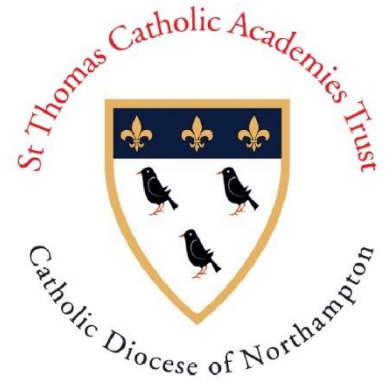




# Cardinal Newman

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# Information for New Students

2021/2022

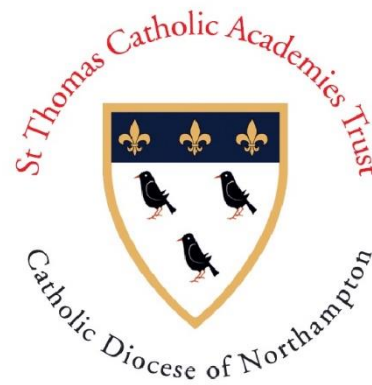


Together towards our Lord through Learning, Love and Faith



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Welcome to Cardinal Newman Catholic School. We are delighted that you will be joining us in September and we will do all that we can to make your 7 years with us happy and fruitful. Compared to your primary school CNS is really big! We have put you into tutor groups and you will get to know your tutor really well, as well as your Head of Year, Mr Forni and the Assistant Heads of Year, Mrs McHugh, Miss Welch and Mrs Topa. They have been preparing to welcome you to our school.

Our motto is 'Ex Umbris In Veritatum' which means 'From Darkness into Light'. We want to ensure that you learn the things that you don't know already, build on what you have learned in primary school and flourish through our ethos of 'Together towards our Lord, through learning, love and faith'. You are starting a really exciting journey, as am I as your Headteacher, and we will support you through every step.

You, your parents and carers have chosen this school because they want the very best for you, as do we! Remember that first impressions are really important; be polite, respectful, behave well and then we will know exactly what to expect from you in September.

You are going to make friendships that will last a lifetime and they all start now. Make sure that you be the very best version of yourself every single day.

God Bless,  
Andrew Bull  
Headteacher



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## Our Aims

- *To be a Catholic community recognised by our love of God and our neighbour.*
- *To be a community of truth, reconciliation justice and peace.*
- *To celebrate and enjoy our learning by using our God given talents to achieve our very best.*
- *To value and respect ourselves and all others.*
- *To help students grow into adults whose Christian faith inspires their lives.*
- *To respond positively to the contributions, aspirations and needs of all staff.*
- *To work with our families, parishes, partner schools and the wider community*



# We are here for you at Cardinal Newman...

Mr Bull  
Headteacher

Mrs Chappell  
Deputy Headteacher

Miss Daly  
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Fay  
Deputy Headteacher

Mr Martin  
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Curtis  
Assistant Headteacher

Mr Billington  
Assistant Headteacher

Mr Hegarty  
Assistant Headteacher

Mr Forni  
Head of Year 7

Mr Piotrowski  
Head of Year 8

Mr Gale  
Head of Year 9

Mr Kirby  
Head of Year 10

Mrs Roulston  
Head of Year 11

Mr Martin  
Acting Head of Sixth Form

Form Tutor

Subject Teachers

God

Teaching Assistants  
and  
HLTAs

Receptionists

Librarians

*Who will be  
there for me?*

School  
Nurse

Behaviour  
Support Assistants

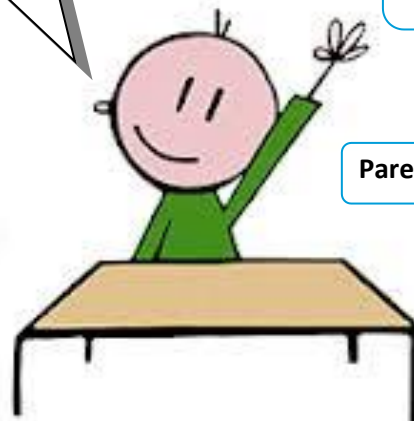
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Year 11 Prefects

