Welcome Back

I am very proud to be the Acting Headteacher from September 2019. As the school celebrates its 50th Anniversary I look forward with anticipation to the exciting year ahead. As Deputy Headteacher since 2014, I know how the staff, students and parents all contribute to making Cardinal Newman a fabulous school. This coupled with its scenic location, make me feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to lead the school into the next stage of its development.

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all our students after the summer holidays and a very special welcome to our new Year 7 students who have made an excellent start and are settling in well.

On Friday 6th September we welcome Archbishop Bernard Longley to celebrate an Anniversary Mass. In October, a planned Mission Week will give our school community time to engage in a schedule of events to reflect on the life and work of Blessed John Henry Newman. The recent announcement of Blessed John Henry Newman’s canonisation on the 13th October 2019, will make our Mission extra special.

It is indeed a busy start to autumn term and Newman’s fifty first year. The excitement continues throughout the year as building work is scheduled for the new state of the art dining block. It promises to be very impressive with a terrace opening onto the school fields and is certainly designed to service the school and hungry students and staff for the next 50 years.

Ms Emma O’Connor
**Sixth Form Success 2019**

We are extremely proud of all of our students who have worked so hard to secure such impressive results. Once again in 2019 Cardinal Newman students have come out on top with a 98.2% Level 3 Pass Rate, 48.2% of students achieving the top grades A*-B and 19.3% A* & A grades.

Maths, Further Maths and English Language and Literature students all achieved 100% A* to C grades with 42% gaining A*/A in Maths and 53% in English.

Such impressive achievements lead to excellent opportunities for the future. Many of our students will be progressing to university to study for degrees from a wide range of disciplines, whilst some have secured Higher Level apprenticeships, including degree apprenticeships.

These are some of our students’ destinations:

**Agnieszka Niewiadomska** (former Keresley Newland Primary School) A* A* A* - Computer Science, Clare College, Cambridge University

**Zipporah Englebert** (former St Elizabeth’s Primary School) A* A* A - Law, University of Leicester

**Caolan Houston** (former Christ the King Junior School) A A B - Medicine, University of Birmingham

**Josh Jeremiah** (former Holy Family Junior School) A* A A - Sociology, University of Manchester

**Michael McAuley** (former Christ the King Junior School) A* A B - English, University of Birmingham

**Eve O’Sullivan** (former Christ the King Junior School) A A A - Maths, University of Manchester

**Luke Nicholson** (former Christ the King Junior School) A A A - Physics, University of Bristol

**Erin Normoyle** (former St John Vianney Primary School) A A B - Law, University of Nottingham

We wish all of our students every success in the future and hope they will all keep in touch.

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**GCSE Results Summer 2019**

We would like to congratulate Year 11 students who achieved some excellent GCSE results. This year a fantastic 73% of students achieved a grade 5 or better in English, 54% in Mathematics and 71% in RE. Grade 5 is classed as a good pass and is the equivalent of a high grade C/B outcome. In addition, these subjects achieved 84% (English) 72% (Maths) and 79% (RE) grade 4 or above.

There were many challenges and the boundaries for many subjects have increased making it harder to achieve the higher grades. Despite this we had a large number of students who achieved grade 9 outcomes with one student achieving grade 9 in all subjects.

As always, it was wonderful to see lots of smiling faces and happy students, staff and parents when students collected their results. It was also great to see so many of our Year 11 students enrolling for our Sixth Form and we look forward to seeing the next step in their educational development.

We would also like to congratulate students in Year 10 who sat their English Language examination a year early. Some individual amazing results and a fantastic 85% of students achieving grade 4 or above and 59% grade 5 and above. This is a brilliant start to Year 11 and has provided students with an understanding of what they could achieve at the end of Year 11.

We congratulate all our students, particularly those who are moving on to their future pathways and wish them every success and happiness in the future. A big thank you to their teachers and the staff who have taught and supported students so effectively, and to parents and carers who have nurtured and encouraged students throughout their school lives.

