm PE top (optional)
- Trainers (compulsory)

Financial Considerations

We fully appreciate that changes to uniform can present challenges for families. As such, we have taken active steps to minimise any financial impact. These include:

- Providing free ties for all students in Years 7–10
- Offering a discounted replacement blazer or a badge
- Allowing the old jumper to be worn for an extended period
- Reducing the number of branded items in line with upcoming legislation

School Logo



The design incorporates elements of our current identity along with features inspired by **Saint John Henry Newman**, notably the **lighthouse** and the **heart**. The Latin motto translates to:

“Heart speaks unto Heart”

This message reflects our commitment to guiding students academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We are working closely with our uniform providers, Clive Marks and Cat Ballou. During the transition period we advise parents not to purchase any branded school items from Easter onwards. The school will provide these for you through Mrs H Tabram at the uniform store within the school

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be in touch during the Summer Term regarding the issue of a new blazer, badge and tie.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



CARDINAL NEWMAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

New School Uniform

Blazer



Skirt (optional)



Tie



Badge

