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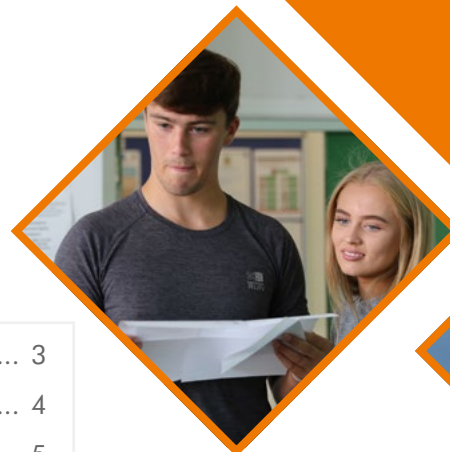
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CARDINAL HEENAN
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Ms K Smyth - Headteacher



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form Centre.

Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form has a long tradition of success, achieving excellent results at GCE A level, BTEC and other levels. This success is due to the hard work and dedication of both students and staff who work closely together. We would like you to be part of our future success.

The Sixth Form provides a caring, supportive environment where individuals matter. We aim to develop in all of our learners a keen sense of responsibility, a desire for the acquisition of knowledge and the ambition to succeed in their lives today and in years to come. We offer a very rich, flexible and challenging curriculum to all of our Sixth Form students as well as extensive opportunities for enrichment.

We pride ourselves in the strong sense of camaraderie across the whole learning community, which makes our school environment a wonderful and unique place to attend daily. The mutual respect between our students and staff is evident in the warm, welcoming atmosphere that visitors often remark upon.

We offer access to excellent facilities, highly motivated and passionate staff, established support networks and a caring environment. This enables our students to achieve their potential whilst preparing them for further study or employment post-19.

The purpose-built Sixth Form Centre ensures students entering Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form have access to up-to-date facilities. With its extensive, supervised and well-resourced study centre, private study spaces, IT facilities,

teaching rooms, canteen and social areas, the centre provides an environment designed to meet the needs of all students.

Although located separately to the main school, the Sixth Form still benefits from the skills and subject expertise of over 100 staff and has full use of further specialist facilities within the main school. With over 300 students in the Sixth Form, it is possible to offer a broad range of courses and experiences in collaboration with Broughton Hall.

I would particularly like to share with you how much we pride ourselves on the information and guidance provided by our dedicated and specialist staff. The information and guidance given to Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form students was praised by Stephen Twigg MP in the House of Commons in July 2014:

"We need to achieve a cultural change involving independent advice and guidance in schools. The shadow Secretary of State spoke about that, and we must get it right. Some schools do get it right, and we should praise them. In the Budget debate, I spoke about Cardinal Heenan School in my constituency, which has done some fantastic work."

We are very proud of the achievements of our students. Focus is always given towards embedding high aspiration in our students. We have a very strong support system (internal and external) for aiding applications for all universities, especially the 'red brick' Russell Group universities and particularly Oxford and Cambridge. You can read more

about our students' continued incredible achievements and destinations on our website.

The following pages provide information about the opportunities available in Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form and details of the application procedure. Please see page 11 for a list of all the Sixth Form courses currently available. More detailed subject/course outlines may be found on the school website. We continue to extend the range of courses that we offer in Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form, and if a course that appeals to you appears not to be available, please make this known to us. We will always do our best to accommodate your needs.

Thank you for your interest in Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form.
Ms K Smyth - Headteacher

“ Teachers have strong subject knowledge, which they deploy enthusiastically and effectively. ”
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WHO'S WHO

Jan Tolitt -
Sixth Form Receptionist



Aimee McCabe -
Information, Advice & Guidance
and Office Administration



Mr T Phipps -
Head of Sixth Form



Gary Aster -
Study Centre Manager



Mr N Kimberley -
Key Stage 5 Co-ordinator



Mr T Phipps is the Head of Sixth Form. He studied Sport Development with Physical Education at Liverpool John Moores University. He has worked in Cardinal Heenan for eleven years and he currently teaches PE.

What do you look for in a Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form student?

