



CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

VERITAS

NEWSLETTER

YEAR 11 RESULTS SUCCESS



We are incredibly proud of the students that completed their exams in Summer 2022. There was a year group that had been sent home half way through Year 9 and endured two further lockdowns plus countless isolation periods during Year 10. Despite this, they achieved:

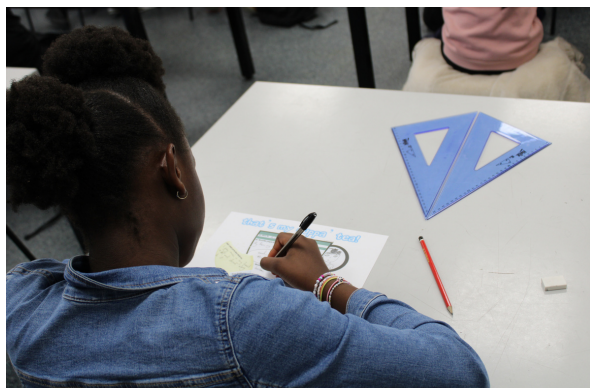
- an impressive Attainment 8 rate of 57.42 (against a Leeds average of 49.7)
- 83% of our students got at least 5 grade 9-4s (the old A-C) including English and maths (overall in Leeds it was 70.8%)
- 71% got at least 5 grade 9-5s (strong passes) including English and maths (the Leeds average was 53.4% and the national average was 60.3%)
- 40% of all grades attained at CHCHS were grade 7-9 (grade A); the national average was 27%, and in Yorkshire and the North East it was 22.4%

Due to all of their hard work, our students have secured places on fantastic courses in sixth forms and colleges across the city and beyond; we wish them all the very best.



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YEAR 7 STUDENTS WELCOMED INTO SUMMER SCHOOL



During the week commencing 22nd August we welcomed our new students into school so that they could experience a bit of Cardinal Heenan life before the hard work started last week! Students completed orientation activities in school and in our local area, tried their hands at some descriptive writing, got creative in our art rooms and baked Cardinal Heenan cupcakes! We had visits from professional rugby coaches and the Friday saw the Cardinal Heenan Mini-Olympics! The students not only behaved wonderfully, but forged new friendships and had a fabulous time.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As we start a new year, please can we encourage you to apply for free school meals if you are eligible? At this difficult and uncertain time, it is more important than ever to claim support that you are entitled to, it also makes sure that the school can provide additional support wherever possible. To see if you are eligible please see our school website.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

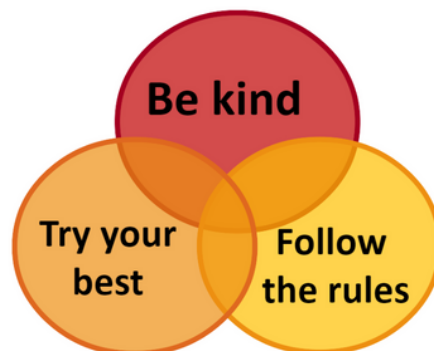
In order to reduce congestion and pollution, we encourage parents/carers to avoid bringing their child to school by car, wherever possible. If you need to drop off/pick up by car, please can we ask you to not park or wait in the bus lane.

If you have any queries about the school bus service, you can contact Metro directly via wymetro.com/schools or telephone 0113 251 7272.

Please emphasise to your son/daughter that behaviour on buses is monitored and challenged by school. We expect high standards of behaviour on our school buses in line with our behaviour policy.

TRY YOUR BEST

CHCHS Principles of Behaviour



This year we are going to have a particular focus on the principle of 'Try Your Best'. All students will attend an assembly in the first two weeks of term which will outline the key ways in which they can ensure that they are trying their best. The five areas for focus this term are:

- Take responsibility for having the correct equipment everyday*
- Ensure all your work meets the Cardinal Heenan Presentation Expectations
- Be thinking about the answer to every question in all your lessons
- Accept that making mistakes is part of the learning process
- Make sure your classroom conversations are focussed and supportive

A copy of the Presentation Expectations can be found in the school planner.

