



Cardinal Newman
High School

Year Book
1998 - 1999

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE COMMENT

Hello everyone! This is the Year Book Committee welcoming you to this year's amazing, fun-filled Year Book, which was compiled by nine dazzling ladies, Amanda Weir, Laura Smith, Lee McCallum, Laura Lightbody, Anne Marie Halliday, Debbie Hall, Kirsty Taylor, Joanne Rooney and Annette McGurk. We hope that the successful outcome of this Year Book will provide you with many memories and smiles for many years to come.

For the past six months we have worked hard to produce and collate as many memorable moments as possible. This has involved managing and marketing (and also chasing people for comments and photographs).

To all the Sixth Years, at last you will find out the results of the Sixth Year Poll. Hope no-one is disappointed. Well it's farewell from us, seeya later!

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Cardinal Newman High School Year Book Committee would like to thank John Wilson for all his help in producing many of the photographs used in this booklet.

Dr J O'KEANE

As Sixth Year begin to contemplate leaving the 'protective custody' of CNHS, I think I would like to take a moment to reflect on one of the issues that has been present throughout every one of the last six years.

You will have recognised that every member of staff, each in their own way, gives of their best encouraging, supporting, (threatening, blackmailing?) so that each of you leave with the best possible set of qualifications. They push hard so that you try hard. You must by now have heard us beat the unmistakable drum of working hard and giving of your best. Hope you've also heard a much quieter sound, but one which clearly accompanies all that we try to do. You should not have failed to detect our belief that every single member of this school community is held in equal value and that all are due equal consideration and respect. We have also emphasised the two-way nature of respect. As you leave I hope that you have a firm grasp of the notion that just as society must guarantee the rights of individuals so those individuals have a responsibility to society. I hope that you have learned about rights and responsibility and that you carry that knowledge with you, putting it into living practice in your future.

Best wishes to all of you.

J O'Keane
Head Teacher



Mr P McMAHON

Six years! No longer fresh faced and starry eyed! What a difference high school makes. What a difference I hope Cardinal Newman High School has made to you as leavers (and we as stayers). What memories, surely pleasant, will you have of this dear great place - memories of an oasis which allowed you to develop and flourish, which enabled you to make friendships that will last for ever which encouraged you to be all you can be?

I am regularly annoyed and pleased when former pupils pour out powerful feelings of nostalgia whenever I bump into them. How they wish they were still fresh faced, starry eyed and in perfect Newman uniform. Will our present Sixth Year be any different? I hope not. I'm sure not. Newman days will be the best days of your life helped along by the happy thoughts of all the happy times you spent here.

What progress you have made since August '93 when you apprehensively edged your way towards high school. Not for you having the luxury of Buddies from that year's sixth year. No, you had to make it on your own. And make it you did, helping the present first year on their way, to become admirable examples of what you have done for Newman and what Newman has done for you. Could you ask for more?

Well done. You'll be with us for years to come.

P McMahon



Mr TOLLAN

Under the guidance of Mrs Dillon, the 'Yearbook Committee' (composed of S6 girls!) have again burned the 'midnight oil' to raise sponsorship funds and to produce the Year Book for session 98/99. I know that a tremendous amount of time and effort has been spent in its production but I'm sure you'll agree that it has been time well spent and has resulted in a record of the many facets in a year in the life of Cardinal Newman High School. I would like to thank them all for the Year Book which is becoming a tradition in CNHS and is now in its fifth year.

Sixth year will be especially keen to obtain a copy and will look back with nostalgia and, I hope, affection at the events portrayed within - the ceilidh, S6 talent show, U-18 football and the 'late book' to name but a few.

The Year Book also serves for me as a pleasant reminder of all those S5/6 pupils who are now about to embark on new career paths having spent the past 5 or 6 years in Cardinal Newman High. I hope these have been happy years for you and that you feel you have benefited from the efforts all the staff at Cardinal Newman High have made on your behalf. On your behalf, I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Finally, I would like to wish you well in whatever path you have chosen, whether employment or further studies. Please keep in touch and drop in and see us again.