"I look for students who have a passion for the subjects that they are going on to study. Students need to be inquisitive, independent and motivated to develop their academic and personal résumés so that they leave us equipped to have a positive role in modern Britain."

Aimee has worked in Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School for a number of years, stating "I do my best to make sure all students have a positive destination, giving them relevant, realistic and tailored advice to meet each individual's needs."

Gary has worked in Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form since 2012. Before this, he taught Religious Studies and Sociology at Roby College, Huyton for seven years.

Mr N Kimberley studied Mathematics at Cardiff University.

What advice would you give to a student contemplating Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form?

"I would say relish the experience. These are two of the most important years of your life and we will offer you the nurture you still need as a young learner combined with the independence you want in order to find your own two feet. You will look back on your years with us as some of the best of your life."

“Sixth form leaders...are especially successfully in creating an ethos of positive aspirations for students.”
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WHY CHOOSE CARDINAL HEENAN SIXTH FORM?

We work with students to get excellent results

We recognise that sixth form study is just the next step on your educational journey, whether your goal is moving onto university or into work. Therefore, results matter.

In Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form you can be assured that we will work with you to get the best possible results.

You will get high quality teaching

The results are only achievable through the outstanding teaching and learning experience that is available. Our dedicated and committed subject specialists will work with you to ensure that you achieve your goals. Their outstanding subject and course knowledge is teamed with high quality and accurate assessment and reporting to ensure you are supported every step of the way.

We focus on preparing you for next steps

We never forget that what comes after sixth form is as important as what happens in it. Providing high quality

information, advice and guidance when you need it means you will feel well prepared for your next steps. Our Information, Advice and Guidance mentor plays a key role in supporting you right from the beginning of Year 12. This builds up to an extensive programme delivered in Year 13 by specialist and trained staff to support you in your university application or progression into the workplace.

Our pastoral care

The jump between KS4 and KS5 is generally accepted to be the hardest jump students make in their education. That is why we have developed a comprehensive pastoral system of care and guidance. You will have an allocated tutor who has developed specific skills to assist you in settling into sixth form and coping with the changes in the way that you learn and the expectations of you. Your tutor will also help you with future university and job applications.

Our commitment to enrichment activities

It is not all about academic learning. Whilst in the Sixth Form, you have huge opportunities to develop your skills and attributes to ensure you leave as the well-rounded, responsible community member that is so attractive to universities and employers. Whether you are in pursuit of excellence or just want to participate in them, excellent sporting, drama and musical opportunities exist alongside an extensive enrichment programme that provides a whole host of activities including driving theory workshops, stress-management courses and the Student Council. In addition, formal qualifications and experiences can be achieved via Young Enterprise and First Aid Training. We are building strong links with Alder Hey and the Springfield Regeneration Programme, which offer opportunities for voluntary work and future employment for our students. Whether you want to focus on areas of development or enhance existing strengths, Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form will work hard to provide these enrichment opportunities for you.

Associations

In very recent years, we have been very proud to see our Sixth Form students form their own Associations for subjects they have a passion for. Pupils from Years 7 to 11 are invited to join the Associations and debate issues with the Sixth Formers. See pages 12 and 13 for more details.



Sarah - Cafeteria Manager



Rebecca, Gloria and Ann - Cafeteria Staff



Cafeteria Servery

THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

The Sixth Form Centre at Cardinal Heenan was built on the Broughton Hall High School Campus in 2012. It has easy access from the main Cardinal Heenan site. The centre is a beautifully lit, purpose-built structure for sixth form students. The centre provides classrooms, study areas, and catering facilities for the use of sixth form students only.

The study area is a huge asset to the Sixth Form. It is an extensive, light and open area where students can work quietly either individually or in small groups. It is supervised constantly by the Sixth Form Study Centre Manager, Gary Aster, who plays an active role in helping the students in their work and ensuring that the atmosphere in the Study Centre is always conducive to study. Gary also runs advanced study skills sessions with small groups of Year 12 students. Students have ready access to school computers and laptops. There are also extra subject-specific resources located within the study area. Notice boards display posters advertising universities and their open days as well as general important information for students.