*As a minimum, all students should come to school equipped with a blue or black ball point pen, a pencil, ruler and green pen.

HOMEWORK AND PLANNERS

All students have been issued with a new Planner for the school year 2022-23. It would be helpful if you could regularly use this to check that homework is being completed regularly. This is also an easy way to communicate with your child's form tutor if you have any concerns you wish to raise.

Please pay particular attention to the pages dedicated to the Home-School Agreement and the Emergency Closure of the school.



The Student Planner has been provided to students free of charge. As you will be aware, there is a constant pressure on our school budget and so in order to offset costs, the school is asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £3 per student (a maximum of £6 per family) towards the cost of the Planner for the year. **Contributions should be made by ParentPay no later than Friday 7th October 2022.** The school is unable to accept cheques or cash in payment. For more information about ParentPay please see the front page of the school website.

ATTENDANCE



Excellent attendance and punctuality are key to ensuring that our students achieve the best possible outcomes, supporting parents as the first and most important educators of our children. It is the responsibility of students, parents and school to work in partnership to ensure all of our children are able to access everything that Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School has to offer. We are proud of our attendance figures, which are and have been significantly above national average over recent years. We, however, are also acutely aware of the impact that each absence can have on the outcomes of children. Attendance and punctuality are therefore included in our key areas of focus this academic year.

In the coming weeks there will be a new Attendance Policy giving further detail on the legislation that we all must follow, our expectations, and examples of the various strategies we use to promote and maintain good attendance and punctuality.

UNIFORM

At Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, we are proud of our school uniform, which was designed by our students and other members of the school community in 2015. We know that our high expectations and standards are one of the reasons why our school is oversubscribed and our uniform plays a significant part in this. Indeed, the Department for Education believe that a uniform plays a key role in:

- Promoting the ethos of a school
- Providing a sense of belonging and identity
- Setting an appropriate tone for education

In addition to this, Cardinal Heenan believe that the little details are important and can make a difference in what we are able to achieve together; in our assemblies we often call these the "critical non-essentials". Uniform shouldn't be something that our students have to think about every day because it should be just part of their routine. This allows them to focus on the learning and extra-curricular opportunities on offer. Our "Dress for Success" booklet, as well as page 18 and 19 of the student planners set out exactly what our uniform expectations are.

One of the key criteria in the development of this uniform was that the cost to families is reasonable and secures good value for money. Wherever possible we will support families who are unable to afford particular items. We also recommend the Leeds Zero Waste uniform exchange: <https://leedsuniformexchange.org.uk>. This exchange is a fantastic initiative to both help financially and reduce our environmental footprint. There are also several Facebook pages, simply search "Cardinal Heenan uniform" in the marketplace search bar. For any further information regarding uniform assistance please contact info@cardinalheenan.com

PARENTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS



The Parental Voluntary Contribution Scheme is a fund which we are able to use to enrich the learning environment and experience of our students in many ways. In the past, we have been able to purchase our minibuses which transport students to sporting fixtures, trips and other events, we have installed basketball hoops on the lower and upper yards, we have run enrichment activities, bought sporting equipment, musical instruments and drama equipment. If you are able to contribute any amount at all, we would be extremely grateful.

The amount contributed is for you to decide, for example, £5 or £10 per child (up to a maximum of two children per family).

All donations will be spent on our children and ensuring that their school experience is as fulfilling as possible. If you are able to contribute to the PVC funds please use the following details:

Sort code: 05-01-21

Account: 32081978

Cardinal Heenan Capital Fund

Reference: Your child's name



YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

The parents and carers of all of our Year 7 students are warmly invited to our Mass of Welcome on Wednesday 28th September at 4pm (before the Tutor Evening), which will be said by our Priest Chaplain, Fr Henry Longbottom. This is a wonderful way to introduce our families to the Catholic life of our school and we look forward to seeing you there.

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UPCOMING DATES

Y7 Welcome Mass & Tutor Evening: Wednesday 28th September 2022

Staff Training Day: Friday 7th October 2022

Open Day: Saturday 8th October 2022

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