

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A warm welcome back to all our students and staff. I hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer break; we are looking forward to the new academic year and all that it brings.

We were delighted to meet our new Year 7 students on Thursday and work with them during their induction programme. They look extremely smart in their new school uniform and have settled in very happily.

On Friday afternoon, we invited parents and family members to our traditional Year 7 'Family Fun' afternoon which included games and activities and a delicious cakes and scones. The afternoon culminated in a spectacular balloon race from the top field when over 400 balloons were released into the sky. Our Year 7s will be plotting the destinations of their balloons and we look forward to some interesting locations.

Many thanks to Mr Stone (Year 7 Pastoral Leader) and Mr Marsh (Year 7 Assistant Pastoral Leader) for all their work on the induction programme.

We wish our Year 7 every success in their career with us. In their first few days at school they have been an absolute delight; courteous, attentive and responsive.

A big welcome back to our Year 11 students joining us as new students in our 6th Form College. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to new students joining us from other institutions. We wish all of them every success in their studies and look forward to working with you over the next two years.

### **New Teaching Staff**

We would like to welcome the following new colleagues and wish them all the best in their career at Cardinal Newman.:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Simon Cossutta, Lucy Gallagher, David Boreham	Science
Molly Rao	History
Dora Lipka, Charlotte Refoy (GTP)	Maths
Charlotte Brown	Drama
Rosie Berwick, Neil Lester-Card	P.E.
Jane Cole	R.E.
Geoffrey Bacon, Max Blackburn, John Dunkling	
Katy Markey, Jack Newton, Annie Stone (TAs)	Student Support

### **Examination Successes**

In the following weeks I shall be providing you with information on the school's GCSE, AS,A Level and Vocational results. The headline news is that our GCSE results, 5 A\* - C and above including English and Maths was 59%, a rise of 3% on last year. We are very proud of all our students' achievements.

### **Parental Consultation**

Mr Charles Wookey, Chair of Governors and members of the governing body are inviting parents to a Parent Consultation Evening on Wednesday, 22nd September from 7.00-8.30pm. Next week you will be receiving more information about the evening. We would be grateful if a large number of parents were able to attend as your views are very important to us.

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## Information Evening for Parents of Teenagers

The Local Authority is running this information event at Hove Town Hall on Saturday, 11th September – 11.00am to 4.00pm. The event will provide a wide range of information to parents about services they and their teenagers can access in Brighton & Hove, including how to deal with drug, alcohol and health problems to volunteering and activities for teenagers. There are also some treats for parents to enjoy!

## Home to School Transport

Please read the important information for families who live in East Sussex and are attending our school.

## ***SPORTS NEWS***

### ***PE CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM 2010***

<b><i>MONDAY</i></b>	YR 7/8/9 GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 11 FOOTBALL YR 9 NETBALL DANCE (ALL YEARS) YR 9 RUGBY YR 7 BASKETBALL
<b><i>TUESDAY</i></b>	HOCKEY (ALL YEARS) GYMNASTICS (ALL YEARS) YR 8 RUGBY YR 9 FOOTBALL YR 10/11 BASKETBALL YR 11 RUGBY
<b><i>WEDNESDAY</i></b>	GIRLS BASKETBALL (ALL YEARS) 1ST XI FOOTBALL 1ST XV RUGBY YR 12/13 NETBALL YR 10/11 NETBALL YR 10 RUGBY BADMINTON (ALL YEARS) YR 7 FOOTBALL
<b><i>THURSDAY</i></b>	YR 10/11 GIRLS FOOTBALL YR 8 NETBALL GCSE (KS4) DANCE YR 10 FOOTBALL TAEKWONDO (YR 7/8/9 ONLY) YR 8/9 BASKETBALL
<b><i>FRIDAY</i></b>	YR 7 RUGBY YR 7 NETBALL FITNESS YR 8 FOOTBALL

## ***CHAPLAINCY***

God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life but I will be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

## ***MUSIC CLUBS***

<b><i>MONDAY</i></b>	PRODUCTION (singing rehearsals) <i>CG12</i> ROCK OUT <i>CF12</i>
<b><i>TUESDAY</i></b>	THEORY <i>CB9</i> GCSE (composing class)
<b><i>WEDNESDAY</i></b>	STRING GROUP <i>Chapel</i> NEWVO <i>CG12</i>
<b><i>THURSDAY</i></b>	PRODUCTION (show band) <i>CG12</i> ORCHESTRA <i>CB9</i> PRODUCTION (dance rehearsals)
<b><i>FRIDAY</i></b>	CONCERT BAND <i>CG12</i>

## ***STUDENT ABSENCE***

Please call the School on 558551, option 1, on the 1st day of absence and any subsequent days, before 9.00am.

## ***LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY***

Should a student require to leave school early, would Parents/Carers please supply a letter to the student in order for them to sign out at the Records Office. Where possible please avoid telephoning the school in order to prevent lessons unnecessarily being interrupted.

## ***LATE TO SCHOOL***

When students are late to school, please give them a written note as to the reason why.

The student must sign in at the Records Office when they arrive at school and complete a 'signing in slip'.

Parents/Carers are only requested to telephone if the student is absent all day.

## **Home to School Transport**

You may have heard that East Sussex is consulting on the withdrawal of support for home to school transport in faith schools. This is a real threat to the future of our schools so please may I encourage you to respond to the consultation which you can do on the County Council website at [eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay) or by writing to:

School Transport Consultation  
Freepost BR157  
Children's Services  
East Sussex County Council  
Lewes  
East Sussex  
BN7 1SG

If you wish to write, you could include some or all of the following points in your letter.

1. This is a reversal of a long term policy part way through an academic year.
2. Parents will have sought and accepted a place in a school in the expectation that there would be support with travel costs.
3. Some parents will be unable to meet the costs of travel from January to the end of the academic year and will be forced to move their child to their nearest community school with a consequent increase pressure on places in some localities.
4. This is discrimination against poorer (not low income) families seeking a faith based education for their child.
5. The timescale for the consultation is far too short and should not have been organised across a major school holiday.
6. At least a year's notice should be given for such major alterations to policies that have such a dramatic effect on families.
7. This will hit some of the most successful schools in the County.