

20 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

CARDINAL NEWMAN CYBER SKILLS AND CAREERS DAY – 4 FEBRUARY

As part of Lancashire Cyber Festival Education Week 2025 run by Lancashire Cyber Partnership (LCP) I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to attend the Cyber Skills and Careers Day at Cardinal Newman College on Tuesday, 4 February.

This event is designed to transform the way students think about careers in Computing & ICT. Pupils must be in uniform and they will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they must order this through the catering team in advance. This will then be made available for them to collect before we depart. Transport by coach/minibus to and from the event will be provided by the school. We will leave the college at 2.30pm and return to Priory in time for the school buses. There is no cost to parents.

The Lancashire Cyber Festival Education Week will see a range of fun and engaging activities taking place across the county in schools, colleges and universities. Its aim is to inspire and enable young people to understand the potential cyber related career pathways open to them and highlight the county’s once in a generation cyber opportunity brought by the National Cyber Force Headquarters being established in the County.

Members of the LCP are Lancashire County Council (LCC); the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan); Lancaster University; BAE Systems; and the National Cyber Force (NCF). The goal of these events is to reach students at a pivotal moment in their education to change their perspectives on Computing & ICT and to inspire the next generation of cyber-professionals.

Students will be able to:

- Spark their interest in technology careers
- Enjoy a range of interactive cyber and tech related activities
- Investigate wider topics including languages, psychology and maths
- Hear from inspirational leaders in STEM
- Discuss potential training and career options in STEM and cyber
- Explore the latest innovations in areas including AI, cyber security, data science and robotics

The following is a timetable and an overview of the event:

09:30am-10am	Morning arrivals and settle in
10:00am	Welcome by Cardinal Newman College
10:30am	Activity 1
11:30am	Activity 2
12:40pm-1.10pm	Lunch
1:10pm	Activity 3
2:10pm-2:20pm	Conclusion and departures – Evaluation Time



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If you are happy for your child to take part, please complete and return the permission slip below by Friday, 31 January.

Prior to the trip, I must ask that you inform the school of any recent updates to emergency contacts and medical information that we may not already be aware of.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Qadri
Head of ICT & Computer Science

REPLY SLIP: CARDINAL NEWMAN CYBER SKILLS AND CAREERS DAY – 4 FEBRUARY

(Please return to Mrs Qadri by 31 January)

- I **give** permission for my child to take part in the visit on Tuesday, 4 February 2025.
- I **do not give** permission for my child to take part in the visit on Tuesday, 4 February 2025.

Pupil Name..... Class.....

Parent/Carer Signature

Print Name (parent/carer) Date.....