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Dear Parents and Carers

The school closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 4 April at 12.30pm and resumes on Tuesday 22 April at 8.55am.

**There will be no Future Friday Programme this week. School finishes for all staff and pupils at 12.30.**

By popular demand (and as the forecast looks favourable) - **non-uniform day this Friday 4 April - £2 for school funds.**

#### **Parent Council Race Night Fundraiser**

I would like to thank the Parent Council for organising and running last week's Race Night and to everyone who attended or supported the event. It was a great night, and you raised £1,500.00 for school funds.

#### **Easter School**

Easter School for Senior Phase pupils preparing for national examinations takes place during the first week of the holidays. Study and revision classes are scheduled to take place on Monday 7 – Thursday 10 April. Full details have been posted on the school website, on the information screens around the school and on social media. There will be no hot food available but there will be cold drinks and snacks for young people to help themselves.

#### **SQA Arrangements – National Qualifications 2025**

Mass in preparation for SQA exams for S4/5 Pupils takes place on Wednesday 2 April.

SQA examinations begin on Friday 25 April. A school SQA examination timetable is available on the school website and on the information screens around the school. We will provide all young people with a personalised SQA timetable.

#### **Senior Phase Pupils - Study Leave**

SQA study leave begins on Friday 25 April for senior phase pupils who are sitting national examinations. (The last day of lessons is Thursday 24 April).

Study leave ends on Friday 30 May. New S5 and S6 pupils return to school full time on Monday 2 June. 2025/26 timetable for the whole school begins on Monday 2 June.

All pupils are welcome to attend school as normal during study leave. 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 to school at their normal class time and follow their timetable. All pupils attending school during study leave or who are sitting an SQA examination **must come in full school uniform.**



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### **Intensive Study Days**

This year for the first time we are providing a programme of intensive study/revision days for all young people sitting national examinations on the day before the exam takes place. Please encourage your child to attend school on these days. We believe these days could make a difference to pupil performance in the exam. This information has been sent to you previously, it is on the school website, and on the information screens around the school. We will resend the information after the Easter Holidays.

### **Arrangements for S6 pupils**

We are planning various events to say goodbye to our young people in S6. On Friday 4 April we are having a special mass for S6 pupils at 11.00am in preparation for SQA exams. We will distribute the new S6 hoodies after mass and there will be drinks and snacks for pupils and staff. We would like to invite parents and carers of S6 pupils to attend a prayer service and graduation ceremony on Thursday 24 April at 7.00pm in the school theatre. A maximum number of 2 family members can attend the service. We have already sent details to parents and carers. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by phoning the school office.

Friday 25 April – S6 Leavers' Assembly at 11.00am in the theatre followed by lunch in Snapdragon restaurant. The S6 prom will take place at the Strathclyde Double Tree Hilton on Thursday 12 June. The event begins at 7.00pm. We have sent details to parents and carers.

### **Preparing for Easter 2025**

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

We had weekly school Mass during Lent. We had confessions for the whole school in preparation for Easter on Wednesday 19 March. Large numbers of young people attended the Sacrament and the priests who attended were impressed by the preparation and devotion of our young people.

We have encouraged all of our young people to attend Easter services in their own parishes. Please encourage them to do so.

I would like to thank our school chaplain Fr Stuart Parkes and all the teachers and staff on your behalf for their hard work this session, particularly in preparing young people in senior phase for national examinations.

I want to thank all our parents and carers for your continuing support for everything we do in school.

I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter.

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



Robert Smith  
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