For those students that are considering applying to University there are bookshelves full of University prospectuses, and a designated UCAS board which provides a lot of useful information about the application process.

The Sixth Form cafeteria is another very extensive space on the ground floor of the Sixth Form Centre. Despite its label as a cafeteria, it is, in fact, a multi-functional area within Sixth Form and is very much the hub of Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form life. It provides ample accommodation for those who wish to study while working in larger groups. It is also home to our catering area - hot and cold food and drinks are served from 8am until late afternoon by our designated sixth form catering assistants. There are notice boards in the cafeteria which provide students with information on the Student Council, and upcoming events.

“The Sixth Form Centre is a purposeful learning environment”
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SIXTH FORM LIFE

Form Groups

Year 12 students are placed in socially mixed form groups when they start their sixth form life in September. Sixth Form tutors are chosen for their experience and expertise in dealing with the concerns of youngsters in the 16 - 19 age group. This means that sixth form tutors are usually very experienced in and knowledgeable about issues that affect sixth formers. They are often the first person a student with difficulties will speak to and they are the key members of staff involved in writing UCAS references.

Study skills tutorials

Year 12 students will receive advanced study skills tutorials with Gary Aster, the Study Centre Manager, on a half-termly basis. Gary's tutorials offer small groups of these students specialist help in essay-writing technique, revision techniques and skills of analysis.

Careers Education and Guidance

An extensive careers education and guidance programme is available to students throughout the Sixth Form. Students can take advantage of specialist advice and attend a number of organised events such as work placement opportunities, apprenticeship evenings and UCAS evenings. Visiting speakers from outside agencies are arranged, alongside visits to universities. A number of sessions are given over to the university application process, as many students wish to take advantage of this. Experienced staff and tutors play a key role in supporting students through the process. We also have a designated member of staff, Mrs V O'Farrell, who leads Year 13 students with their UCAS personal statements.

Study periods and Independent Learning

A major difference in Sixth Form from the main school is that students have some 'free' periods between their lessons. We understand that, as young people, they still need some structure to help with their independent learning and studies. For this reason, all students have a proportion of their 'free' periods designated as independent 'study' periods. These study periods appear on the students' timetables and they are times when the students attend the study centre. The Study Centre Manager, Gary Aster, monitors attendance at study periods. He also supervises the students in their work as well as providing excellent learning support.

Sixth Form Council

Student representatives meet to discuss issues of importance to students, whether they be related to the school curriculum or are social issues. The council has responsibility for the setting up of the social calendar for the year. A range of events are organised during the year, culminating in the "Summer Prom" which marks the end of Year 13. Members of the Sixth Form Council and wider sixth form population are involved in lower school forums such as the West Derby Celebration of Music. They may also be paid for lower school supervision duties.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Year 13 pupils may apply to be considered for the role of head boy and girl. They go through a formal application for the role and have an interview.

Sports

Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School was awarded Sports College status in 2001. The school is renowned locally and nationally for its prowess in a number of sporting fields, but in particular football. Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form students have access to the very impressive sporting facilities of the school, including a purpose-built Lifestyles gymnasium, state-of-the art fitness machines and equipment, a purpose-built sports hall, all-weather astro-turf pitches and extensive playing fields. Sixth Form sports teams include football and rugby, and students compete in local and national under-19 competitions. Many students also work with younger students by helping to coach and organise teams and sporting competitions.

Tailored Enrichment and PSHE

PSHE and Enrichment are delivered as a structured course which revolves around individual students' needs. Issues such as personal finance, road safety and health and well being are topics regularly covered. This programme is delivered by dedicated sixth form staff and external agencies.

Social Mobility Fund

The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a charity which aims to make a practical improvement in social mobility for young people from low-income backgrounds. The programme provides support to students across 11 career sectors (Accountancy, Architecture, Banking & Finance, Biology & Chemistry, Business, Engineering & Physics, Law, Media & Communications, Medicine, Politics, and Technology). As a Sixth Form we have an excellent relationship with the charity and regularly have a large cohort who access the support. From this programme students have gained amazing work experience placements at 10 Downing Street, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, International Law firms and many more. All three students who in the last two years have progressed onto courses at Cambridge University have partaken in the SMF programme and found the support invaluable.

