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

23 September 2016

Dear Parents

### Walsingham: Saturday 17 September

Ten pupils joined the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 17 September. This wonderful event enabled parishes and schools to



come together for sharing of faith, reflection and prayer. The day started early with a 6.30am departure and included visits to the Catholic and Anglican shrines to Our Lady. Our pupils took part in all aspects of the pilgrimage with enthusiasm and were a credit to the school. Special thanks to Mrs O'Neill, Curriculum Leader for Religious Education, for leading the visit.



### Fine Start in Sport

Our pupils have made a fine sporting start to the school year. One in every four pupils has attended a sporting activity, either a lunchtime or after school club in recent weeks. Football is as popular as ever: we have entered six strong squads in a range of age groups for the English Schools' Cup.



### Paul Ruane 1967 – 2016

Earlier this month we learnt of the untimely death of Paul Ruane, a former Head Boy of St Thomas Aquinas Grammar School. He died of cancer in August, aged 48 years. Paul moved on from here in 1985 to the University of Cambridge where he read Natural Sciences. He was Deputy Headteacher at St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, Newcastle upon Tyne. The school paid tribute to Paul as an 'inspirational teacher who engaged students' interest in science, leading to many pursuing the subject at a higher level'. He was particularly well known for his work with the Reece Foundation, which promotes engineering and

manufacturing by supporting education in science and mathematics. He was also a highly talented musician who made a considerable contribution to traditional Irish music as a teacher and fiddle player. He is survived by his wife Deirdre, children Orla, Eva and Celia and by his parents. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *(Paul is pictured here with his wife and children.)*



Stephen Lawrence  
EDUCATION STANDARD

**Early School Closure for Pupils on Wednesday 28 September**

The school will close to pupils at 1.20pm on Wednesday 28 September. School buses will collect pupils from school at 1.30pm after an early lunch. Parents, please contact school without delay if this early closure causes you childcare problems. Pupils who are unable to get home may remain in school, supervised by staff, until 3.15pm. Normal lessons will be suspended. The time gained will be used by staff in training for raising achievement as part of the school's strategies for attaining consistently high levels of pupil progress.

**Mass of Welcome, Thursday 29 September**

Parents of Year 7 pupils are asked to note that the Mass of Welcome for Year 7 pupils will take place at 7.00pm in the school Hall on Thursday 29 September. This is a family event and you are very welcome to bring members of your family with you. Year 7 pupils should attend the evening in full school uniform. I look forward to seeing pupils and their parents.

**Open Evening for Parents of Pupils in Primary Schools, Monday 3 October, at 7.30pm**

Parents of pupils currently in primary schools are invited to find out about what the school has to offer your child: high academic achievement; excellent teaching; superb learning facilities; many clubs, sports and activities; pastoral care and support. The evening is an occasion to meet the school's senior staff. This evening is for parents only. Please do not bring children to this meeting.

**Open Day for Everyone, Saturday 8 October, 11.00am – 1.30pm**

Everyone is invited to see the school at work at our Open Day. Meet our pupils and staff. Join in many quizzes, games, challenges and fun activities. Find out about an education for your child at Cardinal Heenan. Open Day is for everyone: children, parents, friends and family. All welcome!

**See the School in Action, Wednesday 12 October, 9.30am and 11.30am**

Parents of pupils currently in primary schools are invited to see our pupils and staff in action on a typical working day. Two guided tours will take place at 9.30am and 11.30am. Please book your place by ringing Mrs Martland on 887 3240.

Yours sincerely



E A Cox  
Headteacher