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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school closes for Summer Holidays on Wednesday 26 June at 1.00pm and resumes for pupils on Wednesday 14 August at 8.55am.

SQA results

Young people will receive their SQA results on Tuesday 6 August. Staff will be in school on Wednesday 7 August from 10.00am till 2.00pm to meet young people and discuss any changes to S5/6 curriculum based on SQA results received. Young people who wish to speak to their pupil support teacher or their Year Head should report to school reception from 10.00am.

Further information on SQA Appeals Service 2024 can be found using the following link:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html>

Link to school website:

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

Senior Phase Prelims 2024/25

Next session we have asked faculty heads and subject teachers to organise prelims at a time that better suits young people. These will take place during December and January in class time. We will arrange for S4 pupils to sit two prelim examinations in the games hall so they can experience this setting before SQA examinations begin in April 2025. We will gather information from faculty heads re. proposed dates and times and prepare a prelim timetable which we will share with you in October. This will also be on the school website. This will allow young people to prepare in the same way as before and allow faculties and young people to build in time between prelims.

School Improvement Planning 2024/25

Next session we will be continuing to focus on the aims of our AABOUT Programme: Attainment, Attendance, Behaviour, Opportunities, Uniform and Timekeeping. We will again be asking for your help with specific aspects of the AABOUT Programme at different times of the year. We will continue to identify and recognise the achievements of all young people who achieve high standards against the measures we have set for the AABOUT Programme.

Our improvement plan will also have a focus on the following areas:

- Cardinal Newman High School - Our Vision and Values
- Working towards Rights Respecting School Silver Award
- Improve quality of teaching and learning in every classroom in Cardinal Newman High School
- New STEM class for all S1 pupils beginning August 2024
- Improving tracking, monitoring and achievement in the BGE (S1-3)
- New school systems for involving pupils in and tracking wider achievement



- New support unit (Learn-IT Zone) for identified learners
- Better provision for outdoor learning

You will find more detailed information about the school and cluster improvement plans and reports on the school website:

<https://shorturl.at/gZiZ7>

School Uniform

Ensuring all of our young people come to school each day in full uniform is a key part of the AABOUT Programme; and we rely on parents and carers to support us. Again, I would like to thank you for your support with the uniform policy. There is a marked improvement in the numbers of young people wearing full school uniform – we hope to do even better next session with your help.

School uniform consists of:

- white shirt
- school tie
- black trousers/skirt or plain black tailored shorts (not PE shorts)
- plain black jumper/cardigan (no logos)
- plain black shoes/trainers (no white sole)

School uniform **does not include**:

- leggings
- jeans

Please do not allow your child to wear black and white converse boots to school. Please do not allow your child to wear branded clothing.

If you require assistance with any items of uniform, please contact the school. We can provide any items of school uniform and footwear. We will contact you if your child comes to school out of uniform and we will work with you to agree next steps.

New S1 Pupils

We ask that all S1 pupils remain in school at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to remain in school when they begin with us in August. Please use the app when ordering lunch from the canteen. This is the same system you used in primary school. We will also provide spaces for young people to have their packed lunch. If remaining in school for lunch presents any specific difficulty for any of our new pupils – please contact their year head or pupil support teacher to discuss.

School Calendar

The school calendar for next session has been uploaded to the school website. The calendar contains reporting dates, INSET Days, Parents' Evenings, Religious and whole school events etc. Please note reports will normally be issued one week after the date on the school calendar. This allows principal teachers and year heads to carry out checks on the reports.

Link to school calendar:

<https://shorturl.at/qlwNL>

Parents' Portal

From August 2024 we will be moving towards issuing all reports and other communications to parents and carers using Parents' Portal. Please sign up for this service on the school website. If you encounter any difficulty when signing up, please contact the school office during the summer holidays.

Link to parents' portal:

<https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>

S6 Pupils – School Leadership Roles – well done and congratulations

We carried out interviews for these important posts over the past three weeks.

We are expecting all young people in S6 to be good role models for all of the younger pupils particularly through their behaviour, attendance and school uniform. We have spoken to them about our high expectations of them and I know they will respond positively and enthusiastically. They are all looking forward to assuming their leadership roles in August.

School Captains

Diya Babu
Erin Campbell
Ricco Fallon

Vice Captains

Olivia Coyle
Amy McIntyre
Neve Bradley

Ninian House Captains

Beth Gordon
Duriel Thomas
Naomi Regan

Andrew House Captains

Katie Cannon

Kentigern House Captains

Hannah Meechan
Robyn Beresford

Columba House Captains

Holly Simpson
Marvellous Ekaguere
Brooke Low

EMA Allowance

An Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) provides additional financial support for 16 to 19 year olds from who attend school full time. Please visit NLC website for more information on eligibility and how to apply.