Liverpool scholars

The Liverpool Scholars programme, in association with Liverpool University, offers Year 12 students the chance to take part in a range of activities aimed at supporting their entry into higher education and preparing them for university, such as application guidance masterclasses, lectures and academic key skills workshops. These activities are delivered in partnership with academics, undergraduates and the wider University, culminating in Scholars completing an academic assignment.

Through the Liverpool Scholars programme, we aim to nurture students to become well informed, confident applicants who are well equipped for their University experience. On successful completion of the programme students will receive a guaranteed conditional offer of a place at the University of Liverpool and an offer reduced by up to two A-level grades or equivalent.

APPLICATION PROCESS

What entry qualifications do I need?

A-Levels and Equivalent courses

The minimum requirement onto A-Level and other courses is generally five grade 4s at GCSE (grade 4s in English and mathematics and at least three others). However, most subjects have more specific GCSE grade requirements. Detailed subject requirements can be found on the separate Sixth Form course outlines available in school or in the Sixth Form section of the school website.

What if I change my mind about the course I want to study?

We believe in getting the right students on the right courses. Therefore, we provide extensive information, advice and guidance for all our students. This process starts in Year 11 for Cardinal Heenan High School pupils, when each pupil has at least two meetings with our Information, Advice and Guidance mentor to discuss Pupil's post-16 curriculum.

Cardinal Heenan pupils are also consulted at several points during Year 11 about their preferred options at post-16 before the Sixth Form option blocks are put together.

We also communicate with potential sixth form students through this prospectus, through our November Open Night, through our website and our Sixth Form course outlines to ensure students make good decisions first time round. Very early in Year 12, the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Phipps, holds a meeting with parents and our new Year 12 students to share information about individual course expectations and Sixth Form life. This is in the hope that any early problems can be resolved as, clearly, the later a student realises that s/he is on the wrong course, the more difficult it is effectively to place her/him elsewhere. If a student realises that they may have had second thoughts or changed their mind about a course, it is important to let relevant staff know about it.

What if I do not get the GCSE results I expected or required?

The school has very effective tracking and monitoring processes in place for the progress of Year 11 pupils so it is hoped that relatively few students would be surprised by their GCSE results.

However, if this does occur, there are school staff and external specialist agencies on hand in school on results day (and afterwards) to help and advise. It may be still possible to follow your chosen sixth form course. However, it is highly advisable that you explore contingency arrangements so that options remain open to you whatever your results.

If I have applied to another school, does this mean that I can't apply to Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form?

No. Please apply for the courses you are interested in. You should keep your options open for as long as possible.

If I apply to Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form and I am offered a place, do I have to take it?

No. Making an application to our Sixth Form does not obligate you in any way. However, we would like to think that our course, facilities, staff and ethos would encourage you to choose Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form.

Upper School Prize Night - the celebration of our students' achievements at Key Stages 4 and 5



CHOOSING A COURSE

What is an A level?

The majority of courses are nationally 'reformed' A-levels and Applied General qualifications, meaning that they are now assessed at the end of two years. All courses contribute UCAS points towards Higher Education applications. If a student sits an AS-level at the end of Year 12, their result can no longer be carried forward to contribute to their final A-level result. Their result will count as a stand-alone AS qualification if a student decides not to continue her/his studies into Year 13. The following subjects are offered as A-levels or their equivalent at Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form:

- ◆ Art & Design (3D, Fine Art, Graphics)
- ◆ Biology
- ◆ Chemistry
- ◆ Criminology
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ English Language
- ◆ Further Mathematics
- ◆ Government & Politics
- ◆ IT
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Music Technology
- ◆ Philosophy & Ethics
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Travel & Tourism
- ◆ Art & Design (Photography)
- ◆ Business & Enterprise
- ◆ Computer Science
- ◆ Design Technology (Textiles)
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ English Literature
- ◆ Geography
- ◆ History
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Health & Social Care
- ◆ Physics
- ◆ Psychology
- ◆ Sports Studies

Full details of courses appear in our course outlines on the school website. If you do not see a subject you would like to study on this list, please let us know, and we will always do our best to accommodate you. We always look to enrich and broaden our curriculum, in accordance with students' interests and talents.

