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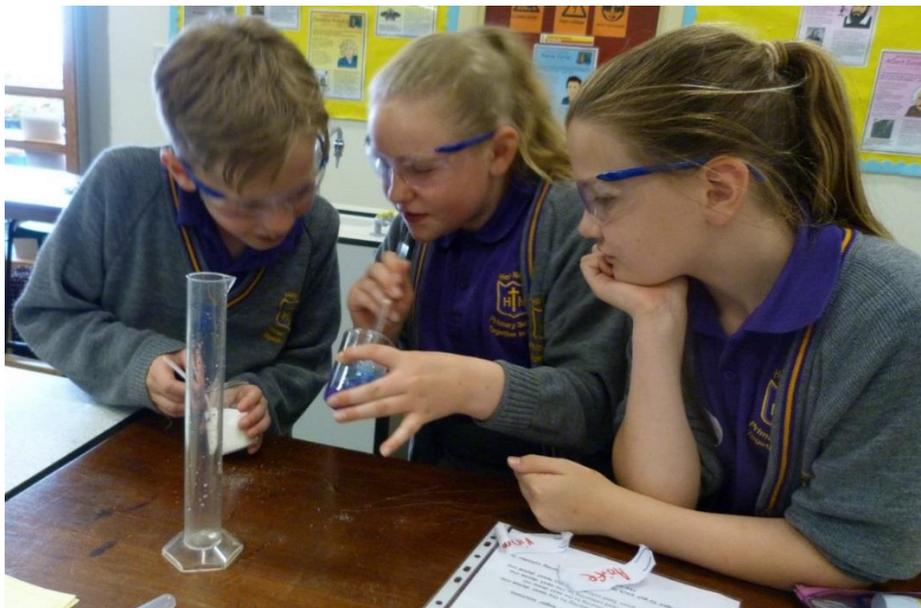


**CARDINAL HEENAN**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
*Putting Our Faith in Education*

15 July 2016

Dear Parents

### Welcome to Year 5



Pupils in Year 5 at our feeder primary schools enjoyed a day of lessons and activities here on Wednesday. It was a day of learning and laughter.

### Experienced Year 10

This week and next teachers are spending time travelling throughout Leeds (and beyond) to visit Year 10 students on work experience placements. The favourable comments of employers are very pleasing. Cardinal Heenan students have again proved to be diligent and resourceful. Many thanks to all parents who helped our students to find 180 placements and to Mr Gaffey, Careers Guidance Coordinator, who organises and manages this valuable learning experience.

### New Appointments

I am delighted to announce appointments of Year 10 pupils to key roles in school. Following a rigorous recruitment process, similar to that of appointing new members of staff, Happiness Chinembiri has been selected as Head Girl and Dan Clement as Head Boy. Their deputies are Scarlet Rowe, Joe Laverty and Darragh Kennedy. We were delighted to receive applications of particularly high quality from our Year 10 pupils. This is testament to their enthusiasm and application. Congratulations to the successful candidates who were appointed from a very strong field. I have no doubt that they will represent the school admirably.

### Lost Property

Items of lost property found in school are displayed in the foyer every Friday during term in the hope that owners will reclaim them. The pile of unclaimed items includes blazers, jackets, coats, pullovers, shirts, shorts, rucksacks, holdalls, boot bags, football boots, shoes, trainers, watches, purses and much more. All will be on display after school next week from 3.20pm until 4.00pm on Wednesday 20 July and Thursday 21 July. Parents are invited to view items and claim them. What is left on Friday will be donated to a local charity.



## Lourdes Pilgrimage



Year 10 students were accompanied on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage of Lourdes last week by Dr Caldwell (Visit Leader), Miss Whitford, Mr Richmond, Miss Blanc, Governor Mrs Woliter and Fr Sean Crowley, School Chaplain. Our teachers tell me that, throughout the entire week the students were unfailingly polite, punctual, co-operative and good humoured as they went about their tasks in looking after the sick and disabled. In groups of three or four they were responsible for a sick pilgrim, taking him or her to morning Masses, the Blessed Sacrament procession and the evening torchlight processions. Teachers told me that it was a privilege to accompany our pupils, who made a very real difference to those they met in Lourdes, sick and healthy alike. Many students expressed a wish to return in lower sixth when at Notre Dame Sixth Form College.

