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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Timeline to Exams

It has been wonderful to see our Year 11 students return to school this academic year. Their lessons are focused and purposeful, characterised by students trying their best and working hard. It is clear that our young people are determined to make the most of their final few months of school, and achieve the excellent academic outcomes they are capable of.

We are conscious that as parents and carers you will be keen to support your child through what can be a challenging time and to understand how they will be guided to prepare for their exams this coming summer. Also attached to this email is a "Timeline to Exams" that allows you to see the steps along the way.

Cardinal Heenan is not an exam factory; we are keen that our young people's final year with us is not overwhelmed by tests, revision and exam preparation. There is still plenty of space for the enjoyment of learning, the enrichment of a wide extra-curricular experience and the joy of participating in community life. We hope, however, that having a clear understanding of what is coming, and the package of support on offer, will give you and your child the reassurance that there is a comprehensive programme that will lead them to success.

NEA and Coursework Deadlines

In addition to terminal exams, in some options subjects, students are assessed through NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) and Coursework. Each subject has its own timeline that the students are working towards, and a final hand-in date. To help your child to manage these, the final NEA/Coursework submission dates for each relevant subject are listed on the next page. Please be aware these are final submission dates, after which time your child will not be able to make any further improvements.

Pastoral Care and Support

For many students, Year 11 can be a challenging time and we are keen to ensure your child is well supported across a range of issues. To this end, the attached timeline includes information on wellbeing support sessions. In addition, your child will continue to work closely with their form tutor on a daily basis, and be supported by Mrs Millington (Head of Year 11) and Mrs Forbes (Assistant Head of Year 11). If you are at all concerned about your child, please do not hesitate to contact them on amn@cardinalheenan.com and jfs@cardinalheenan.com.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure your child has a positive final year at Cardinal Heenan, that supports them in achieving their potential in their exams and securing a place at their destination of choice.

With kind regards

Ms L Stockton-Pitt
Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)



PE GCSE	Coursework	Friday 9 February 2024 For further details please contact Mr J Wynne on jwe@cardinalheenan.com
Health and Social Care	RO35 Health Promotion Campaign	Tuesday 20 February 2024 For further details please contact Mr J Wynne on jwe@cardinalheenan.com
Sport Studies CNAT	R185 Performance and Leadership in Sport	Monday 18 December 2023 For further details please contact Mr J Wynne on jwe@cardinalheenan.com
Art GCSE	Coursework	Monday 18 December 2023 For further details please contact Mrs A Powell-Wiffen on apn@cardinalheenan.com
Enterprise and Marketing CNAT	RO69 Market and Pitch a Business Proposal	Wednesday 8 November 2023 For further details please contact Mr J Smith on jsh@cardinalheenan.com
Creative iMedia CNAT	RO97 Interactive Digital Media Task 1 – plan the product Task 2 – create the product Task 3 – review the product	Monday 13 November 2023 Friday 12 January 2024 Friday 2 February 2024 For further details please contact Mr E Hartwell on ehl@cardinalheenan.com
Music GCSE	Solo Performance Briefed Composition Group Performance Free Composition	Friday 27 October 2023 Friday 22 December 2023 Friday 9 February 2024 Thursday 28 March 2024 For further details please contact Miss T Pendred on tpd@cardinalheenan.com
Design and Technology GCSE	NEA 8552	Friday 22 March 2024 For further details please contact Mr M Richmond on mri@cardinalheenan.com
Construction Level 1/2	NEA E819U3	Thursday 8 February 2024 For further details please contact Mr M Richmond on mri@cardinalheenan.com
Food Preparation & Nutrition	NEA Task 1: Food Investigation NEA Task 2: Food Preparation	Thursday 30 November 2023 Friday 22 March 2024 For further details please contact Mr M Richmond on mri@cardinalheenan.com