Kitchen Staff

Family

Friends

Parents and Carers

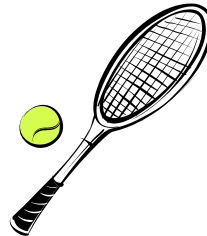


## ...a warm welcome awaits you!

## The School Day

There are 5 lessons per day

- Registration: 8:50 - 9:05
- Period 1: 9:10 - 10:10
- Period 2a 10:10 - 10:40
- Y7 break: 10:40 - 11:00
- Period 2c: 11:00 - 11:30
- Period 3: 11:30 - 12:30
- Period 4a: 12:30 - 2pm



Year 7 will go to period 4 for 30mins. They will then have a 30-minute lunch break with Year 9 (1pm - 1:30pm). They then return to period 4 for a final 30mins.

- Period 5: 2pm - 3pm
- School ends at 3pm



Below is a simplified example of a Year 7 timetable:

	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2a	Break	Period 2c	Period 3	Period 4a	Lunch	Period 4c	Period 5
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:50-9:05 15 min	9:10-10:10 60 min	10:10-10:40 30 min	10:40 - 11:00 20 min	11:00 - 11:30 30 min	11:30-12:30 60 min	12:30-1:00 30 min	1:00-1:30 30 min	1:30 - 2:00 30 min	2pm - 3pm 60 min
		<i>PE</i>	<i>English</i>		<i>English</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>History</i>		<i>History</i>	<i>Science</i>

## Your Tutor Group

During tutor time the following things take place:

- Morning prayer
- Class register
- Hand in reply slips
- Skill building activities
- Quiet reading
- Uniform check
- PSHE



## Our Pupil, Parent and Pastoral Partnership

When you begin at Cardinal Newman School in September, you become part of a team. That team is your **Tutor Group**, and you will meet each morning at 8.50am for 15 minutes. Your Form Tutor is very important and will have a special link with you and your parents / carers over the next five to seven years.

**Mr Forni** is the Head of Year 7 and will be available in the tutor area to help with any difficulties. All Year 7 tutor groups and the Head of Year's office will be based in Littlemore House (the R.E block).

### Did you know that there are 9 different tutor groups in Year 7?

Appointments and group work are available to support anyone who is not settling in as well as expected, alongside routine meetings and check-ins within lessons.

### Subjects you will study:

Computer Science, Food and Nutrition, French, English, Maths, Science, Physical Education (PE), Geography, History, Art, Religious Education (RE).



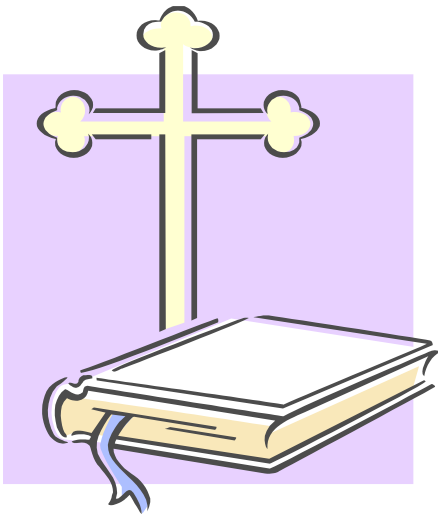
## Your Form Tutor

Your Tutor will monitor your achievements and your behaviour. Your tutor will meet with you if necessary and will contact your parents / carers when you do well or if your behaviour is causing concern.

Your Tutor is the first person you should go to if you have any problems or concerns. He or she is there to listen to you and be the first point of contact for your parents.

In the first term there will be a Key Stage 3 induction evening when your parents / carers can come and discuss how you are settling in.

During the year there will be a Parent's Evening when your parents can meet your subject teachers.



## Chaplaincy

The Chaplain of the school is called **Jane**. She is another member of staff who is there for you if you need any help. We have our very own chapel which you can visit via the Reception area. Jane's office is next to the chapel.

In the first term, Jane organises a Retreat Day for each tutor group. This will give you the opportunity to enjoy fun activities with your new class mates and get to know each other a little better.

