

SI Assembly



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SCHOOL PRAYER

God our Heavenly Father,

Draw close to us and our school community; shine upon us so we
may become a light to others.

Inspired by your saints, may we strive for holiness in our lives.

Grant us the courage, humility and discernment to let your work be
completed in us each day.

By our example, may your infinite love shine on others.

As you have loved us from the beginning, so make us love you until
the end.

Amen.

Saint John Henry Newman

PRAY FOR US

SCHOOL VALUES



OUR SCHOOL VISION & VALUES

CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL IS A CARING AND AMBITIOUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
INSPIRED BY SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, WE ILLUMINATE LEARNING IN ORDER TO NURTURE WISE, COMPASSIONATE AND INFORMED INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMON GOOD.

 LOVE	 FAITH	 SERVICE	 AMBITION	 TRUTH
Love is the core value of our school, as it embodies the fundamental social commandment: love of God and neighbour. Love enables us to put our other values into action; Love empowers us to serve, uphold truth, nurture faith, and pursue ambition. We nurture a safe and supportive environment where every pupil is valued and known. We encourage pupils to grow in love of God and neighbour, as well as to love themselves, others, and the wider world as children of God.	Our school is a community of faith and learning which places Jesus Christ at its centre. Through prayer, worship, and service to others, we seek to deepen our relationship with God, embrace our Catholic tradition and our role as members of the universal Church. The Liturgical Year is celebrated throughout the academic calendar. We come together daily for prayer, gather weekly for Mass, and commemorate feast days, solemnities, and the sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the year.	We seek to serve others with humility and generosity, reflecting Jesus' example which we learn from the Gospels. In doing so, we recognise the value and dignity of all God's creation, and of each other who were made in God's image and likeness. We believe that Human life at every stage, is precious and thus worthy of protection and love. We foster social responsibility and awareness of social justice in order to make a meaningful contribution to the Common Good.	We encourage all to strive for excellence and realise their God-given potential, recognising the formation of the whole person, mind, body and soul. By setting high expectations and providing tailored support, we create pathways to future success. In doing so, we contribute to the Common Good by ensuring that everyone has the chance to grow and reach their potential. We believe that every individual deserves the resources necessary to thrive and flourish.	Saint John Henry Newman's epitaph, captures his bravery in embracing the truth of the Catholic faith: "Ex umbris et imaginibus in veritatem," - Out of shadows and symbols unto truth. In Veritatem (Unto Truth) is our school motto, showing that we share in the Church's mission to proclaim the truth by spreading the 'good news' through our words and actions, making Christ known to all. Inspired by our patron, we nurture honesty, integrity and a love of learning. Our pupils are encouraged to become critical thinkers, seekers of wisdom and truth.

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH: AMBITION



Are You Growing or Just Staying Safe?

1. **The Trap:** Staying in your comfort zone feels safe, but nothing grows there.
2. **The Reality:** Ambition requires you to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.
3. **The Question:** When was the last time you did something that actually challenged you?

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH: AMBITION



"Stop Waiting for the "Perfect Time"

1. **The Myth:** Massive success happens overnight.
2. **The Fact:** Massive success is just tiny, boring daily habits repeated over time.
3. **The Shift:** Swap a 5-hour study panic for **20 minutes of focused work** every day.
4. **The Action:** What is one tiny thing you can do *today* to get closer to your goal

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH: AMBITION



What is Holding You Back?

1. **Fear of judgment:** Are you downplaying your potential just to fit in with others?
2. **Fear of failure:** Failing isn't the opposite of success—it is part of the process.
3. **The "Tomorrow" Trap:** Procrastination kills more dreams than a lack of talent ever will

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH: AMBITION



Own Your Ambition

1. **No Excuses:** Your teachers and parents can support you, but they can't do the work for you.
2. **The Network:** Look at your closest friends. Are they pushing you to be better, or holding you back?
3. **The Standard:** Raise your standards for yourself—don't settle for "just enough to get by."

HOW CAN I SHOW AMBITION?



- Attend school every day and every class
- Be on time every day and for every class
- Wear full school uniform at all times, including PE kit
- Be prepared with equipment for all subjects
- Have a positive attitude – Let 'I Can' and not 'I Can't' be your motto
- Keep your phones in your bag
- Complete and hand in your homework
- Ask for help!!!!