Mr W Tollan



Mrs DILLON

It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with you in this, your last year at school, in the capacity of your Guidance Teacher. During that time I have got to know you and can understand the pressures that this year has brought to you. Not only do you have to cope with the demands of your studies, but have also had to be very aware of the decisions which have to be made this year concerning your future. Many of you are moving on to further and Higher education, some to the workplace. The skills that you possess and we in school have helped foster will, I am sure, stand you in good stead. These skills include being responsible, committed and ambitious young people, each of whom possesses a distinct personality and individual talents.

My especial admiration and thanks go to the few who produced this yearbook. They spent many hours after school planning, producing and marketing this book, which also acts as a memento of your time in Cardinal Newman. I hope you remember your time at school as being a positive experience for you, and with the realisation that you did "be all you could be".

Mrs Dillon



BUDDY CLUB & PAIRED READING

Well, what can we possibly say about this year's team of Buddies that hasn't already been said by the Small Debts Courts and Belishill C.I.D? From the moment we knew that Cookie and Co. were up for it, the writing was on the wall. Every lunchtime from August to December we got the same litany of complaints: "They're so immature! These kids will never make it! They need to wise up or they'll get eaten alive!" and my answer was always the same; "Look, First Year, I'm really sorry but they've been like this for the last 6 years. They're no gonnae change now!"

There were, of course, memorable moments. When asked if they would like to be paired with any particular first year: brother? sister? cousin? neighbour? best friend's wee brother's second cousin? Laura piped up: "Ah'm no carin who I get buddied wi as long as they arenae over 5 feet!" Quote of the year had to be from big Kevin H. who, as he dragged himself away from the loving arms of Nicola to report for duty one lunchtime, was heard to say, "But, Nicola, you know you'll always be my one true buddy!"

Kidding apart, the team of '98 was different class. They came, they saw, they took Connect 4 off the first years.

"Hey, are yous no supposed to be in here tae help us?"

"Oh sorry, wee man. I'm just tryin tae develop yir assertiveness skills for the cut and thrust of Newman life. Just tell me firmly that you were here first so you want yir game back."

"Ah wiz here first so ah want ma game back."

"Better, wee man. Much better. I'm sure ye'll git the hang of it by Christmas. Now, on yir bike, ya wee poisoned dwarf!"

The enthusiasm was electric, the commitment total, the excuses priceless:

"Sorry, Mr M. I just couldnae make it to-day. I got kept in by Miss Scanlon cause I was late fur my class and my work wus rubbish."

"That's all right, Mrs Dillon, just try and be here on time next week."

But, in the end, there was no hiding class. Big John rose above the rest (something he manages by simply standing up) to snatch the coveted Buddy of the Year Trophy from the grasping arms of Fallon and his minions. The short odds had been on "Johnny, Johnny, Show us yir legs", but in the end there was no substitute for "that big guy that can work the computer" - too many wee yins had been saved from the fate of being denied their lunchtime fix of "Resident Evil" or "Mortal Combat" by the timely arrival of Big J.T. - a buddy of his time!

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Buddy Club '98 a roarin' (great as opposed to greetin') success. They stayed the course, they put up with all sorts of infantile tantrums and childish behaviour but in the end, they still thought the Sixth Year Buddies were great! We'll leave the last word to Cookie. When asked in the Evaluation Questionnaire if he thought it had been worthwhile, Alan replied; "Oh, yes. Very. Well . . . it kept me in wee Morrison's good books just long enough to wriggle out of my RPR deadline."

Mr Morrison



CELEBRATING THE BISHOP'S MASS



Fr Reilly and Mr Tollan relax with some of the sixth years after the Bishop's Mass



Bishop Devine and Mr McMahon relax after the Newman Day Mass



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