Jane will often lead our school Masses and Liturgies which take place in the hall. Rather than visiting a church for these services, we bring church to us!

# Your School Bag

Below are **examples** of the items you may need to bring with you to school. Please bring a school bag which is big and strong enough to hold these items.

It is a good idea to pack your school bag by checking your timetable the night before to see what equipment you will need to bring for the four lessons you have the next day.

Extra items to carry such as PE kit, ingredients for cooking or footballs can be stored in your locker if you choose to have one. Lockers are in the Year 7 area, near your tutor room but these may not be issued before October half term.

**Planner (available from school via ParentMail)**

**Bus ticket**

**Maths set (available from the school via ParentMail)**

**A red pen**

**Exercise books (issued by the school) (A4 in size)**

**Scientific**

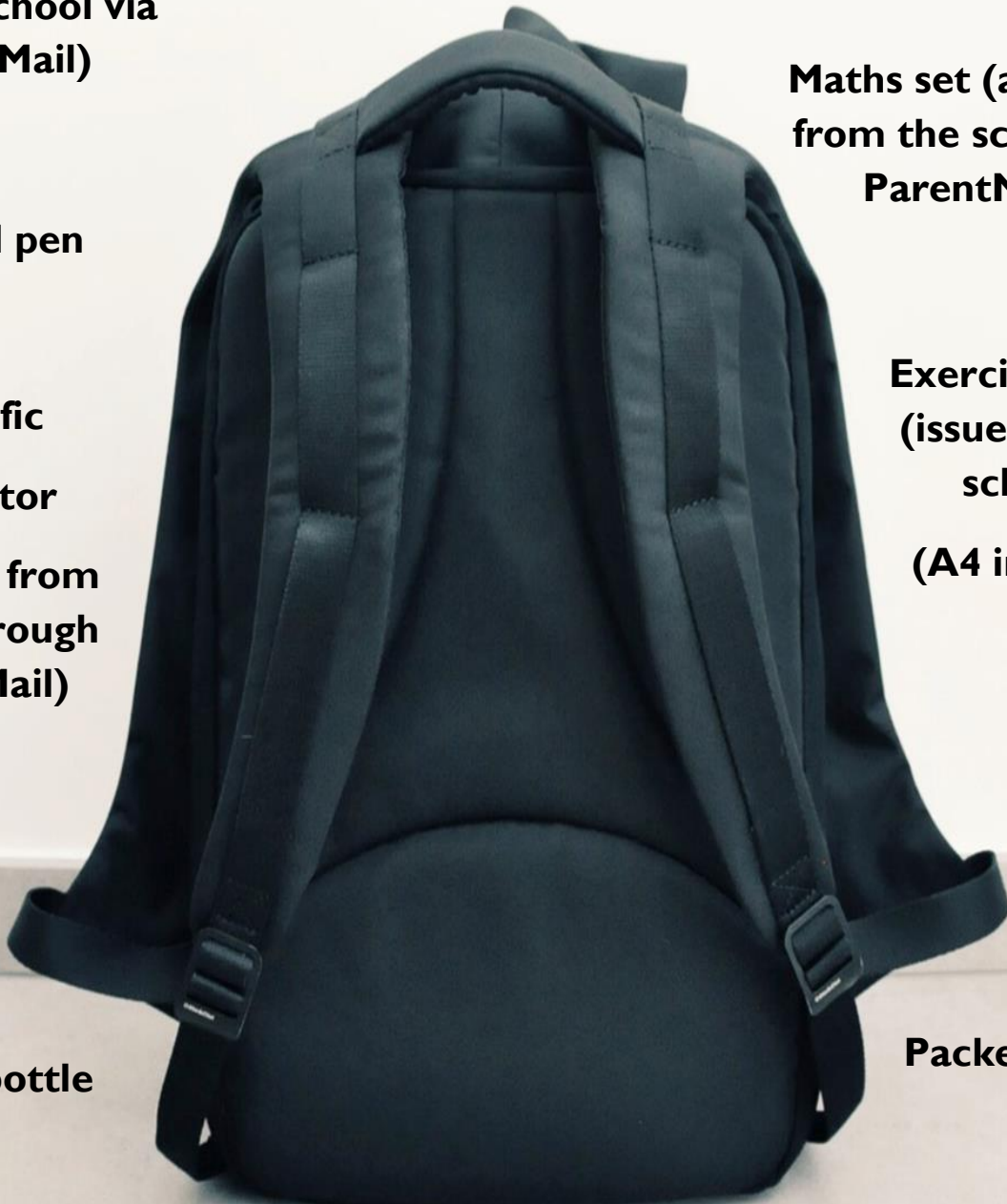
**Calculator**

**(available from school through ParentMail)**

**PE kit**

**Water bottle**

**Packed lunch**







# Fun & Rewards!



Here are just some examples of things to be excited about!

## Achievement

Good work and effort are recognised at here at Cardinal Newman. Each time you behave well in a lesson, do a great piece of work or come up with a great idea in a discussion, you will earn an Achievement Point. These points will build up over the terms and certificates, badges and prizes are given to those with the most points. Excellent behaviour over all three terms earns you a £10 voucher.

## End of Year Trip

At the end of each school year, to celebrate all your hard work and if you've behaved well, the entire year group will be invited to a theme park trip. This is usually Chessington World of Adventure in Year 7.

## Theatre Trips

Year 7 get many opportunities to watch a live show after school with the Drama department, either locally or the West End!

## Year 7 Retreats

In the first term, you will spend a whole day out of school with your tutor group for some fun team building activities and a chance for some self-reflection.

## Extra Activity clubs:

Cheerleading, Choir, Basketball, Rugby, Netball, Football, Gaelic Football, Football Mash Up, Hockey, Art, Dance, Music, Maths, Homework, Robotics, Chess, Library, Creative Writing and Debate club.

## Sponsored Walk

Every October the whole school will raise money for their chosen charity by walking around Warden Hills. That's right...the whole school will have time off lessons to walk through the Autumn leaves and chat to their friends for a great cause.

