



CARDINAL NEWMAN

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Service: Compassion: Forgiveness: Truth



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Cardinal Newman Catholic High School. We are a vibrant, ambitious and caring community, with students drawn from a variety of backgrounds.

A link in a chain

Everything that happens within our school is inspired by gospel values and Cardinal Newman's words that we are all: "a link in a chain. A bond of connection between persons."

Stepping into the future

Our school provides a rich and engaging learning experience with high expectations for all our pupils, whatever their starting points, so that they gain the knowledge and skills to prepare them for their futures. As well as rigorous academic expectations, our school works creatively to prepare pupils for the wider world, and provide them with pathways into successful future careers. Our wider

curriculum provides a coherent programme of opportunities designed to foster a love of learning.

Igniting an interest in the world

We want to inspire our pupils to become lifelong learners, igniting an interest in the world around them, motivating them to lead to fulfilling, compassionate and imaginative lives.

We welcome your interest in our school.

Everyone Is Valued

Community

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School is a community in which 'everyone is valued.'

Dedicated staff

Our dedicated staff inspire, support and challenge each of our students in terms of their emotional and spiritual growth and their academic achievement. We strive to ensure our students are happy and responsible citizens who make a difference to our society.

Academic success

As well as providing high quality learning experiences which ensure our students achieve academic success, we provide an education based upon gospel values, promoting the growth of the whole child.

Extra-curricular opportunities

Our extra-curricular opportunities inspire students to make the best of their talents, with a wide range of clubs. For example, we have particular success in Rugby League and Rowing for both our male and female teams. Performing Arts are a key component of the enrichment on offer with a variety of musical ensembles, a highly successful school show and both Drama and Music thriving at GCSE.

Respectful, calm and productive

We also have high expectations of the conduct and behaviour of all members of our community, which ensures our school is a respectful, calm and productive environment in which we can all thrive and enjoy working and learning.

Mental health

Our cutting-edge provision in mental health and our outstanding pastoral team ensure that our students also have the emotional skills they need to succeed throughout their lives.



Our Values: Service, Compassion, Forgiveness And Truth



Core values

At the heart of our school are our core values, inspired by the Beatitudes and the words of Cardinal Newman, which form our school prayer.

‘Heart speaks to Heart’

All members of our community, students, staff, parents and governors aim to live out our values of Service, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth in our interactions with one another. We ask that everyone is mindful of their actions, thoughts and words so that we can be a school in which the words of Cardinal Newman are clear. Our school is a place where ‘Heart speaks to Heart’ and we show love to God, one another and ourselves.

Tolerance

We are also a school of tolerance, where we respect each individual because we recognise that every member of school is unique, important and loved.

Pastoral support

We have a strong, pro-active Pastoral Team that focus on developing good relationships and provide support to all our students.

All areas of life

Building on our school values students have access to a wealth of experience to ensure that they are supported in all areas of school life. The Pastoral Team support students in a variety of ways from a falling out with friends to intensive behaviour support. Each year group has an allocated Head of Year who stays with them as they move through the school. These are supported by 3 pastoral managers who are allocated to year groups.

Additional support

Our pastoral team also co-ordinate support beyond students’ lives in school, with access to an excellent range of external services. If members of our school community need advice of any kind, our pastoral team are always there to offer guidance and help.



Joining Our School

Transition

Our transition programme begins in the Summer term of Year 5 and we work throughout the year alongside our Primary schools to offer and run events.

Taster Day

For our feeder primary schools this is followed by a Taster Day, when each class is invited for the day to experience life at High School. We have excellent links with our feeder schools and offer a range of activities including:

- Sporting activities.
- A maths challenge.
- Online Safety training.
- ...and a special performance of the yearly school production.

Open Evening

Each September we hold our annual Open Evening for Year 6 students. This is an opportunity to meet some of our students and visit different departments. In the Summer term we spend time working with the primary schools to gather information on each child so that we can ensure a smooth transition to high school.

Transition Days

Year 6 students are also invited to attend for a Transition Day during the summer term (usually the first week in July). On this day they will have the opportunity to meet their Form Tutor and their new form class.



Our Curriculum: Joining The Wider World Of Learning



Inspire and engage

Our curriculum offers a broad range of subjects to our students throughout their time at Cardinal Newman, designed to inspire and engage all our young people in their learning.

Rapid progress

Our high expectations ensure that curriculum content is rigorous and designed to support rapid student progress from their starting point. The curriculum is also designed to be aspirational and relevant to each individual, with students in Year 9 being offered a range of qualifications for their Key Stage 4 studies in Year 10 and 11, alongside our core offer of English, Maths, Science, RE, PHSE and core PE.

Personalised Learning

Our students study a range of GCSE's, BTECs and applied qualifications with students given expert advice to help them make the most informed choice of subjects at Key Stage 4.

Value based

Our curriculum is far more than the content that is taught in the classroom. As a faith school, our curriculum is 'values based' and designed to educate for life with a wide variety of enrichment and enhancement opportunities in all subjects extending learning beyond the classroom and into the wider world in preparation for their futures.