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**OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday 26th September 2019**

6pm - 8pm

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

Sandpits Lane, Keresley, Coventry CV6 2FR

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**Inspiring young minds for 50 years.**
Welcome to New Members of Staff

It is always wonderful to welcome new staff to Cardinal Newman. Joining the school’s Leadership Team is Mr Vic Panjanaden. Mr Panjanden joins us as Assistant Headteacher on secondment from St John Wall School in Birmingham for one year. We also welcome Dr David Rid-dick who joins us as School Business Manager. To the English Department we welcome Mrs Lucy Hooper, Miss Katie Aston and Miss Sophia Rubio. We also welcome Miss Natalie Shiri (Maths), Miss Rachel Clancy (RE), Mr Sean Wilson (PE), Mr Thomas Gordon (Science and Mr Maqsood Kiddy (Business & Economics). To our support staff we welcome Mr Scott Thornton who joins us as Careers Advisor. We hope that they will be very happy and successful at our school.

Coventry Foodbank

Donations are urgently required to support the Coventry Foodbank. The Foodbank is a long term project the school is involved with. Food bank numbers have increased by 13% in the last year with 1.3 million people now attending them. Items urgently required are: coffee, sugar (500g or 1kg), rice, rice pudding, long life milk (UHT), tinned fruit, long life juice, squash and toiletries. If you are able to support, please send your items into school reception. Thank you.

Welcome to the New Year 7

Our new Year 7 students have had a fantastic start during their first week at Cardinal Newman. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces on Tuesday morning. The year group were welcomed by Mrs Minshull and the Year 7 tutor team. They were then introduced to the Leadership Team in their first Year 7 assembly. We were very impressed at how smart all the students looked in their new school uniform; they really have set a very high standard.

The Year 7 tutor team have commented on the lovely manners and kindness they are witnessing already within their tutor groups and are looking forward to getting to know all of their tutees.

During their first week Year 7 have also enjoyed preparing for our 50th Anniversary Mass. Our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Byrne led the year group with a super hymn practice on Thursday morning. We were very impressed with their enthusiastic singing and their beautiful voices!

It has been lovely seeing Year 7 using their planners and school maps to help navigate around the school, and they have made a great start in all their new subjects!

Congratulations Year 7 on your fantastic start at secondary school! We are looking forward to seeing you flourish and grow in character over the next few weeks!
World Challenge Trip Swaziland & Mozambique – Summer 2019

Miss Owen and Miss Morgan accompanied 12 students on the World Challenge trip to Swaziland and Mozambique during the summer. A week into the trip, the students were proving themselves to be incredible! They worked really hard, doing lots of manual labour and cooking and didn’t complain about anything.

The students fully immersed themselves into the community, even dancing in front of half of the village at a community party, doing the Cha-Cha slide in response to the villagers’ tribal dance. Students also attended a beautiful, colourful and very lively two-hour church service and were invited (made) to sing and dance at the front for the congregation. Apparently, God wanted them to lose all inhibitions and show their love for him through dancing and singing, which they did!

At Hlane Safari lodge, the students waited patiently to go on a sunset safari. There was a watering hole at the rear of their campsite, so they had already seen rhinoceros and hippopotamuses. There was also a scorpion spotted, which crawled out from under one of the students’ roll mats!

Despite this, the students remained safe and sound and in good health and great spirits.

The final week of the trip in Mozambique was fantastic and students took part in the marine conservation project in Tofo. The students went on two ocean safaris and were lucky enough to witness amazing Humpback Whales launching out of the water only 100m away from the boat! They also saw a lot of dolphins and managed to brave the sea to swim with one pod! Students learned how to identify humpback whales, dolphins, manta rays and whale sharks and carried out real scientific studies of behaviour patterns, tracking of individuals and contributing to global data collection! The students also helped to collect data on the amount of micro plastics present on the beach and followed this with contributing to the ongoing beach clean-up project.

The final two days gave students the chance to relax in the beautiful coastal town of Vilanculos - crystal clear waters and beautiful beaches! The students and staff involved made us incredibly proud and represented the school brilliantly.