## Christmas Bazaar

In December the whole school will have the chance to have some festive fun watching a Christmas show by some of our older students. This is followed by a chance to visit our Christmas Fete to buy cakes, candy floss, or fresh popcorn. There is always lots to see and do including our bouncy castle assault course, the Xbox, rodeo bull, face painting, hair braiding or nail art.

# School Uniform Years 7-10

Your parents will receive information which shows the correct items of school uniform. You must always wear the uniform exactly as described. Variations will not be accepted and costs parent's extra money when they have to buy more clothes to follow school uniform properly. Please do check the items of school uniform carefully and check before you buy 'school uniform' in a shop does not mean it meets our school expectations, for example the school skirt has embossed lettering on it to ensure consistency.

## Below is a list of general School Uniform Rules:

- Plain Black Shoes - No canvas shoes, trainers or boots above the ankle (no high heels).
- No Denim, No Hoodies or sweat shirt style/material tops.
- Outdoor coats must be plain and preferably dark in colour – we are however sympathetic to the **Be Bright, Be Seen** Campaign and will not object to lighter colours.
- Only small stud earrings (one per ear), one small cross and chain and one small ring allowed.
- No body or face piercings. No acrylic or false nails.
- No extreme hairstyles, cuts or colours; no bandanas or other decorations such as bows or flowers; hairbands must be dark and plain; make-up must be discreet.
- School Bag – large enough to fit A4 exercise books.

This list is not exhaustive and the school may make further additions to this list as deemed necessary. **All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name (including ties).**

All labelled items of main school uniform are available through Prestige, Unit 2, Barton Industrial Estate, Faldo Road, Barton Le Clay, Beds, MK45 4RP. Please note that no other retailer has been approved to sell badged items of uniform.

Prestige have an online booking system for appointments. Please visit their website to book a slot. We advise that you book early as slots become very limited in late July and August.

## Feeling unwell?



If you feel unwell you should ask your teacher to sign your planner giving you permission to go to the Medical Room. If you need to go home, the staff in the Medical Room will phone home for you. Do not ring home or leave school unless you have gone through this procedure.

