

# CARDINAL WISEMAN

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## LEADERSHIP UPDATE

In the Catholic Church the month of May is always remembered for devotion to Our Lady, Mary the Mother of Christ. Throughout this month our chaplain and chaplaincy team will be leading both staff and students in prayers of devotion to Our Lady and take time to reflect on the faith, love and devotion shown by Mary throughout her life.

It is perhaps fitting that this week we have hosted a visit from Dr Mary Mihovilovic, Programme Director MA in Education from St Mary's University in Twickenham. St Mary's is one of only three Catholic universities in the UK and Centre of Excellence in both Theology and Teacher Training. Dr Mary spent time meeting with our chaplaincy team and members of staff from the RE faculty.

The Leadership Team

## UPDATE ON COMMUNICATION

- [New Online App for Parents / Carers](#)

The School has recently made live its new SIMs Parent App which allows you to view information about your child via an App on your mobile. This replaces the Learning Gateway which will no longer be accessible.

You will be able to access information about attendance and behaviour, as well as see certain reports as they are uploaded and we hope this information will be useful to you.

You will have been sent an email with a code that remains valid for 90 days – please follow the simple instructions to set up your account. If you cannot find this email, please contact the school office on [admin@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk) to confirm your email address and the code will be sent out to you. Please remember to include the name of your child and year group in the email.

- [Parent Mail Update](#)

Parent Mail is now active for communication and online payments.

If you haven't already done so, please activate your account by following the instructions recently sent to you by text. If you cannot locate this activation text, please contact the school office on [admin@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk) and ask for it to be re-sent. Please remember to include the name of your child and year group in the email.

It is important that you get registered on Parent Mail as this will be the school's main system of communication to parents and carers, and by summer will be the only way that the school will take payments for trips and shows.

- Please also remember to visit our Twitter account: [@officialwiseman](#)

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Over the last few months, senior and middle leaders have undertaken a full review of the curriculum we deliver and are making changes that will prepare students for life after Cardinal Wiseman. Although GCSE results are important, they are only a small measure of what students really know about a subject, and we want to make sure that Wiseman students leave us full of knowledge for whatever their next steps might be.

These changes mean that we are moving towards a 'knowledge-based curriculum' - one that crucially places the emphasis on a deep understanding of subject matter before the teaching of specific skills. For example, in English, students will still be expected to read and analyse great literature, but we will expect them to know many more precise details about the characters, methods, language and context before they start extended pieces. This means that when students write, they immediately begin at a higher standard. We will expect students to know about Shakespearean comedy and tragedy by reading Romeo and Juliet and Julius Caesar by the end of Year 8, so that it can inform their study of Shakespeare at GCSE in a more mature and academic way. In mathematics, the topics will remain largely the same, but we will expect many more facts, times-tables and formulae to be instantly recalled, meaning that time can be spent approaching more challenging concepts. These are just two examples, but all subjects will be focusing heavily on learning a topic deeply and truly mastering it.

To support this, students will be given Knowledge Organisers and Booklets that they can revise from and begin to 'self-quiz' so that when teachers ask for information or do quizzes, every student will have already been able to learn and revise the information.

This is an exciting time at Cardinal Wiseman and we believe that our students will leave us having studied to the same level and depth as the best schools in the country.

## Sporting Gold

Marcus in Year 11 has just won gold at the British Spring Series Event 1 in tumbling.

Marcus has been training and competing for the last 12 years for the city of Birmingham and has become hugely successful in his field. It is such a shame that tumbling is not an Olympic sport as I am sure we would be in the presence of a great Olympian.

Marcus will now compete in the semi finals of the British championships. Marcus is a credit to the year group and the school and we wish him all the very best for his upcoming competitions and his GCSE examinations which start on 14th May.



