



# Cardinal Newman High School



## Parent Council Agenda 8/6/26

### Opening Prayer

Dear God,

We ask that you bless this meeting with all that is good.

Please help each individual be mindful of our duty to You in providing the proper services for all in our community.

Thank you, God, for helping us work as one body, serving You for the sake of this school community.

**Amen**

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### Attendees

- **CNHS:** Mr Lang, Mrs McDade
- **Parent Voice:** Julie Gordon, Lyndsay Donnelly, Kirsten McCulloch, Adele Duffy, Yvonne Currie, Elain Gallacher (VSE only)

### Apologies

- Elain Gallacher
  - Sharon Boyle
  - James Meagan
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## 1. Head Teacher Update

### a. Estate & Facilities

- **Roofing:** Phase 1 nearing completion
  - Canteen prep ongoing:
    - Temporary reduced service in place
    - No home ordering available (canteen ordering still available)
    - Reduced menu planned for final week of term
    - Menu to be shared via distribution list
  - Phase 2 timeline **TBC**
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#### b. School Facilities

- Theatre fully refloored
  - Assemblies reinstated
  - Ready for school show
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#### c. Recent Activity

- **Caritas:**
    - Cup final winners
    - 47 pupils completed the Caritas course
  - **P7 Transition:**
    - Mass well received
    - Intake steady at ~130 pupils
    - Overall school roll stabilising at ~750
  - **VSE Review:**
    - Parent engagement and feedback included
  - **Exams:**
    - Completed successfully
    - ASN provision adjusted during exam period
    - No issues reported
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#### d. Staffing Updates

- Mrs McDade retiring (September)
  - Role advertised; interviews scheduled **25th June** - PV support requested x 2
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#### e. Attainment Support

- PT role supporting attainment:
    - Currently temporary
    - Moving to permanent
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#### f. Mobile Phone Policy (Update)

Key elements introduced:

- **"Not seen, not heard"** expectation
  - Focus on:
    - Social interaction & wellbeing (break/lunch)
    - Digital etiquette and rights
  - Clear sanctions for inappropriate use
  - Process for managing persistent misuse
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#### g. School Improvement Priorities

- **Priority 1:** Learning & Teaching
- **Priority 2:** Wellbeing, Inclusion & Equity
- **Priority 3:** Raising Attainment & Achievement

(A parent/pupil-facing summary document to be shared)

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### 2. UNCRC – Rights Respecting School

- 3 pupils presented Silver Award application
  - 9 outcomes demonstrated across key themes
  - Strong pupil voice engagement
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### 3. Validated Self Evaluation (VSE)

- 40-minute session held
  - Included Q&A with Parent Voice
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## 4. Fundraising – School & Parent Council Collaboration

### Key Discussion Points

- Need to improve:
  - Event visibility and promotion
  - Communication channels (e.g. Facebook, social media)

### Considerations

- Event type (e.g. race night suitability)
- Timing and structure
- Potential integration with business education units

### Actions

- Parent survey:
    - Parent Council to create
    - School to distribute
  - Review best practice:
    - Example: St Andrews Parent Consultative Group
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## 5. School Uniform

- Review of policy:
    - Consideration of shorts for boys and girls
    - Focus on maintaining smart, appropriate uniform standards
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## 6. Recognition – Elain Gallacher

- 16 years of support and involvement to CNHS
- Significant contribution to Parent Voice and school community over 6-year period

### **Acknowledgement:**

A sincere thank you from school staff and PV members for your time, commitment, and valued input over the years. Wishing you every success for the future.



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### 7. AOCB (Any Other Business)

#### AI in Education

- Parent Voice letter shared with Head Teacher and PT for review
- Request for:
  - Overview of current AI provision
  - Future plans for AI within the school

#### Current Position

- AI currently referenced within cyber security (senior phase)
- Ongoing curriculum review to include AI-related learning