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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you are well at this time.

As we arrive at the end of this half term, we look forward to spending time with our families after a busy start to the school year.

Over the last 7 weeks we have celebrated student success in a variety of areas and are particularly proud of the Year 8, 9 and 11 girls and boys football teams who have had great success.

The mentoring programme, where Year 12 are supporting our younger students in their journey, has been an incredible support in helping Year 7 students navigate their way into secondary school. We have also continued our work with Bishop Ullathorne students, collaborating and driving the Cultural Diversity agenda across both schools.

Mr R.Davies, our resident horticulturalist, has been doing a sterling job with our students and they have achieved the Eco Flag status and most recently we have been recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society, receiving the Level 5 Gardening School Award. Well done to Mr. Davies and all those involved.

We are delighted to share with you that Cardinal Newman Catholic School will be supporting one of our students with a working support dog on site. The dog will be easily identified in a yellow jacket similar to those of a Guide Dog. The dog is fully trained and will be slowly integrated into the working day. We will ensure all students are made aware of expectations in assemblies after half term. She is a hypoallergenic dog and does not shed hair, significantly reducing any allergic reactions.

In order to support the smooth integration, please can you complete the forms below. **Only** complete the form if:

Your child has a dog allergy
You have any queries you wish to raise.

https://forms.office.com/r/8dSGzmTSPV

Wishing everyone a peaceful and pleasant break.

Yours faithfully

Ms E O'Connor Headteacher

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Chair of Governors