



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form Centre

Welcome from the Head



On behalf of staff and the academy committee we welcome you to the Sixth form prospectus of Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School.

I hope that this prospectus will give you an insight into the unique opportunities we have to offer, should you choose to join us for your Post 16 studies.

There have been Catholic schools on the site at Potters Green Road since 1958. The schools were built to serve the rapidly expanding Catholic community in the area after the Second World War. Cardinal Wiseman is a unique school with international links in Europe and Malawi. The school is an active member of the Romero Academy within our seven partner primary schools which helps all young people to succeed in their learning from the age of 2-19. Staff at the school work hard to provide a safe, happy learning environment for every young person so that they can develop a love of learning as they prepare for an active working life.

We want to provide every opportunity for you to develop your individual talents. Everybody can be good at something, whether in lessons or in the unique range of activities offered at Cardinal Wiseman. As our school badge says "Omnia pro Christo", everything we do has Christ placed at the centre, whether in lessons, charity work or through the development of personal faith.

By practising positive "habits of the heart" we can support the young people as they take on the challenges of living as a Christian in the 21st century.

Mr T. Leverage
Head



"I felt that no other sixth form could match the hospitality and structure that Cardinal Wiseman has, in terms of extensive support and pushing me to achieve the grades to which I aspire".

Dwarak

Destination: A Russell group
University to study Law

**A
Warm
Welcome**

Post 16 education is about helping students develop into young adults ready for the next life stage. For this reason, it is vital that you are given the best sixth form experience possible.

We set high standards in terms of pupil conduct and effort and expect our pupils to be the best they can be in all areas. Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form is a place where you can build on your existing skills, learn new ones and feel prepared for whatever life has to offer you.

We have high expectations of every student. Alongside these expectations we ensure that every student receives the individual support they require to develop into not only scholars, but well-rounded and happy individuals. We encourage students to aim high, and our supportive and committed staff provide the relevant support to enable students to achieve their goals.

To achieve these goals, we aim to build upon the academic excellence you bring to Sixth Form by offering a wide range of qualifications and subjects. The pathway you take beyond Year 13 will be one we fully equip you for and will enable you to utilise the skills and knowledge that you acquire at Cardinal Wiseman.

However, our Sixth Form is not only one that caters for academia, it is a place where you can enhance your own personal skills.

We offer opportunities to enrich your passions and interests by means of activities in and out of school, including sports, drama, music, art, community and charity work. These activities will allow you to be part of a team or a community that thinks, dreams and strives to succeed and achieve.

Our central purpose is to give you the belief that you can pursue your ambitions. For the first time you get to choose your own curriculum and destination. In the short space of two years, a journey takes place from GCSEs to going to university, the work place or an apprenticeship.

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form is a fantastic place to begin this journey; a journey that will take you anywhere.

I hope that after reading this prospectus, you will be inspired to visit and see our Sixth Form first hand. We are proud of what we have to offer and believe that the quality environment and teaching will ensure a fantastic post 16 experience for all students.

Richard Kingshott
Head of Sixth Form

Academic Experience

We live in a time where things rapidly change in the work place and in education, therefore students need to be flexible and demonstrate that they can learn successfully in a range of subjects.

The school's aim is for all Post-16 students to have a choice about their next destination - whether it is to attend university, to seek an apprenticeship, to study further part-time or to work. Whichever you choose, the likelihood is that you will continue studying for many years to come because technology changes the way we work.

Staff at Cardinal Wiseman provide a supportive environment so that everyone embarking on courses experiences success. Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form offers a wide range of Post-16 courses at Level 3 and access to Level 3 courses via our Foundation Programme for students at Level 2.

We have a diverse range of courses to suit your ability. Our aim is to ensure that the choices you make will equip you with the ability and put you in the strongest position to move forward when you leave Cardinal Wiseman.

Pathways			
	Europa	Ganymede	Foundation
Entry requirements	Students must achieve three grade 9 - 4 GCSE / BTEC passes (or equivalent) plus English and Maths at grade 5.	Students must achieve three grade 9 - 4 GCSE / BTEC passes (or equivalent) plus English and Maths at grade 4.	Students must achieve 5 grade 2+ at GCSE.
	* Each subject has their own subject specific entry requirements that must be met to enrol on that subject.		
Course options	A combination of 3 courses from the Europa Pathway List. (You may choose 4 subjects, but this is not recommended).	A combination of 3 courses, with at least 2 from the Ganymede Pathway list. (Note that some subjects offer a 'double' award).	A bespoke programme consisting of Level 2 courses in mathematics, English, Science, ICT and photography or citizenship.
Possible progression	A degree course at a top university, or A higher apprenticeship/employment.	A degree course, or A higher apprenticeship/employment.	Level 3 qualifications including 'A' levels and vocational. An advanced apprenticeship.