## Transport



There are various public buses that provide a service to and from our school. Your parents have received information about how to purchase tickets. Weekly passes can be purchased from your driver or Arriva mobile app. More information can be obtained from Arriva on **0844 800441**.

We have a large area to lock up bikes, but you must make sure that it is properly and securely padlocked and that you wear a helmet.

## Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are very important to success in school. We expect everyone to have 96% or above attendance. Missed lessons may be copied up but that is never as good as being present for the lesson.

If you are absent from school **your parents must telephone the school on the first day of absence.**

You are **not** allowed to take holidays in term time.

## School Lunches

You may like to bring a packed lunch to school, but we do serve delicious homemade school meals and desserts in our dining hall. Water is available for no charge but there is a wide range of soft drinks including hot chocolate.



We use '**cashless catering**' here at Cardinal Newman. Your thumb is scanned when you first join the school. This becomes the password to your lunch account. When you come to pay for your lunch, all you need to do is scan your thumb and your lunch will be paid for!

A small number of students choose pin codes to be used instead of thumb scans, but these can be tricky to remember.

Our kitchen staff cannot accept coins or notes, only money put into your account by your parents via Parentmail on line can be used (your parents will receive more information about this).

# ParentMail

Communicating with Parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things we care about.

We will be using ParentMail, a service used by over 6000 schools, nurseries & Children's clubs to communicate to parents. Parent mail will be beneficial to our families because they can:

- Use a Free Mobile app on Android & IOS to pick up school messages instantly.
- Pay for School Trips
- Top up dinner Money
- Purchase School ties & Maths equipment
- Purchase Revision guides
- Reporting a Child's absence from School
- Complete forms, give consent/permissions & give feedback on surveys.
- Keep on top of School meetings & events.
- Book Parents evening appointments Update the School with new phone numbers /email addresses/home addresses & much much more!!!

**Registering with ParentMail is very easy! Before the end of the summer term in Year 6 parents will be sent either an email and/or text message from Parent Mail, when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message.**

## Dinner Money

- We are now a cashless school.
- Dinner Money will need to be paid for online using ParentMail.



# Lost property

Please take care of your own possessions and respect each other's property. It is essential that you label all your clothing and equipment with your name and tutor group. Lost property is returned when possible (when it is labelled!). If you find something please hand it to your teacher. If you lose anything, search thoroughly yourself before asking at reception.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are allowed but must be **switched off as soon as you reach the school gates**, placed in your bag or handed into the office for safe keeping. Mobile phones are banned at all times during the school day and will be confiscated if you are found using your phone during the day. You are only allowed to use them after 3pm.

If you need to make a telephone call during the school day, you should go to your tutor or Mr Forni and ask permission. In an emergency, please go to the Reception. The school is not responsible for loss or theft of a mobile phone and will not investigate any such incidents.

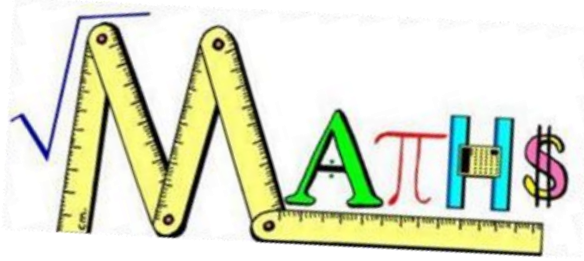


## Top Tips from Our Students

1. Use an alarm clock.
2. Write your homework in your planner.
3. Do your homework the same day it is set.
4. Put your name on everything!
5. Keep your valuables in a safe place.
6. Pack your school bag the night before.
7. Have a good breakfast to feed your brain and to give you energy.
8. Be friendly, respectful and polite.



## A 'Hello' from...



### Welcome to the Mathematics department...where everyone counts!

The Maths department at Cardinal Newman Catholic School are excited by the recent developments in the curriculum. As a team we believe students deserve the chance to understand the Maths they will meet in everyday life. The new National Curriculum in Mathematics encourages students to apply the skills they learn to everyday situations.

