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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Putting Our Faith in Education

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Dear 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 and is for parents only. Please do not bring children to this meeting.

Early School Closure Due to Open Day Planning: 1.20pm on Friday 7 October

School will close to pupils at 1.20pm on Friday 7 October in order to allow staff to make preparations for Open Day. The morning session will take place with lessons as normal until 12.15pm, followed by lunchtime. School buses will collect pupils at 1.20pm on Friday and leave the school grounds at 1.30pm. If you have difficulty making safe provision for your child due to the early closure, please contact Mrs Martland (887 3240) before Wednesday 5 October, in order that supervision arrangements may be put in place.

New Appointments



Selected Year 11 pupils have taken up 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 Daniel Clement as Head Boy. Their deputies are Darragh Kennedy, Scarlet Rowe and Joseph Laverty. New senior prefects have also been appointed. Senior prefects take on key responsibilities and duties including leadership of assemblies, the training of Year 10 mentors, assisting with supervisory duties around school and helping to ensure the pastoral welfare of Year 7 and 8 pupils. Senior prefects also conduct tours on Open Day and serve refreshments at events such as parents' evenings.





The senior prefects are Freyja Bradshaw, Ella Craggs, Layla Carney, Louis Connell, Dominic Coverley, Alexandra Cserna, Siobhan Doherty, Ella Louise Harris, Joseph Hemsworth, Michael Ruane, Alex Dickinson, Lucia Partridge, Madeline Rose, Sean Carey, Daniela Townend and Olivia Wilson. We were delighted to receive applications of high quality from our pupils. Congratulations to the successful candidates who were appointed from a strong field. I have no doubt that they will represent the school admirably.

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to Year 11 pupils Joseph Hemsworth and Michael Ruane on their success in achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award recently. In winning this prestigious accolade our pupils have completed a variety of tasks in learning new skills, volunteering in the community and responding to physical challenges. They have gained and evidenced skills in self-management, problem solving, team working and communication, as well as having developed a positive approach to work. Achieving this award has given them skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. They have made a difference to other people's lives in the community; they are fitter and healthier; and they have had a lot of fun.

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.



Mass of Welcome

Our Mass of Welcome for Year 7 pupils and their families took place in a packed School Hall yesterday evening. It was a moving expression of the ethos of our school community. Many thanks to Fr Sean Crawley, our Priest Chaplain, for celebrating the Mass with us and to Mrs O'Neill, our Curriculum Leader for Religious Education, for helping our new pupils to participate in the superb liturgy. The music was prepared by Mrs Keith and well led by Mrs Hill, Mrs Hammond, our pupil choirs and musicians. Special thanks to all who attended: pupils, parents, families, the representatives of our partner primary schools, staff and governors.

Yours sincerely



E A Cox
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