



The mission of Cardinal Hume Catholic School is founded on the teaching of Christ and seeks to fully develop each member of our community through faith, hard work and kindness.

Message from the Headteacher

Attendance – making every single day count.

I have been delighted with the start the overwhelming majority of our students have made this academic year, with low levels of pupil absence to date. It is of utmost importance that we maintain the high levels of attendance so far – it really does matter!

I have taken some time to reflect on the correlation between attendance and academic outcomes for 2025 and, while this comes as no surprise, the differences in progress between excellent attenders, average attenders and those with low attendance is stark. For example, those with attendance at 97% or above are likely to score almost a grade higher than those below 94%. Moreover, those attending below 90% of the time are likely to fall below by a grade further. Mr Jones shared some anonymised case studies with staff and pupils recently to demonstrate the chasm in progress between those who attend well, and those who persistently miss school. In a nutshell, if pupils attend, they achieve exceptionally well at Cardinal Hume. The more they miss, the more damaging the impact.

Our focus on attendance isn't just about academic outcomes. We like to see our students, and we know that school is the best place for them to allow them to be with their friends, teachers, and to shine in all aspects of their development. While we understand that there are many reasons why some young people must miss some sessions, it is important that we constantly impress upon the young people the benefits of school – and I hope you as parents and carers will continue to support the us with this.

Many thanks,

Mr Robson

Forthcoming Events

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Y7	Key Information for Year 7 and “Meet the Tutor” evening: 9 th October 4, 4-6pm. Please confirm attendance via Microsoft Form.
Y8	Key information for Year 8 parents’ evening, 23 rd October 6pm-7pm
Y9	Key Information for Y9 parents’ evening, 16 th October, 6pm -7pm.
Y10	Key information about KS4 and Grades evening: Thursday 18 th September, 6pm to 7pm
Y11	Y11 Raising Achievement Meeting, Thursday 25 th September, 6pm-7pm.
6th form	Parent Information event, Thursday 2 nd October, 6pm-7pm.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor and Information Night Thursday 9th October, 4pm-6pm

At Cardinal Hume Catholic School, we work alongside parents and carers to ensure that your child can thrive educationally and personally. We also understand that parents themselves can find their child's move to secondary school a daunting one, and that being able to meet your child's teachers can be very reassuring. On Thursday the 9th of October, parents are invited to come into school to have a brief five-minute chat with your child's tutor to discuss how they have settled into their new school. **Tutors will not be able to update on academic progress; this meeting is purely to discuss how your child has settled in.**

This event is for parents only, and we ask that you attend without your child. As well as allowing for more candid conversations, this also means that we can share important information about the Year 7 experience with you. At 4.30pm and again at 5.30pm there will be a presentation in the Main Hall where key staff will present on supporting common issues which arise in Year 7, the student attributes, and the extracurricular opportunities available to your child.

If you wish to attend the evening, those with surnames A-M are invited to attend between 4pm and 5pm, while those with surnames N-Z are invited to attend 5pm-6pm. Please complete the form below to let us know whether you will be attending the Year 7 Meet the Tutor event.

<https://forms.office.com/e/r9ZFqY820s>

We look forward to meeting you.

EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE	PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE				
	TERM 1 (SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER)				
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: 15.15-16.15				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	ALL YEARS NETBALL	KS4 GYM CLUB	ALL YEARS BASKETBALL	ALL YEARS FOOTBALL SIGN UP	
	ALL YEARS RUGBY		ALL YEARS TABLE TENNIS	KS3 GYM CLUB	
				ALL YEARS CLIMBING SIGN UP	

- ALL YEAR GROUPS – BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME
- PE KIT MUST BE WORN FOR ALL FIXTURES AND CLUBS
- STUDENTS MUST WAIT OUTSIDE PE CHANGING ROOMS FOR A MEMBER OF STAFF
- SIGN UP REGISTER WILL BE FOUND ON THE EXTRA CURRICULAR BOARD IN THE PE CORRIDOR (GYM AND CLIMBING ONLY)

Breakfast Study Hub:

Research consistently shows the importance of a nutritious breakfast on student achievement. The Breakfast Study Hub ensures all our students get off to the best start each day:

What? Free breakfast for all students

Where? D2

When? Every morning 8.10-8.35

Who for? Everyone from KS3 - 5

Reminder: The Cardinal Hume School App

Please can parents ensure that they have downloaded the school app. This is an essential tool for reporting student absence, celebrating your child's success through House Points, and finding out what is going on in the school community. For students in Y7 and Y12, letters were given to your child in tutor this week. Please contact the school office if you did not receive one.