Detailed information about the content and delivery of all A-level subjects can be found in our Sixth Form course outlines, available in school or on the school website. You may also take opportunities to speak to the subject specialist teachers about the content and delivery of courses.

What is an Applied General course?

Applied General qualifications are the equivalent to A levels. They are two-year courses that are partly continually assessed and partly assessed by an examination or timed task. They are work-related qualifications, designed both to accommodate the needs of employers and also to allow progression to university. They provide a practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a key theoretical background.

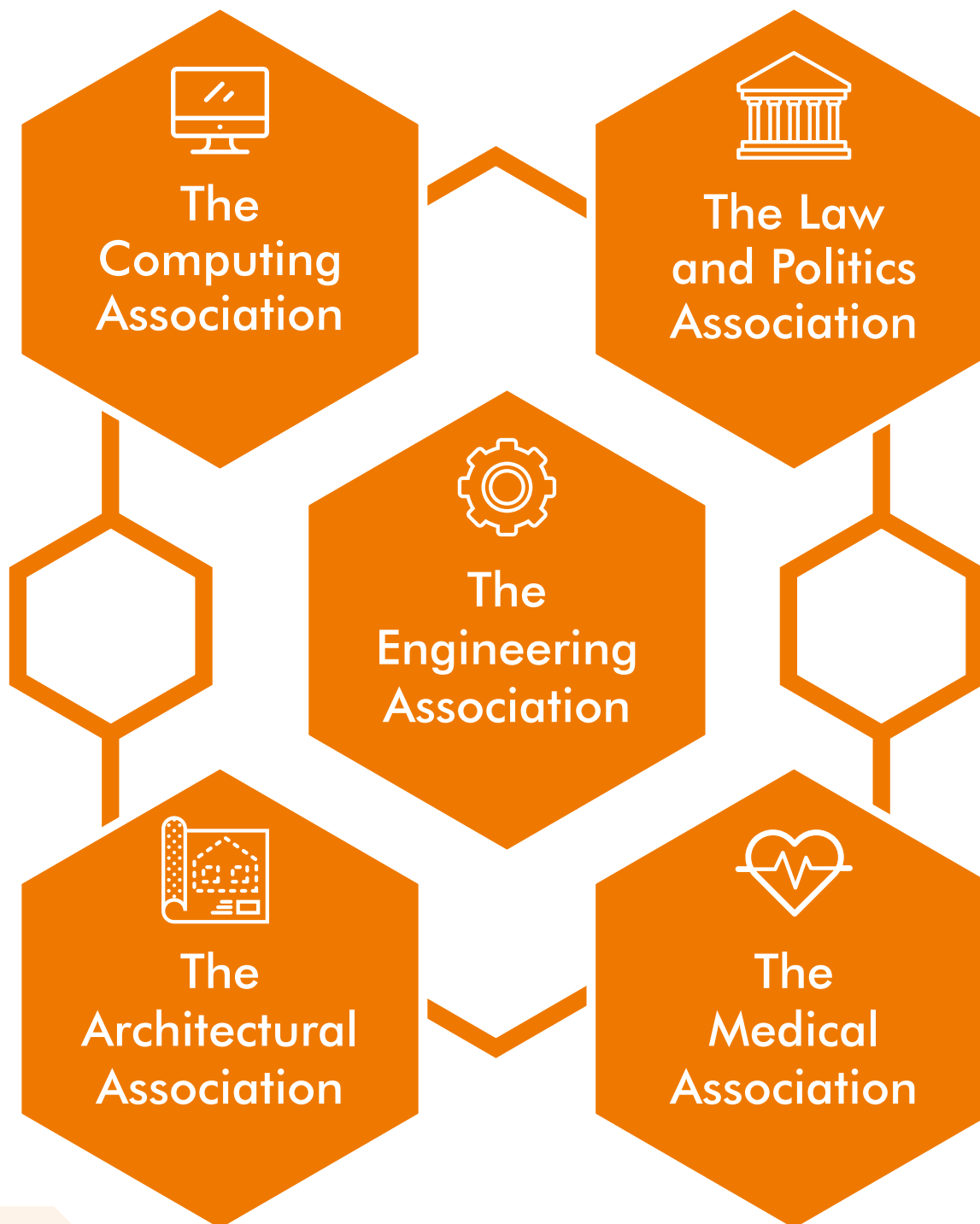
“...the attainment of students who sat qualifications in (vocational subjects) was better than that of others nationally.”
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SIXTH FORM ASSOCIATIONS

