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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Feast of St. John Henry Newman, our school patron, falls on Saturday 9th October. We've chosen to celebrate his feast day today with a variety of activities. All students participated in a service, led by Fr. Peter Montgomery during Period 1. Year 8 attended the service live and provided the high quality readers who led us through the service. During the rest of the day we began each lesson reflecting on one of our core values. Our final session attempted to turn our values of Service, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth and St. John Henry Newman's motto, 'Heart speaks to Heart' into stained glass window designs. We hope that we will be able to use the best designs to adorn the windows of our new chapel. We've had a fantastic feast day celebrating our community.

Harvest Festival

Every Thursday all of our forms have a morning of reflection called 'Thoughtful Thursday.' (The only exception are Year 8, who have 'Faithful Friday' as they are in Collective Worship on a Thursday.) Each week our reflection leaves our students with a mission – something they can do to make a difference. This week our reflection focussed on the homeless and the mission each student has been given is to bring in an item of non-perishable food. These items will be displayed during our Harvest Festival celebration and our Junior SVP group will then work with the SVP and the town foodbank to distribute this food to those who need it. All items should be brought into the chaplaincy office before Friday 15th October. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Community Mass – Booking now live

This year, we have adapted our auditorium foyer to become a chapel in which we can accommodate a slightly larger congregation. This allows us to have a variety of activities each week, including morning prayer for our staff before the school day begins. Once each term we will also be using the chapel to celebrate a Community Mass to which all local parishioners and adults associated with the school are invited. The first ever Community Mass will be celebrated at 8.15 until 8.40 in our chapel on Friday 22nd October, followed by breakfast. If you, or a member of your family, would like to join us, please book a space using our booking form. Due to the size of our chapel and the need to remain Covid secure, we can accommodate a maximum congregation of 30, so if you would like to come please book early to guarantee your seat. There will also be a Community



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Mass in the Spring and Summer term if you would like to attend but cannot make this first date.

The booking form can be found on our school website, or by following this link:

<https://www.cardinal-newman.org.uk/bookings.php>

Year 9 and Year 11 Photographs

Year 9 and Year 11 will both have their individual photographs taken next week. Year 9 photographs are on Monday 11th October, so Year 9 must attend on Monday in full school uniform. If they have PE, they should bring their PE kit and, on this occasion, will get changed at school. Year 11 Individual photographs will be taken on Friday 15th October. They don't have PE on that day so will be in full uniform anyway!

Year 7 Retreats

After half term Year 7 forms will be going on retreat to Savio House in Bollington. The day provides an opportunity for our students to really get to know their form and enjoy a day of prayer and reflection, as well as some outdoor activities. Letters have gone out this week and replies are required by next Friday 15th October. Please direct any questions or queries to our School Chaplain, Mrs James.

Year 11 Information Evening

Year 11 parents should have received the details regarding our GCSE Information Evening on Wednesday 13th October. The evening will include a series of short presentations about how to support your child with their exam preparation and revision, and will include subject specific information on English, Maths, RE and Science. To ensure the event is Covid safe and that numbers are managed effectively we have put in a place a booking system. Online booking is now closed. If you would like to attend but haven't yet booked, please contact the main office who will be able to advise on any remaining slots.

More Able Maths Activities

Some of our most able Year 8 Mathematicians took part in a series of challenges and activities in our auditorium this week with our Head of Maths, Mrs Shaw. The Maths team were really impressed with their problem solving skills. Next week sees the turn of Year 7 who we are sure will be just as enthusiastic in



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tackling their challenges! Students who particularly enjoy maths puzzles may like to sign up for either Miss Lyne's Coding Club or Miss Jones' Codebreaking club. All details of our extra curricular sessions are available on our website.

England Talent Pathway

Latchford Giants have shared with us this opportunity for Year 10 and 11 students to sign up for the Rugby League 'England Talent Pathway.' If your child loves rugby and isn't yet signed up to this fantastic opportunity the link to do so is below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7f-QxGkU1hVgChljc7RZ-1In1prPREiUtA-ymRpGWXMsAJg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our KS3 Cross Country teams who competed at Walton Hall and Gardens. Our Year 8/9 girls' team put in a particularly impressive performance. Particular congratulations to Imi Wharton, who finished 1st in the girls' race, and Matthew Seddon who delivered an impressive performance to finish 2nd in the boys' race. We look forward to seeing even more runners turn out for our teams at the next race in November.

The Year 7 football team continued their impressive debut season, drawing with Penketh and beating Great Sankey 4-1. They even got professional standard transport home, travelling on Tranmere Rovers' Team Coach! The Year 8 Team also performed extremely well on Wednesday, losing 2-1 to Penketh in a close game and beating Great Sankey 2-0,

Next week, our Year 10 team will compete in the first round of the Cheshire Cup against Abbey Gate in Chester, sporting our new team senior kit. Year 9 and 10 will also participate in their Warrington League Fixtures on Wednesday.

Finally our rowers went through a rite of passage for all rowing teams today: they bravely participated in the 'capsize drill.' This means that they are now ready to head out on the water and we are looking forward to seeing what they can do!

Ms J Langstaff
Headteacher