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/additional-support-families-and-children/education-maintenance-allowance>

School Transport

If you are eligible for school transport and wish to apply for a place please visit these links:

Link to the NLC page:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-transport/free-school-transport>

Link to school transport application form:

https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-12/CC_2020_00211%20Free%20School%20Transport%20Application%20Form%20A4%20.pdf

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

The application portal for FME and CG is now live. Parents can apply through the council website. For session 2024-2025 the clothing grant is: £150 for primary school pupils £175 for secondary pupils. Payment will be made by BACS payment directly into your bank/building society account. If you would like any help to apply please contact the school.

June 2024

Some information on just some of the things we have been doing in June:

June has been a busy month in school. SQA examinations finished and the new school timetable began on Monday 3 June. All young people now have their new timetables for next session and we are looking forward to welcoming our new first year pupils in August.

Caritas Pupils received their Caritas award at a beautiful ceremony in the Clyde Auditorium organised and attended by the Bishops and Archbishops of Scotland. Our school choir performed at the ceremony and they were amazing. New S6 pupils took part in a series of retreats during the month of June.

Our School Show – School of Rock took place in the theatre to full houses week beginning 17 June. Everyone who attended were blown away by the show and the range of talent we have here in Cardinal Newman High School. I want to thank everyone – cast, crew and production staff for all their hard work and commitment. Well done.

S6 Prom took place in the Bellshill Hilton on Thursday 13 June. It was a great evening and the young people were all in their best new clothes! They all looked amazing. They had a great time and their behaviour was, as always, a credit to you.

Thanks also to all our young people who helped out at the Garden Fete organised by the Sisters of St. Peter Claver on 22 June and the young people who attended the Mass at Holy Family Church on 23 June for the cause of Mother Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory. They were a credit to the school and the community.

3 coaches left for Blackpool on Monday 24 June. The weather was hot and sunny and the children, and staff, had a great day. Thanks to everyone who was involved in organising the trip and to the teachers who accompanied the children.

Football Success

S3 Team

After a successful season last year, the boys continued their impressive form into S3. The squad won their Lanarkshire League Section with an excellent 6 wins from 6 games. They then beat Trinity HS 2-0 at the Semi-Final stage. An exciting final followed at Thorniewood United's ground- the CNHS S3's were 2 down at half time before fighting back to 2-2 and winning the Lanarkshire League Final 7-6 on penalties. Another brilliant achievement for a team that has had continued success from S1 to S3. The team also set out to retain the Lanarkshire Cup but unfortunately lost narrowly to eventual winners Caldervale HS at the Quarter-Final stage. Well done boys!

S4 Team

The U16 football team are a fantastic young group of boys who have had a really successful season this year. The squad has improved immensely from S1 to S4 due to their hard work, dedication and excellent team spirit. After an excellent run of games in the league, they reached the semi-final play off's where they narrowly got beat 1-0 by Trinity HS. The boys also went on a fantastic run in the cup and reached the David Palmer cup final where they unfortunately lost to a very strong Braidhurst HS team. We are already looking forward to next year where they will experience their first season of senior football. Well done boys!

Rights Respecting School

The school has been awarded bronze for our rights respecting schoolwork. We are now committed to achieving the silver award. This is part of our improvement work next session.

School Chaplain

A massive thanks to our school chaplain Fr. Stuart Parkes. He is instrumental in helping us in our mission that Cardinal Newman High School continues to be a place of faith based learning. Father supports the school and all of our young people on a daily basis and celebrates the Sacraments here every week. On our last day of term Father Parkes will lead the whole school community in mass before we all leave for the summer break.

New School Minibus

As you will know we have been fundraising to buy a new minibus for the school. I received a phone call from Arnold Clark two weeks ago – totally unexpected. They have donated a new bus to the school free of charge. I have thanked Scott Allen from Arnold Clark who handed the bus over yesterday on your behalf and on behalf of all of our young people. This is truly an amazing gesture on behalf of Arnold Clark and it will make a huge difference to the school.

Thanks to CNHS Teachers

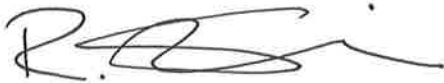
I have thanked all of our teachers and school staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year. I know you will want to join me in thanking them for everything they do for our young people.

Finally, I want to thank you our amazing parents and carers for your unfailing support and encouragement over the past session. I know we can count on your continued support in the new school year.

As always if there is anything we can do to support you please do not hesitate to contact us. The school office is open over the holidays if you need to contact us for any reason.

I wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing summer break.

Every best wish

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

Robert Smith
Headteacher