During their 5 years with the Maths department students will be given opportunity to learn through a variety of different methods including teacher and pupil led discussion, group work, use of ICT, textbook practice and project work. Every classroom in the department has a projector and interactive board allowing lessons to be varied to suit all learning styles and abilities.

As a department we have extremely high expectations of all our students and endeavour to provide the support required to ensure their success. This success can lead onto students taking Maths beyond the compulsory GCSE and onto A Level and degree level. By achieving high grades within Maths students have the opportunities to go on and become the next generation of teachers, accountants, statisticians, bankers, engineers, actuaries, researchers into issues such as energy and climate change and much more.

In all year groups students are grouped for lessons based on ability. This is determined by achievement at assessment points and is reviewed throughout the year. You will be assessed every half term and this can help you to move sets if needed. Every term you will practice basic Maths skills and these will be used to generate targets for you to work towards both in and out of school.

To further support learning in Maths the department subscribe to the following website:

[www.hegartymaths.com](http://www.hegartymaths.com).

(User login details will be available from class teachers at the beginning of the academic year)

In addition to the basic equipment for all lessons, students must bring to every Maths lesson:

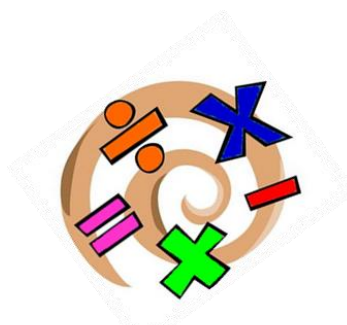
A scientific calculator - we recommend the Casio fx-83GT plus – sold by the department for £10

A ruler

A protractor

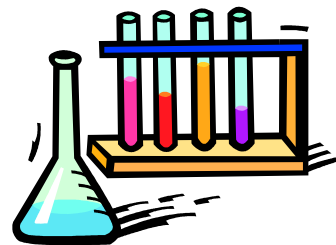
A pair of compasses

Alternatively, you can purchase a Maths set which contains all the Maths equipment -sold by the department for £2. Must be purchased on ParentMail.



A 'Hello' from...

# Science



## Welcome to the Science Department

In year 7 you will be beginning to learn using the principle of 'the big ideas' in Science, which will enable you to connect concepts,

Some of which you may have started learning about in your primary schools. For example, the big ideas of **Energy & Electromagnets**– help to develop your understanding of energy resources that human beings rely on heavily for their everyday activities & the importance of developing sustainable methods of meeting our energy demands.

Other ideas lead on from areas you have been introduced to– e.g.

**Reactions** builds on the knowledge you developed when looking at reversible & irreversible changes as well as introducing acids & alkalis.

- **Earth** builds on your existing knowledge of the solar system & the Earth, including new information about the structure of the Earth & formation of rocks.
- You also will meet some completely new ideas, later on at KS3 within this, such as **Climate & Earths Resources** which tries to increase your awareness of the limited resources our beautiful world has & how can we can over exploit them; what we can do to help minimise the damage we can cause to our environment; & the effects on the world of over exploitation.
- **Ecosystems** builds on the work you have done on living things, food chains & habitats & develops your understanding of the importance of plants.
- **Genes** looks at how living organisms have huge variation between species & also within a single species, making us all unique.

All ideas will work on things you need to **know**, how you then use this information to **Apply** to an unfamiliar situation, & some more challenging objectives where you will again use the knowledge you have to **Extend** your thinking through making comparisons, evaluations & predictions.

Most of the big ideas have lots of opportunity for scientific practical work, to develop your practical skills, however all will require use of **thinking skills, literacy & numeracy** to ensure that you attain well & reach your full potential. Resilience is the Habit of mind that we focus on in Science so you will learn to:

- ⇒ **Be Persistent** (Einstein did not give up when developing his theory of Relativity)
- ⇒ **Strive for accuracy** (Halley had to prove his comet was the same one that kept coming back again and again)
- ⇒ **Gather data through all your senses** (Jenner & Pasteur used all this when working with microbes)
- ⇒ **Remain open to continuous learning** (Rutherford & Dalton had to change ideas on atomic structure)