Mission Brazil

Mrs Isherwood and five Year 13 students were lucky enough to visit Brazil this summer for two weeks as part of the Diocesan Mission Brazil 2019. Students worked with children and young people doing improvement work and health workshops in the favela, a shanty town which is located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro.

Students visited an orphanage and played with the children. They left them lots of resources and even though emotions were mixed, the experience was very inspiring.

Students also had a fantastic day in Rio, seeing Christ the Redeemer, Sugar Loaf Mountain and having great fun on Coco Cabana beach!

The group took part in a trek in one of Brazil’s national parks and also enjoyed some party nights both Brazilian and Irish!

The whole trip was amazing, inspiring, humbling and unforgettable. As always Cardinal Newman students were fantastic and great ambassadors for our school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Isherwood, for accompanying the students.

Careers Information

A lot of students can be overwhelmed by the possibilities in the world of employment and don’t know where to start so sometimes either make snap decisions or just put off any kind of decision.

The link below provides a free, easy to use career quiz that provides a career cloud based on the student’s responses that can be a useful starting point for starting to think about what kind of careers they might want to consider.

[https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850](https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850)
Hiroshima Day 2019

On 6 August 2019, Coventry Lord Mayor’s Committee for Peace and Reconciliation organised a stimulating, thought-provoking and moving annual Commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima.

A memorial has been held in Coventry for Hiroshima Day every year since 1987. The two cities have developed a friendship over the years with messages exchanged between the Lord Mayor of Coventry and the Mayor of Hiroshima. This year, Coventry Hiroshima Day coincided with Japan-UK Season of Culture 2019-20 and the Committee registered four of the day’s activities with the Embassy of Japan.

The day started with an exhibition of beautiful Japanese Embroidery created by British enthusiasts who practice and teach the technique in association with the American Japanese Embroidery Centre.

That was followed in the afternoon with Taiko drumming in the body of the Cathedral.

The Lord Mayor held a reception for his Excellency Minister Okada from the Japanese Embassy who brought a letter from the Mayor of Hiroshima for the people of Coventry, and kindly received a letter from the Lord Mayor of Coventry to take back in return.

This was followed by an introduction to the service in which an account of moments after the bomb fell on Hiroshima written by a survivor was read out, followed by a demonstration of Taiko drumming.

The service itself, which included prayers and reflective silence, was led by the Reverend Craig Muir of St Columba’s Church and the Coventry Cathedral Chapel of Unity. The service included a performance by six Coventry Young Ambassadors of Howes Primary School, led by Deputy Head Rebecca Bollands.

Students from Cardinal Newman Catholic School told the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl affected by the Hiroshima bomb and part of it was read in Japanese by Etsuko Connor. Coventry poet, Anthony Owens, spoke one of his Hiroshima poems.

The congregation were shown how to make Japanese origami cranes of peace.

This was followed by a thought-provoking reflection given by Paul Parker, senior administrator of Quakers in Britain.

The event was widely acclaimed as moving and profound, bringing home the horror of nuclear weapons and the need to ensure they are never used again.

Dropping Off and Collecting of Students

As parents and carers are aware, we have very limited access to car parking on our school site and surrounding area. As well as frequently receiving complaints from other road users and residents about thoughtless parking from our parents, staff on duty regularly observe parents dropping students off in dangerous places on busy roads.

Parents are reminded not to drop off students on the school site after 8.20am, and not to collect before 3.30pm on weekdays (3pm on a Tuesday). Please do not arrive earlier than these times and queue on Sandpits Lane as this also causes traffic issues. Student access to site is via the Cinder Path from Bennets Road South or from the Tamworth Road gate opposite the Old Hall and students are not allowed to enter the site via vehicle gates for safety reasons. For safeguarding reasons parents are not allowed on the school site without signing in at main reception.

If your son/daughter has a medical/mobility reason why they need to be dropped off or collected outside of these times, please make the school aware so arrangements can be made.
Don’t forget to check the school’s website for all the latest news: www.cnsc.school
You can also find us on Twitter at @newmancoventry and Facebook Cardinal Newman Catholic School Cov.