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Dear Year 11

Please take the time to read this information sheet carefully. Keep it to refer to between now and your last examination.

### **Attendance**

- Pupils are expected to attend full time until advised that they no longer need to.
- Absence from lessons is only permitted if you are attending a booster class in another subject or sitting a GCSE examination.
- Once each examination is over you should return promptly to your timetabled lesson.
- If you have completed your final examination in a subject, you will be allowed to do examination revision for other subjects.
- When you are in school, you must be in the examination room or in the room of your normal timetabled lesson where your teachers will supervise study.

### **Leavers' Morning**

- The leavers' assembly will take place in the Assembly Hall on **Friday 19 June 2026**.
- You should arrive at school for the normal start time, and you will be free to leave after the celebrations.
- The celebrations will commence at 9.00 am and finish by 11.00 am (approx).
- Following the assembly and celebrations, pupils will be provided with farewell refreshments.
- You do not have to wear uniform for the leavers' assembly, but you should be in **smart formal dress** (no jeans, joggers, cropped tops etc).
- If you have ordered a leavers hoodie, these will be given out at the leavers' assembly.

### **Uniform**

- Correct uniform is to be worn **at all times**, both before and after the half term break, **including during examinations**.
- Any items of unwanted branded uniform which are in good condition would be gratefully received. Please hand these into Student Services on the day of the leaver's assembly. These items will be redistributed to help families in need of uniform items at this time (ties, blazers, and PE kit).

## **Behaviour**

- The highest standards of conduct are expected whenever you are in school. By all means enjoy and celebrate your final days at St John Henry Newman Catholic School but do so in an acceptable way. **REMEMBER!** Younger pupils will copy your behaviour. Set a positive example.

## **Booster Classes**

- There will be some booster sessions taking place throughout the examination period. You will be informed if you have to attend.
- You should also take the opportunity to attend revision sessions available after school.
- **The short-term sacrifice of your free time to improve your examination results is a price worth paying. You have an extended summer break to make up for it!**

## **Books, Equipment and Locker Keys**

- Each department will make arrangements to collect books and equipment. Please stick to these.
- You can make special arrangements with your teacher to keep books until examinations in that subject are complete.
- All locker keys need to be returned to Student Services by Friday 19 June 2026. If pupils are returning to study in the Sixth Form you need to return your key, and a new one will be issued in September (at no further charge).
- If there are any monies outstanding on your iPay account, please email [office@newman.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@newman.cumbria.sch.uk) and we will arrange a refund via BACS.

## **Year 11 Prom**

The Prom will take place on Thursday 2 July 2026 at the Halston Hotel from 7.00 pm – 11.30 pm (arrival from 6.30 pm onwards).

## **Results Day**

- You can collect your GCSE exam results from school on **Thursday 20 August 2026**. Simply arrive at the pupil entrance between 9.00 am and 11.00am.
- If you are unable to attend in person and would like your results to be emailed on the day then please contact Mr Cookson, Assistant Headteacher (Exams) before Friday 19 June with your preferred email address. Please note that emailed results will not arrive before 12.00 pm on that day.

## **Sixth Form**

In order to confirm your place either in St John Henry Newman Catholic School Sixth Form or elsewhere, staff will be present on results day to advise all pupils regarding their next steps

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the future, either with us here at St John Henry Newman Catholic School or elsewhere. You have been a remarkable year group and we will never forget you.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the Sixth Form in September and for others we look forward to hearing about your many successes.

I would also like to thank you for your much-valued contribution to the life of the school, such as representing the school in whatever capacity, your assistance at open evenings and supporting local groups and charities with your fundraising.

Good luck with your work and exams in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions then do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year, Mrs Rayson or Senior Head of Year, Mr Callaghan.

Very best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D McArdle', written in a cursive style.

Mr D McArdle  
Headteacher