



CARDINAL WISEMAN

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Welcome back to what is possibly the busiest half-term for all schools in terms of public exams for our upper school.

This term has seen a change in timetables for the whole school and a change to the curriculum offer for our Key Stage 3 pupils. The timetable is now on a one week rotation which should, hopefully, ease confusion over what week we are on and make the transition between lessons quicker. Unfortunately, the introduction of the changed timetable was marred by a technical hitch leaving some lessons blank but the majority of issues have now been resolved. We are awaiting advice from our technical partners on some software issues.

The changes to the Key Stages 3 curriculum have led to increased time spent on the core subjects. This follows government advice and allows pupils to gain a firm grasp of key knowledge in the core subjects, enabling them to make good progress and either achieve or exceed their expected outcomes at GCSE.

To allow this extra time we have had to change the overall offer. As a result, Computing, Dance and Drama at Key Stage 3 is no longer offered. In addition, Creative Arts will have less time and only French will be offered as a language. This has all been done to benefit your children and ensure good outcomes at GCSE. I must add that Computing and Drama will continue to be offered at Key Stage 4 as options as will Spanish. We are holding two presentations for Year 7 and 8 parents in the coming week as follows:

Tuesday 24 April 2018	9.00am -10.00am
Wednesday 25 April 2018	6.00pm - 7.00pm.

Many thanks for your continued support— The Leadership Team

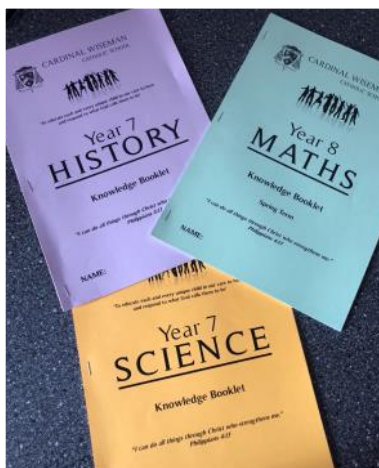
Parent Mail

Since last summer the school has been using a system called Parent Mail to enable parents and carers to pay online for their children's lunches and snacks at school.

We are now about to extend the use of Parent Mail so that a much wider range of items will be payable online (starting with trips and show tickets), and also to fully utilise its capability to communicate direct to parents via text and email.

The first event to be trialled will be the Year 11 Prom at Coombe Abbey on 6 July and parents/carers of Year 11 students should expect to receive notifications via Parent Mail within the next few days about this event. Over the coming months the school will migrate all of its cash transactions to the new system, and by summer the expectation is that the school will not accept cash or cheque payments any longer, with all payments coming online via Parent Mail.

Last week notification texts/emails were sent to all remaining parents/carers who had not yet registered their accounts, and these contained a link and simple instructions on how to activate your account. If you cannot find this request, please check your spam folders. If you still cannot find them please get in touch with the school office who will resend the request.



During the Summer Term we are continuing our work on changing our Key Stage 3 curriculum to one that is knowledge based. As communicated previously we will, from September 2018, be moving to a three year Key Stage 3, as we feel that this is the best means to enable your child to reach their full potential at the end of Year 11.

We have already provided a number of Knowledge Booklets for all Year 7 and 8 students, which compliments the knowledge curriculum delivered in school. The expectation is that teachers will direct students to complete or learn certain parts of the booklets as a means of reinforcing essential knowledge that they

will be tested on regularly. Class Charts will still be used to set and record homework. Additionally, a range of extension homework can be found on the school website under the heading **Parents/ Pupils**.

ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

The Musical

On Wednesday 18 April The Performing Arts Department took 76 students, ranging from Year 7 to Year 13, to the Cambridge Theatre in London to see a performance of the award winning musical Matilda. The show was excellent, combining incredible choreography, catchy songs and amazing sets, lighting and sound. Our students particularly loved the 'swings' scene, the 'building block wall' scene and the stunning lights and lasers. Not only was the show entertaining but it was also excellent material for Year 11 and Year 13 GCSE and A Level Drama and Theatre students to use in their upcoming exams.

The students' attitude and behaviour was impeccable, so much so that a Head Principal from Australia, over with his school, remarked on the exemplary behaviour of our school. He took photos of our school badge on the school blazers and even said that he was interested to make links between his drama department and Cardinal Wiseman's. The students did us proud!

Miss Nordone would like to thank all the staff who helped make the day a great success.





Lord God,
You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
Of the Easter season, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness
For your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace
And tell your good news to the world.

Chaplaincy

Happy Easter! Alleluia! The Lord has risen!

We are now in the Easter season which lasts until Pentecost on the 20 May, and we have quite the Easter season planned:

- Our school Bereavement Group is up and running again supporting our students who have suffered loss.
- We have Challenge Team UK joining us for talks.
- Year 9 and Year 10 are off to Soli House for their residential retreats.
- We are also really looking forward to hosting this year's Coventry Deanery Vocations Mass on 24 May at Saint Patrick's Church.
- Then to round it all off we are joining the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes over the May half term.

Lots to look forward to!



Every year the faith community from around the Coventry Deanery gather to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Coventry Catholic Deanery

"Be Glorious"
 Vocations Mass
 Thursday 24th May
 6.30pm
 St Patrick



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