A 'Reading School'

We are a 'Reading School', and encourage all our students to read regularly, continually developing themselves as readers. To support students in reading, we offer the following:

- NGRT assessments at the start of the year to identify barriers to reading. This informs a range of in-school interventions to support our students with improving their reading skills.
- Reciprocal Reading Strategies are used during targeted small group interventions during KS3.
- Regular shared reading during form time for all year groups. We are keen to emphasise that this is a shared experience where the entire form read the same novel together. The shared reading experience is reinforced through quizzes and competitions based on that novel.
- All students are enrolled onto the SparxReader Programme. Their reading age is measured to ensure pupils are reading books which are age appropriate, accessible and suitably challenging. SparxReader asks students to answer comprehension questions during their reading to ensure that they are understanding the text. Regular reading homework is set and monitored by the English department.
- A visible rewards system where students are recognised for their engagement and progress in reading.
- A Parent Information Evening will take place during the Autumn term to provide guidance/strategies which parents can use to support their child's reading at home.
- There are a wide range of activities to celebrate reading: author visits, workshops, reading challenges, World Book Day competitions and book swaps.



Extra-curricular activities

We have a very wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Performing

Performing arts clubs including dance and drama, school choir, 'after school and in school' music lessons and take part in our annual summer show.

As a school we are involved in a project with the Liverpool Empire enabling our students to experience a wide variety of fantastic experiences from live drawing and theatre workshops and dance performances on the famous Liverpool Empire stage. Combined with opportunities to watch professional live theatre and work experience placements our students can explore all the arts have to offer.

Duke of Edinburgh Programme

We run a Duke of Edinburgh Programme for our Year 9 students which is a great opportunity to learn new skills and forge new friendships.

Clubs

We offer a range of clubs across different subject areas including art, IT and coding. The library is a hive of activity at break and lunch time with a highly competitive Chess Ladder and the base for school council.

Faith in Action Award

Our Chaplaincy Group offer the Faith in Action Award, which engages our students in community work within school as well as in the wider community.

Visits

Our students can take part in a wide variety of visits including annual retreats, theatre trips and field trips with the Geography Department. Further afield, our students have visited New York, Rome, Iceland and Kenya!

Student Leadership



Having a voice and making a difference

Our young people are our future leaders, and we aim to develop the leadership skills and independence that they need to succeed in life...and make a difference to the wider world!

An important voice in the school community

Our School Council is an important voice in our school community. They are elected from every year group and are involved in decision making on a range of issues from site improvements, environmental projects, and are also involved in the interview process for staff.

Our Eco-Team lead the way in ensuring our school plays its role in reducing humanity's impact upon the environment.

Through sport, we also offer the Sports Leaders programme, with our young people equipped to deliver sports sessions to groups of younger students. Our Headteacher, students and the prefect team represent our school in public events, as well as deciding upon our school charity each year so that our work in the community is actively led by our students.

Chaplaincy Team

Our chaplaincy team are actively involved in collective worship, supporting charitable events throughout the school year and participating in liturgical activities with our feeder primary schools.

Prefects and Head Students

Our Year 11 students are able to apply to be prefects and take on an active role in being positive role models to our school community. They make a valuable contribution through supporting staff and being someone younger students can look up to and go to for support.

Our Head Students are elected by their fellow peers and staff. They lead the prefect team and decide on our Christmas charity each year, organising and planning events to raise money for the worthy cause of their choice.

Sporting Excellence

At Cardinal Newman sport and physical activity is an essential part of the curriculum, with Core PE offered to all our students and a range of GCSE and Applied Sporting Qualification offered at KS4. In addition, we offer a range of leadership courses to our students.

Sport is also a vital part of the life of the school and we are very proud of the sporting heritage of our school, with a number of local, regional and national titles to our credit. Our extra curricular programme caters for students of all levels of sporting ability, from beginners who wish to try out a sport for the first time, to the numerous students performing at an elite level.

We encourage all our students to live healthy, active lifestyles through engagement with sport and our wide range of sports teams including:

- Football • Rugby • Athletics • Cross country
- Netball • Badminton • Rounders • Rowing



Preparation For Life: Pathways To The Future



Careers Education

Our Careers Education programme helps to ensure that our students are prepared for the next steps in their educational journey.

Careers Adviser

In addition to our classroom sessions, we employ our own Careers Adviser to ensure we offer every student the individual guidance they need to make the right choices.

Careers Fair

In partnership with local employers we offer an annual Careers Fair to all year groups to support our students in accessing opportunities and making career and post 16 decisions.

Post 16 providers

We work in partnership with several post 16 providers, offering conferences and visits in a wide range of courses including STEM residentials, Maths and Science conferences and Computing visits.

Universities

At post 16 we engage with several universities including the University of Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and Oxford as well as working closely with several key local employers and companies offering high quality apprenticeships.

Next steps

As a result, our students are effectively prepared to take their next steps and thrive as compassionate and active citizens who make the most of their gifts and talents.





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