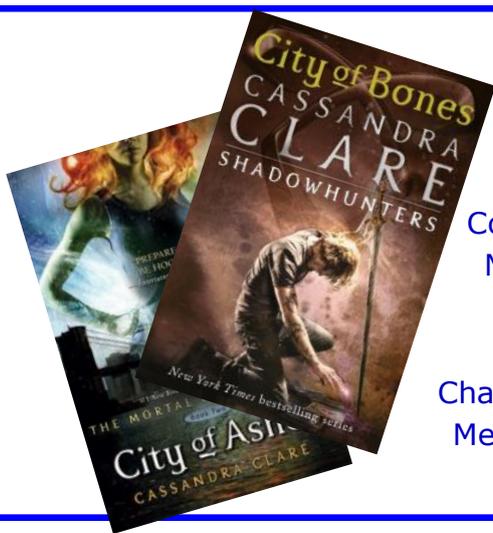
## Coventry c'est la ville de culture!

On 30th April seven Year 9 students who study French attended Warwick University's Languages Day. There were lots of Year 9 students from Coventry, Birmingham, Leicester and other local schools. A great time was had by all and a group of our students won the French competition and each received a well deserved Amazon voucher.

*"On Monday we participated in a very insightful day of languages at Warwick University. The staff were extremely welcoming and friendly, willing to offer their assistance throughout the day as we created and presented a poster in French on why our home city should be the City of Culture. It was a lovely day!"* Orla

*"We participated in a Year 9 Languages Day at Warwick University where we were asked to make a poster and then present it in French to two judges (academics from the French Department at the university) and then answer their questions, in French, about our work. The theme was why Coventry should be the City of Culture in 2021. We really tried our hardest and it paid off as our group - myself, Orla and Loane **WON!!!!**!"*

Esther



Congratulations to Year 8 students Charlotte Heap and Merin Shaji who have become our latest Accelerated Reader Millionaires.

Charlotte passed quizzes on all the Harry Potter books and Merin is working her way through Cassandra Clare's epic Mortal Instruments series.

## SAFEGUARDING



Young Minds is an organisation that helps young people, their parents, the professionals who work with them and the policy makers in government to improve mental health for children and young people in the UK.

If you have any concerns about how your child is coping with school, friends or life in general, visit <https://youngminds.org.uk> for further information.

The school library offers a selection of leaflets from Young Minds covering topics such as bullying, eating disorders and pressures of school.



The Catholic church dedicates the entire month of May to Our Lady. During lunchtimes the chaplaincy team will be leading devotional prayers to Mary. Also both staff and students will have the opportunity to write petitions which will be hand delivered to the Grotto in Lourdes over May half term.

During this month of our Lady we ask that you pray for all of our students who are sitting their exams. Below is a prayer known as the 'Salve Regina' or 'Hail Holy Queen'. This prayer is an ancient prayer originating in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and forms part of our rich cultural heritage as a Catholic community:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
Our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry,  
Poor banished children of Eve;  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;  
And after this our exile,  
Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

# Year 11 Exam Preparation Programme 2018

This programme may be adapted and added to

\*\* means actual exam

Week Beginning	Day	Action
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM</b> BTEC Business Studies P1, 2, 3 Statistics catch up for selected students P1 to 5 Rest of year group in normal lessons <b>PM</b> Whole year group Science revision P4 Whole year group RE revision P5
	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	PE revision P1, 2, 3 Science revision P4, 5
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Science revision P1 and P2 French L and R P4,5
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	RE revision P1, 2, 3 Science revision P4 and P5
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM **ICT EXAM**</b> P1 and P2 RE exam prep <b>PM **RE EXAM**</b>
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM **French listening &amp; reading**</b> Biology revision <b>PM ** Biology &amp; Trilogy**</b>
	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM **OCR Sport**</b> RE revision for 2 <sup>nd</sup> paper <b>PM **RE second paper**</b>



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	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM</b> ** Chemistry & Trilogy**  <b>PM</b> **Computer Science** Maths revision
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM</b> **French written** Science revision  <b>PM</b> ** Drama & PE** Maths revision
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	English revision P1, 2, 3  RE revision P4 and P5  After school Geography revision
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>AM</b> **English Lit paper 1**  <b>PM</b> **Geography paper 1** Maths walk and talk mock
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>AM</b> **Business Studies** Science revision  <b>PM</b> **Physics & combined**
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM</b> **Maths paper 1**  <b>PM</b> **RE paper 3**
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AM</b> **English Lit paper 2**  <b>PM</b> History revision & option blocks