



Welcome to Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist in Maths and Computing

Headteacher's Message Winter 2010

Once again we are well into our new school year. In this addition you will see a small sample of the many and varied activities that have already taken place in school to provide enrichment opportunities for students to experience additional learning opportunities and to increase their awareness of the needs of others. As well as the activities highlighted lower school students participated in a sponsored walk, we hope this will become an annual event. This year the proceeds will go towards enhancing our new fitness suite.

In September we welcomed our largest ever new intake. The school is now regularly oversubscribed, reflecting the high esteem in which the school is held. Our new students have settled in extremely well. During the summer we said goodbye to our year 11's and congratulate them on their very good examination successes and wish them well in the next stages of their education.

The next few weeks will be extremely busy particularly for year 10 and 11 students as they prepare for important examinations and for year 9 as they make important option choices.

In the coming weeks there will also be many events and activities all of which continue to make Cardinal Newman a safe, secure and inspirational place for young people to develop to their full potential.

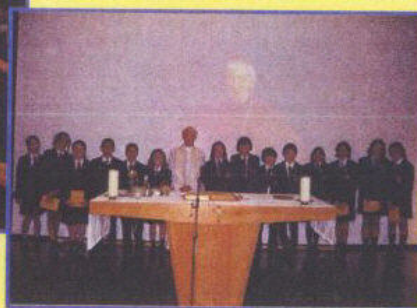
In conclusion, we would like to thank you for your support as parents, as the school-parent partnership is key to the success of our young people.

Mr. Clarke

Newman Week Assemblies

All pupils have been involved in a special assembly focusing on building and contribution to our school as a catholic community. St. Paul's letter to Corinthians chapter 12 has been the central message, "all of you are Christ's body and each one is a part of it". In the words of John Henry Newman, "God has created me to do him some definite service... I will trust Him, whatever, wherever I am".

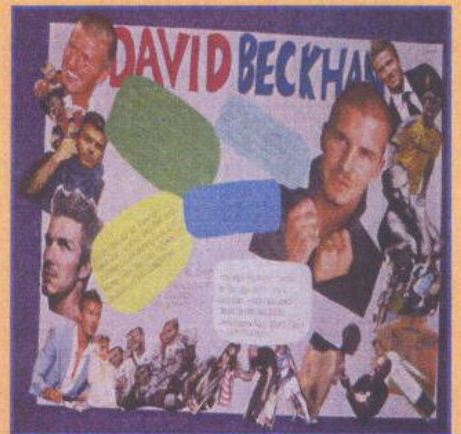
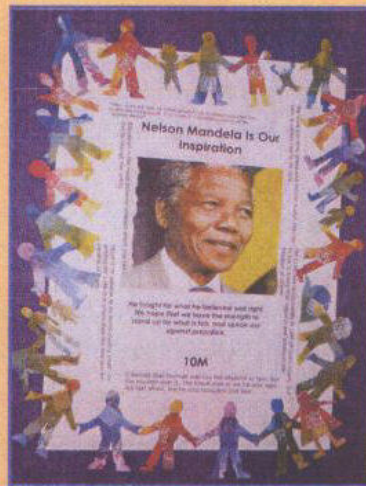
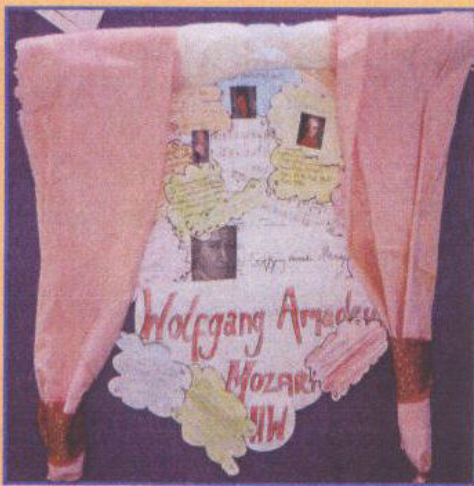
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Inspirational People

In form classes, all pupils and form tutors have worked together on a project about inspirational people, all pupils contributed towards a whole school display. Each Form Tutor chose an individual who can inspire us; men and women who have helped to shape and change the world in which we live, people who have made a difference. Let us be the change we want to see in the world!