**We look forward to seeing your transition work on the Periodic Table**

**Enjoy your holidays and see you in September!**

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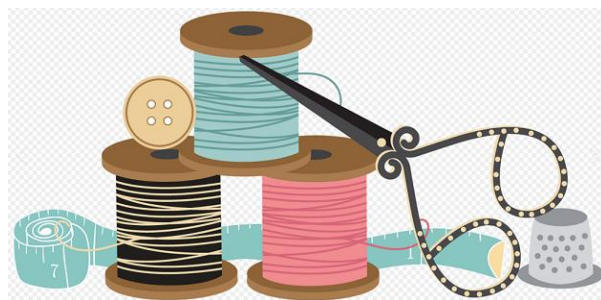
# Design Technology, Food and Nutrition

When joining Cardinal Newman, you will have Design Technology lessons that are taught in a carousel. This means you will spend a half term experiencing each of the following Technology areas:

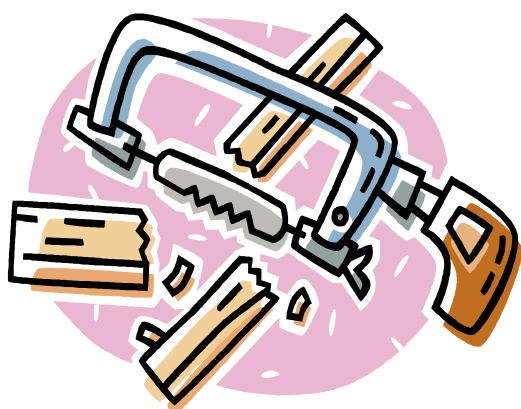
- Food and Nutrition:** preparing & cooking foods; design and make a bread product.



- Textiles:** learning and using the sewing machine; design and make a bag.



- Resistant Materials:** working with metal and wood and plastic, learning to use the tools and equipment correctly; design and make a pencil holder in Year 7.



## A 'Hello' from...

# French

Welcome to the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. During Year 7 we will continue to build upon and extend the learning undertaken in your primary schools whilst introducing you to some brand-new topics such as:

- **Home life**
- **School**
- **Hobbies**
- **Life in France**

You will get plenty of opportunity to practise the four key skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in lessons which will all prepare you for further study later in the school.

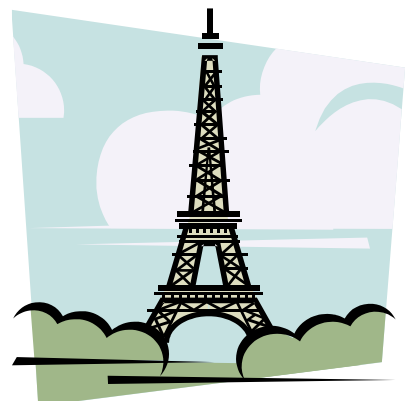
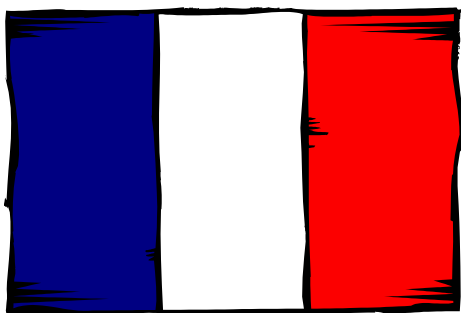
How much do you think you know already? Can you solve the puzzles?

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bleu, blanc, r \_ \_ \_ \_

chien, chat, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



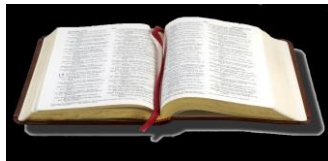
## A 'Hello' from...

# RE

Welcome to the Religious Education Department at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. Besides being one of the four core subjects, RE is the heart of our school. The department offers you the unique opportunity to learn about God and His creation. Every RE lesson begins with prayer and sometimes students are given the opportunity to take lead. RE lessons are varied and engaging; you will take part in debates, role plays, popcorn reading, group work and competitions. We run an advent calendar competition in the first term of year 7 where the winners get to take home big prizes including vouchers to spend on whatever they like. As you move on through KS3 and 4 you should have developed key skills that you need at A level and University. In year 8, we run a Philosophy club that allows students a chance to discuss and debate key questions of life. Some of these students should go on to take Ethics and Philosophy at A-level. This is very important for anyone who wishes to become a great thinker in the near future.

