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St John Henry Newman

RE: Weekly Update for all parents

Dear Parents

Today we celebrate the Feast of St John Henry Newman, he was beatified 10 years ago during Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK and canonised by Pope Francis in 2019.

Cardinal Newman said that: "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 shall 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. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

He was a great educator and during his beatification visit Pope Benedict said this: "In your Catholic schools, there is always a bigger picture over and above the individual subjects you study, the different skills you learn. All the work you do is placed in the context of growing in friendship with God, and all that flows from that friendship. So you learn not just to be good students, but good citizens, good people."

A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."

St John Henry Newman: Pray for Us!

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Parents' Evenings 2nd-5th November

This term we will be holding parents' evenings by telephone across the afternoons on Monday 2nd November to Thursday 5th November from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Teachers will split their classes into 4 and phone 7 or 8 of you each day. Letters telling you which day your call will be on will be uploaded to the class letter pages www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/letters-and-updates.html next Wednesday and sent home via parent hub at the same time. Please let us know if the day isn't suitable for you. Prior to the 5th a video from the teachers showing you the classrooms will come out to you via parent hub.

Uniform, winter coats and Hand gel

After half term we switch to winter uniform. Please have a look here:

[www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/ Media/uniform-policy-2019.pdf](http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/Media/uniform-policy-2019.pdf) to see the detail. For some years we've sold the reversible school coats, these are warm and waterproof and very popular. If your child doesn't have a school coat please make sure their coat is waterproof AND warm. We see lots of warm looking coats in the morning but not many of them are waterproof. See note we do not allow boots in school. Please continue to send hand gel in with your child.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

St Mary! Pray for Us!

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

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