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Hallé Orchestra Visit

The year 7 and year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to listen to some orchestral music, when members of the Hallé Orchestra visited on Monday 27th September. For many pupils it was their first experience of watching and listening to live brass and woodwind instruments. The fact that the instruments were expertly demonstrated in a workshop and then concert, made the day even more memorable. Some of the pupils involved have already signed up for brass and woodwind lessons: the fact that the musicians playing on the day, all said they started their lessons at about the same age as our pupils, gives great encouragement. Look out Hallé Orchestra, you have some competition!

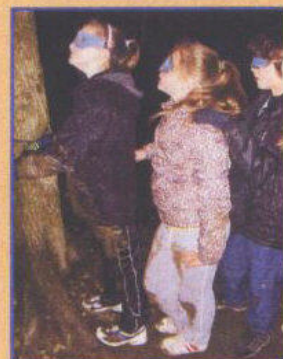
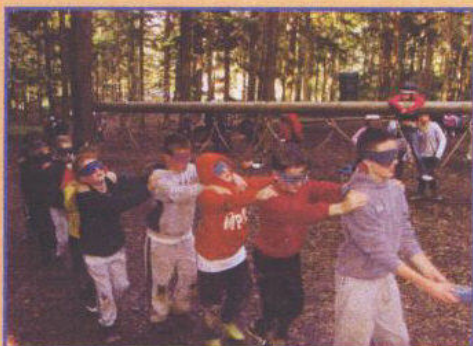
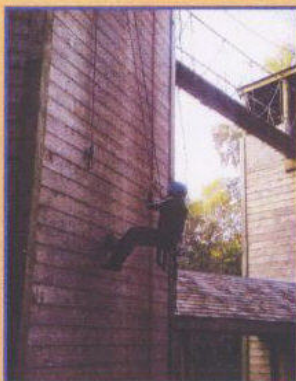
Mr. Warnock, Head of Music.



Year 7 Colomendy Trip

One hundred year 7 pupils headed for Colomendy for the annual residential over 3 days from the 6th – 8th October. Pupils achieved great heights as they attempted the great zip wire, 3G swing and abseiling, in between crawling through the mud as they worked their way blindfolded around nightline. Luckily the sun shone in the Welsh Valley as pupils made new friends and got to know each other better. By their return on the Friday, both staff and pupils were exhausted after a busy 3 days but a great time was had by all and we look forward to returning next year with the current year 6's.

Miss Wilson, Head of Year 7.



Year 9 and 10 Maths Mentor Training

A group of Year 9 and 10 pupils from Cardinal Newman and St. Gregory's were visited from Julie Reed who is the Numeracy Consultant for Warrington, to take part in maths mentor training. These pupils have volunteered to be trained to be mentors and coaches for Year 7 pupils to help them with their number skills. The training took part in the auditorium and was very lively and engaging. Julie will hopefully be visiting to see how the mentor programme is going.

Mrs Shaw, Head of Maths.



Manchester University Trainee Teachers get involved in Year 8 Groupwork

Six Initial Teacher Training students visited Cardinal Newman on four consecutive Thursdays to work with Year 8 maths set 4 in small groups. It is something that the school participates in each year and it enables ITT students to gain valuable insight into teaching before starting their placements. The ITT students worked in pairs with 8 pupils on a series of lessons on area, perimeter and volume. The lessons were interactive and interesting and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed them.
Mrs Shaw, Head of Maths.



Wear It Pink Day

The pupils and staff of Cardinal Newman Catholic High School held a 'Wear it Pink Day' in school on Thursday 21st October 2010. All pupils and staff wore one pink item in return for a £1 donation in aid of 'Breast Cancer Awareness'. The school also raised further funds for the charity by holding a 'Bring and Buy' and 'Cake Sale' and a 'Sweat it Out' aerobic session. The school did a fantastic job of raising a total of £800 and an enjoyable day was had by all.

