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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 1 April at 12.30pm and resumes on Tuesday 19 April at 8.55am.

### Easter School

Our Easter School for Senior Phase pupils takes place next week in school. Study and revision classes are scheduled to take place on Monday 4, Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 April. Details are available on the school website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/CardinalNewmanWebsite/easter-school-2022/>

### SQA Arrangements – National Qualifications 2022

SQA examinations begin on Monday 25 April 2022. The SQA examination timetable is available on the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/CardinalNewmanWebsite/>

### Senior Phase Pupils - Study Leave

Study leave begins on Tuesday 26 April for senior phase pupils who are sitting national examinations. Study leave ends on Friday 3 June. S4 and S5 pupils return to school full time on Monday 6 June.

New 2022/23 timetable for the whole school begins on Monday 6 June.

All pupils can attend school as normal during study leave if they wish to do so. If any pupil wishes to come to school to see a subject teacher about any aspect of the course or about national examinations they should come at the normal class time. Any pupil attending school during study leave must come in full school uniform. **(All pupils must wear their full uniform if they are attending school to take an examination in the examination hall.)**

### S6 pupils

As we prepare to say goodbye to our current S6 class of 2022 we would like to share with you some of our plans to mark their time in school. S6 Leaver Assemblies will be held on the mornings of 21 and 22 April. These assemblies will include memories of their 6 years here in Cardinal Newman High School and will allow pupils to spend some time with their teachers and with each other.



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The S6 prom will take place at the Strathclyde Double Tree Hilton on Wednesday 8 June. The event begins at 7.00pm. We will have an official photographer who will be available from 7.00pm to take group and individual photographs which can be ordered.

No alcohol is permitted at the event or prior to the event. Any young person not following this rule will be asked to leave.

We are looking forward to this celebration and seeing S6 in their finery as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

We intend, COVID19 mitigations and measures permitting, to invite you into school to celebrate an additional S6 farewell event – further details will be issued to you as soon as we are in a position to do so.

### **S1 Pupils**

S1 have enjoyed a very successful term. Excellent tracking reports in February led to focused learner conversations around their strengths and achievements. Some of our young people have been rewarded for their excellent attendance, behaviour and uniform by receiving vouchers and having breakfast prepared and served for them in our Junior Hospitality Restaurant. We will continue to identify and reward young people for their cooperation and for maintaining high standards.

Following conversations young people have made their curricular choices in Technologies and Expressive Arts, ready to begin their S2 timetable on 6 June.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with staff on 18 May online to discuss all curricular areas and next steps.

### **S2 Pupils**

S2 have continued to work hard and their positive tracking reports last term reflected this.

Several groups of young people have been rewarded for their commitment to positive attendance, behaviour and uniform including having breakfast and afternoon tea prepared and served by our Hospitality students.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with staff on 26 April online to discuss all curricular areas and next steps.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Our online parents' evenings have worked well and have allowed parents and teachers to talk, at last, face to face – albeit very briefly. I know a few parents and teachers have had some technical issues and my thanks for bearing with us. We are working to improve our online offer based on what you have told us.

#### **Our next online parents' evenings are:**

S2 Parents – 26 April

S1 Parents – 19 May

Detailed instructions are on the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/CardinalNewmanWebsite/video-parents-evenings-2/>

### **Cardinal Newman is AABOUT Programme**

We have been speaking to all year groups about our AABOUT (Achievement, Attendance, Behaviours, Opportunities, Uniform, Timekeeping) Programme. All of these aspects of school life are essential to our young people achieving their full potential.

This term we had a whole school focus on attendance, timekeeping and uniform.

We have been sending text messages and telephoning parents if their child has come to school out of uniform. Sometimes young people tell us that their parent has allowed them to come to school out of uniform – when we know that this is not the case. Speaking with parents allows us to work together to challenge and improve school uniform and school ethos.

In the new session we will be redoubling our efforts on school uniform, challenging young people who come to school out of uniform, and contacting and involving parents in those discussions.

If you need us to support you or provide your child with any item of uniform, please let us know. You can do this by contacting your child's pupil support teacher. We will do this discreetly and all items of uniform we provide are new.

### **Preparing for Easter**

Since Ash Wednesday we have been preparing for Easter. The children have been learning about the Easter story, Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion and The Resurrection here in school.

Attendance at weekly school Mass improved during Lent as young people were preparing for Easter. We also remembered the families and young people of the Ukraine in our daily prayers.

We had confessions in school on Tuesday afternoon.

We have encouraged all of our young people to attend Easter services in their own parishes.

Once again I want to thank you for all of your continuing support for everything we do in school. I will provide you with any updated COVID19 information as I receive it in preparation for the summer term.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

With every best wish from everyone in Cardinal Newman High School.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Robert Smith

Head Teacher