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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first few days back at school have gone really well. The new timetable is in place and operating smoothly. Young people are looking very smart in their uniforms and I wanted to thank you for your ongoing help and support.

The main purpose of this update is to provide you with information on our **Cardinal Newman High School Future Fridays Programme** which begins tomorrow.

#### **Cardinal Newman High School Future Fridays Programme**

- We spoke to every young person this week about their plans for Friday afternoons – most importantly, whether they intend to remain in school on Friday afternoons and take part in our Future Fridays Programme.
- We asked young people to make sure the information they gave us had been discussed and agreed with their parents. Please make sure that you and your child are in agreement about their plans for Friday afternoons. If you would like to check whether your child has enrolled for the programme, please contact the school.
- We now have a complete list of young people S1-6 who intend to remain in school on Friday afternoons. They have told us the types of activities they would like to take part in and we will be working hard to deliver as many of these activities as we can in the weeks and months ahead.
- If your child has told us they will be taking part in Future Fridays and they do not attend, we will send you a text message.
- Teachers have volunteered to deliver a range of in house Future Friday activities beginning tomorrow 19 August.
- As the weeks progress our Future Friday programme will expand as more partners and offers are included.
- From next Friday 27 August we will be delivering an additional 5 activities in partnership with New College Lanarkshire.
- If senior pupils wish to use the ICT facilities in the school, or as a quiet place to study, they are welcome to do so.
- The canteen is open for lunch as normal on a Friday.
- School transport leaves at 12.35pm on Fridays.
- If your child is eligible for school transport and is taking part in a Future Fridays activity, we will arrange transport home at the end of the afternoon.



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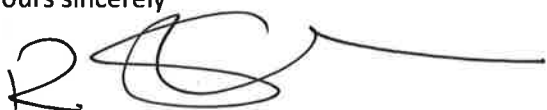
- We are currently setting up a Future Fridays Programme page on the school website where you will be able to find all the information about the Cardinal Newman High School offer. We have also set up Future Fridays Teams on Microsoft Teams so we can communicate with different year groups about our Future Friday Programme.

We are looking forward to planning and delivering a Future Fridays Programme which helps us deliver positive results on our 3 school improvement priorities:

- Raising attainment and achievement;
- Improving the health and wellbeing of young people and families;
- Cardinal Newman High School Digital Learning Programme.

Please do not hesitate if you wish to discuss any aspect of our Future Fridays Programme.

Yours sincerely

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Robert Smith

Acting Head Teacher