Many of our Year 12 and 13 students have such a passion for their A levels and chosen careers that they have formed their own Associations to discuss issues related to their favourite subjects and to stimulate younger pupils. These Associations meet very regularly for purposes of debate and include pupils with a shared interest in these subject areas across Years 7 to 11.





STUDENT PROFILES



Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form Student Council



Matthew Year 13 student

Why did you choose the sixth form at Cardinal Heenan?

I was a pupil here in Years 7 to 11 and did well in my GCSEs. I have friends here and wanted to continue within the same community where I felt supported by both students and staff. The courses I wanted to study were on offer here and coupled with the fantastic facilities, the decision to stay on here to study was an easy one.

What subjects are you studying?

A-levels in Biology, Mathematics and Physics. I submitted my application to Oxford, I hope to study Physics.

“Students... make strong progress, are supported well and feel safe and well prepared for adulthood.”
Ofsted January 2018



Joseph Year 12 student

Why did you choose the sixth form at Cardinal Heenan?

I came to sixth form in Cardinal Heenan as I knew I would be supported with my pathway by all my teachers. I have built a relationship on trust and mutual respect with them all and I feel truly valued as an individual.

What subjects are you studying?

A-levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science.



Cardinal Heenan Senior Prefects

“ Students say that they make good progress because of the strong standard of teaching in most areas. This view matches that of inspectors. ”
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? STUDENT DESTINATIONS

These are just some of the Higher Education destinations recent students.

Saying goodbye to our students is always sad. We wish them all well, and are always pleased when they come back to visit us to let us know how they are getting on.

Leavers have gone on to study a very wide range of subjects, including Mathematics, English, Journalism, Creative Writing, Psychology, Law, Business Economics, Geography, Acting and Performance, Criminal Justice, Engineering, History, Accountancy, Medicine, Song writing and Production, Computer Science, and many, many more.



Liverpool University



University of Warwick



University of Birmingham



Lancaster University



London School of Economics



University of Bath



Staffordshire University



Durham University



University of Aberystwyth



Chester University



Manchester Metropolitan University



Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts

STUDENT SUPPORT

Sometimes students need some financial support to enable them to maximise their opportunities at sixth form. Bursaries are available from the school to support students experiencing financial hardship. On their acceptance to the Sixth Form, students are invited to complete a bursary form if they live in a household with an income of less than £20,000.00.

Types of Bursary

There are three kinds of bursaries available:

Vulnerable Students Bursaries

Students in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of income support and disabled students in receipt of Employment Support Allowance will be eligible to receive a bursary. Information on bursaries and eligibility can be found on www.gov.uk.

Discretionary Bursaries

All students registered for free school meals will receive free school meals in sixth form as well as a termly bus pass (where appropriate).

Emergency Bursaries

A small amount of money will be available to help students who encounter serious financial problems in the course of their studies. This will be especially relevant if financial concerns may prevent a student from completing the course. Students can apply at any point during the course.

“All learners have access to good, impartial careers advice”
Ofsted January 2016

Eligibility

Vulnerable Students Bursaries

Students need to provide the Sixth Form Office with evidence that they fall into one of the eligible categories.

Discretionary Bursaries

Students who receive free school meals in Years 7 and 8 are automatically entitled to free school meals in Sixth Form. It would be helpful if students who know they are entitled to free school meals inform the Sixth Form Office in advance.

Emergency Bursaries

The Head of Sixth Form, Mr Phipps, will usually ask for a parental meeting to establish the extent of the need.