## Celebrating Reading Day, Monday 18 July

Cardinal Heenan staff and students will engage in our first *Celebrating Reading Day* on Monday 18 July. All departments in school will be running events to promote literacy and a love of reading. Popular young adult authors Alan Gibbons and Bali Rai will run creative writing sessions and local poet Craig Bradley will work with pupils on performance poetry. Signed copies of these authors' works will be available for students to buy. The day is designed as a reward for pupils' efforts with our new *Reading for Pleasure* scheme and enthusiastic participation in *Drop Everything and Read* sessions. Many pupils have read a wide range of recommended texts. They have been involved in reading groups and award ceremonies with students from other schools.

## Information Evening on Monday 18 July 2016

All parents and carers of pupils starting Year 7 in September are invited to an Information Evening, the main purpose of which is to share information about your child's move to Cardinal Heenan and to outline the way in which you need to be involved in your child's education here. The evening has three stages.

*Display and Sale of School Uniform 6.00pm – 7.00pm*

The new school uniform will be on sale and on display from 6.00pm onwards.

*Welcome: 6.30pm – 7.00pm*

Enrolment will take place from 6.30pm onwards in the Sports Hall. Please pre-order and pre-pay for a Pupil Planner (£4.00). A Maths Pack (£6.00) will be available to purchase from the registration desk in the Sports Hall. Light refreshments will be served. You will be able to view and order the school uniform until 7.00pm.

*Meeting for Parents: 7.00pm School Hall*

The formal part of the evening will be a meeting for all parents and carers of our new pupils in the School Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. This will take no longer than 40 minutes.

This is an evening for parents and carers only. We are asking you NOT to bring your child, who will have already met staff and other members of the tutor group on the Familiarisation Day. **Please do not bring any children to this meeting for parents.**

### School Uniform

It is a requirement that all pupils, other than those in current Year 10, wear the new school uniform by September 2016. Our uniform suppliers are *APC Clothing* and *Jo Brand Plus*. The school's expectations and uniform requirements may be found on pages 23 to 25 of your child's planner and in the *Dress for Success* booklet on the school's website. <http://www.cardinalheenan.com/index.php/about-the-school/uniform>

### Dates for Your Diaries

Pupils currently in Years 7, 8 and 9 were given copies of the school's calendar for 2016-17 to take home yesterday. Parents of new pupils starting Year 7 next September will receive a copy at our Enrolment evening next Monday. Year 10 pupils will receive their copies in September. Please note some key dates:

Holiday	School Closes	School Opens
Summer	Friday 22 July 2016 at 1.30pm	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Autumn mid-term	Friday 21 October 2016 at 3.15pm	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas	Tuesday 20 December 2016 at 1.30pm	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Spring mid-term	Friday 10 February 2017 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 21 February 2017
Easter	Friday 31 March 2017 at 1.30pm	Tuesday 18 April 2017
May Bank Holiday	Friday 28 April 2017 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Summer mid-term	Friday 26 May 2017 at 3.15pm	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer	Friday 21 July 2017 at 1.30pm	

Parent Evenings are as follows:

Year 7 Tutor Evening - Tuesday 29 November 2016

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 10 May 2017

Year 8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 1 February 2017

Year 9 Parents' Evening - Thursday 9 March 2017

Year 10 Parent's Evening – Monday 27 March 2017

Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 17 November 2016

Staff training days will be held on Monday 5 September 2016, Monday 28 November 2016 and Monday 20 February 2017. The school will close early for pupils (1.30pm) on Wednesday 28 September, Friday 7 October 2016, Wednesday 1 March 2017 and Thursday 15 June 2017 to facilitate staff training. The Opening Evening meeting for parents will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 3 October 2016. Open Day for prospective pupils, their parents and families will take place on Saturday 8 October 2016 from 11.00am to 1.30pm.

### Vacancy

The company which prepares our school meals, Caterlink, has a vacancy for a Food Service Assistant in our dining room. This role is term time only, Monday to Friday, for 10 hours per week (working hours 1pm – 3pm, payment £7.20 per hour). For more information please email Sheryl Chesney at [schesney@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:schesney@caterlinkltd.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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