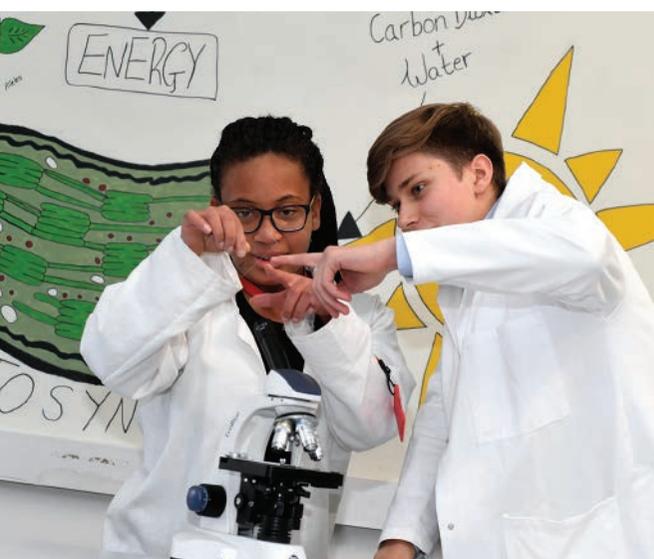
Subject list

Europa Pathway

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies (BTEC)
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English Literature
- Geography
- Health & Social Studies (BTEC)
- History
- ICT (BTEC)
- Mathematics
- Media Studies (BTEC)
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- Music (BTEC)
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Physics
- Polish
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Science (BTEC)
- Sociology
- Sport (BTEC)

Ganymede Pathway

- Art
- Business Studies (BTEC)
- Health & Social Studies (BTEC)
- ICT (BTEC)
- Media Studies (BTEC)
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- Product Design
- Science (BTEC)
- Sport (BTEC)



Football Academy

The Cardinal Wiseman Football Partnership is proud to offer an apprenticeship in football to students aged 16-18.

The Level 3 Football Apprenticeship Scheme is a two-year programme aimed at young players who have aspirations to improve their all-round football ability and play in non-league or even league football but who also appreciate the value of their academic studies. The apprenticeship will also offer students the opportunity to gain hands on experience in the coaching industry with a view to developing a career in the sports industry.

What will you gain?

- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport
- 1st4sport Level 1 or 2 Certificate in Coaching Football
- Emergency Aid Workshop
- Child Protection Workshop
- NVQ Level 2 in Coaching Teaching and Instructing

You will develop self-confidence, teamwork and organisation skills and will be expected to demonstrate an ability to manage your time effectively and be responsible for the Football Club environment in which you are based. You will also develop your ability to produce professional documents such as letters and reports and to deliver presentations.

What do I need?

You will normally have: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above preferably including English or Maths. Level 2 in a related subject and appropriate professional experience.

Football Apprentices will maximise their potential with coaching from Ex-Professional Footballers and UEFA B-Licence Coaches and hopefully move up the ranks of the football pyramid. Coaching qualifications will give the candidate an ideal position to find full time employment within the Sports Industry. This course also opens up the potential for further learning at University at which point students will have the opportunity to go into teaching roles.



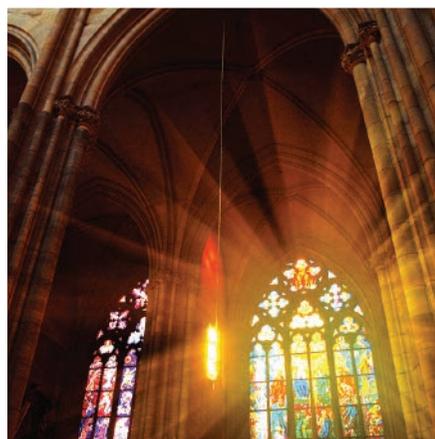
"I received my target grades in my A-levels and I'm really looking forward to studying maths at university. If you work hard, and with the help of the staff, at Cardinal Wiseman you will achieve your goals".

Alfie

Destination: Durham University



Pastoral Experience



When you start in September, you will be assigned to one of 12 separate form groups. In addition to year 12 students, each form also contains year 13 students who are able to offer advice and support based upon their own experiences in your transition to life as a post 16 student.

Each form group is led by an experienced tutor who is your daily point of contact within the pastoral system. They have a vital role to play; they will, of course, check on your attendance and punctuality but will help ensure that you are settling in to your new environment and managing your time effectively. Additionally, they will provide ongoing academic mentoring to help you achieve success with your studies.

As part of the Post 16 team, we also have two Learning Mentors who are able to provide 1-to-1 pastoral/academic support should you require it.

The Pastoral Week

Day	Academic mentoring	What does this involve
Monday	Academic mentoring	Talking one to one about your current academic progress and discussing areas to focus upon and improve.
Tuesday	PSHE	You will explore a range of themes from the following areas: Relationships, Health, Living in the wider world and Philosophy and Ethics.
Wednesday	PSHE	These themes include mental health and wellbeing, financial awareness, global justice and human rights.
Thursday	Current affairs	You will take a quiz on the key world events for the previous week. There will also be the opportunity to debate these in more detail.
Friday	Pastoral assembly	Delivered by Mr Kingshott or an external speaker.