Some topics in Year 7 include:

### The Word of God



### The Sacraments



### Leadership in the Church



### The Church's Mission

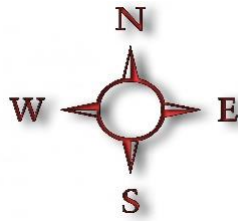


You will also get an opportunity to visit the Chapel during some of your RE lessons.

We look forward to seeing you all. God bless you!



# Finding Your Way Around



New pupils often worry about getting lost when they start at Cardinal Newman. It is quite a large school with lots of different classrooms and teaching blocks, giving you fantastic facilities and lots of variety to your school day.

It is actually quite difficult to get lost when you start Year 7, because there will be **Peer Supporters** in each tutor group. They will guide you around from lesson to lesson, from playground to classroom, from classroom to canteen...all day long for the first TWO WEEKS!

The Year 7 Pastoral Team who you will see every day consists of:

- Mr Forni: Head of Year 7; RE Teacher
- Mrs McHugh: Assistant Head of Year; Drama and RE Teacher
- Miss Welch: Assistant Head of Year; History Teacher
- Mrs Topa: Assistant Head of Year; PE Teacher
- Miss Adzih: Maths Teacher
- Mr Aruna: Computer Science Teacher
- Mr Carter: Music Teacher
- Mr Cooper: Science Teacher
- Miss Hussain: English Teacher
- Mrs Peters: Business Studies Teacher
- Mr Troughton: Science Teacher
- Mr Smailes: English teacher
- Mrs Fay: Deputy Headteacher; Psychology Teacher

# Extra-Curricular Clubs

Cardinal Newman offers a wide range of exciting extra-curricular clubs to join. This is encouraged to develop your God given talents as well as having lots of fun and making even more friends. Clubs will be advertised in tutor time and are usually run at lunch time or after school.

- ✘ Netball
- ✘ Football
- ✘ Rugby
- ✘ Gaelic Football
- ✘ Hockey
- ✘ Basketball
- ✘ Athletics
- ✘ Debate Club
- ✘ Drama Club/School Productions
- ✘ Choir
- ✘ Revision classes (GCSE)
- ✘ Orchestra
- ✘ String, Wind & Brass Group (Music)
- ✘ Jazz Band
- ✘ Creative Writing Club
- ✘ Computer Club
- ✘ School Council
- ✘ Chess/Games Club

# Term Dates 2021-22

## **Christmas Term:**

Inset Day 1:	Wednesday 1 September 2021
Inset Day 2:	Thursday 2 September 2021
Term Begins <b>for Years 7 &amp; 12 only:</b>	Friday 3 September 2021
Term Begins for others:	Monday 6 September 2021
Half Term:	Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2021
Last day of Term:	Friday 17 December 2021

## **Lent Term:**

Inset Day 3:	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Term Begins:	Wednesday 5 January 2022
Half Term:	Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February 2022
Last day of Term:	Friday 1 April 2022 ( <i>Easter Sunday – 17 April 2022</i> )

## **Pentecost Term:**

Term Begins:	Tuesday 19 April 2022
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 2 May 2022
Half Term:	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022
Last Day of Term:	Wednesday 20 July 2022
Disaggregated Day 4:	Thursday 21 July 2022
Disaggregated Day 5:	Friday 22 July 2022

*A four-day weekend will be created in June 2022 – the late May Spring Bank Holiday will move to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday will be created on Friday 3 June 2022.*

## **The School Prayer**

*Guide us this day, Lord our Father,*

*In you love, for this day is yours.*

*May we share the love we have for you with others, for all  
mankind is yours.*

*Help us with our work this day,*

*For our work is yours.*

*May we love and respect ourselves,*

*For we are yours.*

*Amen*



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