HOW TO FIND US

Travelling by car



From the M62 junction 4 bear right onto A5058 Queen's Drive (northward bound). Turn right at the main traffic lights onto A57 East Prescott Road and bear left straight after the new Alder Hey Hospital building onto Eaton Road. At the first roundabout turn right onto Honeysgreen Lane. Cardinal Heenan High School is some 500 yards down the road on the right.

From the M57 junction 3 take the second turn off the roundabout A526 Seth Powell Way. At the top of the road turn right onto A57 East Prescott Road. After 1.7 miles turn right at the roundabout (by the Greyhound pub) onto Blackmoor Drive. At the junction with Honeysgreen Lane turn right. The main school is immediately to your right and the Sixth Form Centre after this.

From the north (Queens Drive south bound). Turn left onto Alder Road. Drive to the bottom of the road (with Alder Hey Hospital on the right). Turn right at the roundabout onto Eaton Road. Turn left at the next roundabout onto Honeysgreen Lane. Cardinal Heenan High School is some 500 yards down the road on the right.

From the city. Take either of the main arterial roads (A5049 West Derby Road or A57 East Prescott Road) then follow the directions above.

Travelling by bus

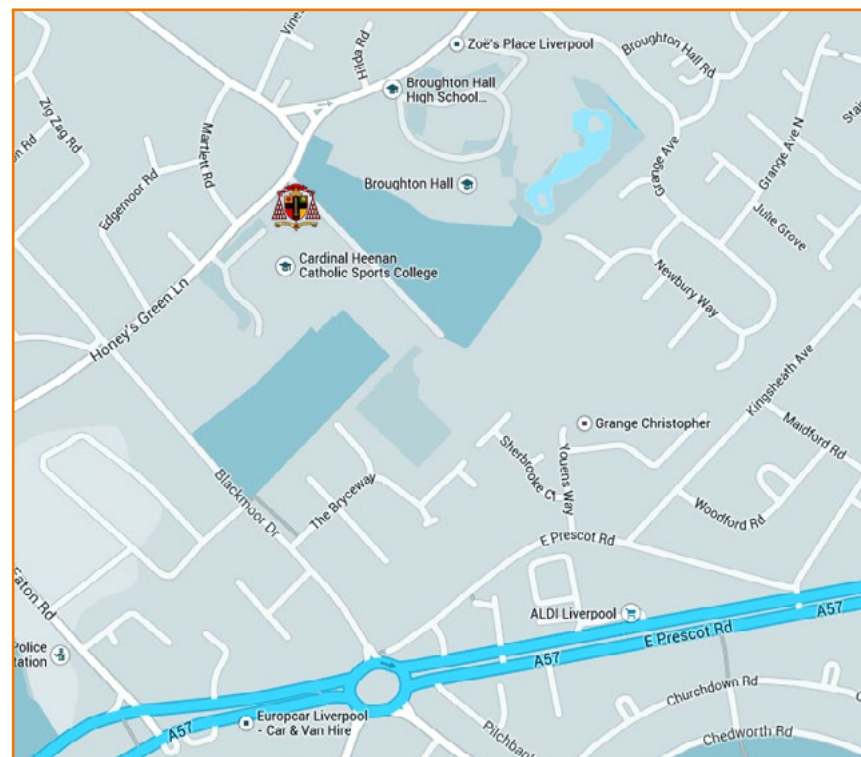


The 61 and 102 buses stop right outside the school. The 61 runs a very frequent service to Bootle, West Derby, Old Swan and Aigburth. The 102 serves Walton, Fazakerley, Croxteth Park, West Derby and Page Moss. Further buses pick up from Alder Hey Hospital (a 5 minute walk up the road) and there is a frequent bus service into Liverpool city centre (and other areas of the city) from East Prescott Road (a 10 minute walk from the school).

Travelling by train



The nearest local train station is Broadgreen Station two miles away from the school.



Cardinal Heenan Sixth Form Centre is situated on the Broughton Hall High School site (next door to the main Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School site) on **Honeysgreen Lane, Liverpool L12 9HZ.**



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