Higher education and careers guidance

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form offers an extensive programme of careers education; through the PSHE programme you will receive the necessary information, advice and guidance to support you in making informed choices about your next steps, whether it be university or employment.

A variety of external speakers and visits to universities are arranged from the start of Year 12 to ensure that students are given maximum opportunity to consider their options.

All students receive individual support from the Head / Deputy Head of Sixth Form, the school Careers Advisor and Form Tutors. In addition, specialised guidance is available through our links with employers and with universities; this may include interview techniques, targeted help with writing Personal Statements for UCAS and support with Oxbridge applications. Our aim is to ensure that any applications that you make are of the highest possible standard and reflect your full potential.



“Cardinal Wiseman helped to bring the subjects to life by organising trips to London, Museums, Theatres, Poetry Nights, Sixth Form parties and trips to Universities around the UK. This is how I decided to apply for an English Literature degree in Liverpool.”

Maria

Graduated in English at Liverpool John Moores



Enrichment Experience

It's not just about examination success. Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form provides an enrichment programme which helps to develop the employability skills for life beyond sixth form.

What are Employability Skills?

"A set of attributes, skills and knowledge that all labour market participants should possess to ensure they have the capability of being effective in the workplace - to the benefit of themselves, their employer and the wider economy." CBI

Through opportunities to learn new skills and gain new experiences, you will develop transferable skills that will make you 'stand out from the crowd' when applying for university, apprenticeships or employment.

The following list provides an insight into some of the opportunities available:

- University visits including the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme
- Outside speakers including from Oxbridge and Russel Group Universities
- The Extended Project Qualification
- Work experience
- 'Help a teacher' - supporting younger students at either Wiseman or our feeder primary schools
- Charity / fund raising including for local charities and the Malawi Trust
- School drama / musical performances
- Sports teams

speaking
 leadership
 writing
 organising
 persuading
 planning
 computing
 co-operating
 analysing
 numeracy
 negotiating

Why Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form?

"A Christ - Centred learning community committed to the development of the whole person."

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Sixth Form aims to be a happy and supportive Catholic environment where we try to follow Jesus in our actions and in our words. We consider respect of each other and our world to be highly important in developing as a whole person. We are fortunate to be members of a multi-faith and multi-cultural school community in which we can learn from each other's values and beliefs.

The Catholic life is lived out in a real, lived and practical way through our worship and prayer life, charity work and the many wider opportunities available as part of Sixth Form life.

We aim to give opportunities to succeed in the courses, provide enrichment opportunities which enable all students to develop skills they will need throughout their life and, importantly, to explore their beliefs and values.





Shannon

Destination:
Apprenticeship
with Jaguar
Land Rover

I am currently working for Jaguar Land Rover as a Degree Apprentice. I stayed on at Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form to study Chemistry, Physics and Maths before joining the apprenticeship in 2014. The school was really supportive with helping to write my apprenticeship application.

I am now studying an engineering degree at the University of Warwick.

I work in Chassis on Virtual Engineering where I combine scripting/coding, computer aided design (CAD) and computer aided engineering (CAE) to automate design and development processes. My technical training is mechanical based and my home department is Suspension Systems.

I use maths and physics every day, even things I learnt at school! As an apprentice I have had opportunities to run workshops in schools, represent JLR at the NEC skills show, become a STEM ambassador and even give a speech at the Royal Academy of Engineering! I love my job and really enjoy studying alongside working.



Alfie

Destination:
Durham University
to study
Mathematics

After succeeding in my GCSEs, I knew Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form would be the ideal place to fulfil my goals, plus I would be able to study alongside my friends.

In all four of my subjects at AS level, teachers helped me to make the transition to the required level of thinking. Also, the sixth form office was brilliant at answering any questions I had and organising those small tasks which take up valuable revision time. Teachers worked with me and constantly supported what I want to achieve.

In August, I received my target grades in my A-levels and am now looking forwards to studying maths at a top university. I am extremely thankful to my teachers. If you work hard and with the staff at Cardinal Wiseman you will achieve your goals.



Hannah

Destination:
Studying Medicine
at University of
Birmingham

I attended Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form from September 2012 to July 2014. The Sixth Form had a good support network from both teachers and pupils, who all worked together to achieve targets and aim for the best for each individual. There was a healthy balance of rapport between teachers and pupils, which made it easier to ask for any support needed.

I was helped a lot during my university application, where I was applying to study Medicine. The Sixth Form provided me with resources in order to help me build up my UCAS application, such as work experience and volunteering.

Since coming to university, there have been many challenges with both becoming more independent with daily life and grasping the workload of the course too! However, despite those challenges, the course has been very interesting so far and I learn something new every day. Now in my fourth year, I have settled with the idea to one day, in the future, become a General Practitioner delivering healthcare in the community to a wide variety of patients.



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