



CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who will be reading this newsletter for the first time this academic year, and a very warm welcome back for those returning! We hope that you have had a restful and peaceful summer spending time with family and loved ones. The summer is an important time when we spend time with family and it has been lovely to see our pupils return refreshed, smart and ready for the start of a new year. We reflect that the guidance we provide for our children in both school and home is essential as the Book of Proverbs reminds us:

Proverbs 22:6

“Start children off on the way that they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

This academic year promises to be a very exciting one for Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School. During the summer we achieved some of the best results for several years including the 4th highest A Level results in the city (including the highest performing Catholic School!). Our GCSE results were also a cause for celebration with the school achieving its highest ever Progress 8 Score!

We look forward to updating you with all the exciting events as the term progresses but please feel free to follow us on Twitter, where you can see regular updates of the day to day activities happening in the school.

The Leadership Team

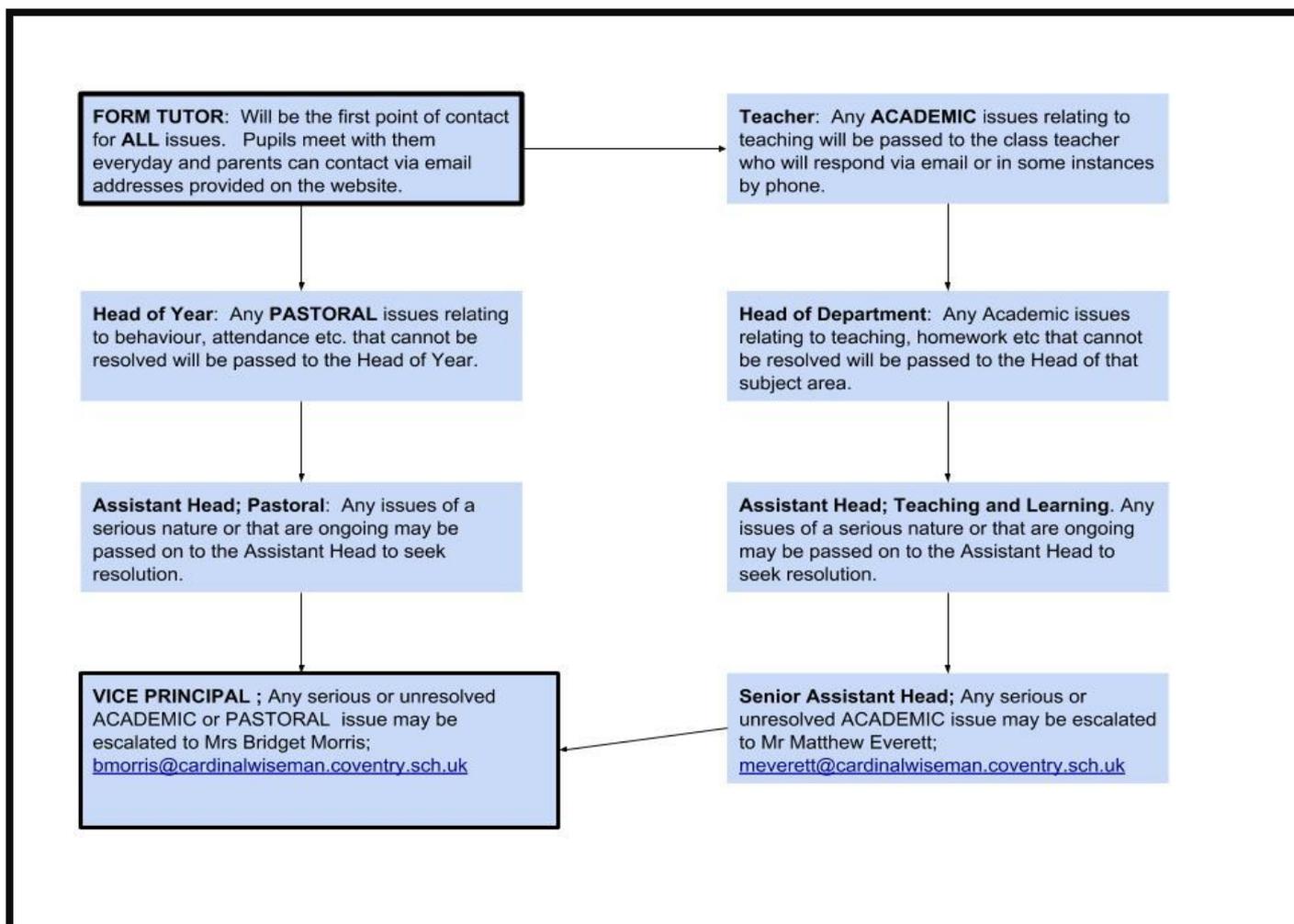
Communication

Thank you to all of you who completed the Romero Questionnaire at the end of the last academic year. Your feedback is invaluable to us and helps guide the work we do to improve our school community. One area we would like to focus upon this year is the way we communicate between home and school. To this end, we have included a diagram (on page 2) which explains how parents can make contact with school should any pastoral or academic concerns arise.

You will see from the diagram that the central person for communication will be your son or daughter's tutor. This is very important as every child will meet with their tutor every day throughout the academic year and will be able to discuss any concerns with them. We have also provided a route map for how parents can escalate a concern should you feel that an issue has not been resolved. We have updated our website to include a list of all the form tutors, along with their contact details for your ease of reference.

We would kindly request that parents use this route of communication, rather than phoning during the day or arriving at school without an appointment, as you will understand that, for the majority of time, staff will be in class with the children and therefore unable to respond to unscheduled visits.

COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Evening
Wednesday 19 September 2018
6.00pm-8.00pm

6th Form Open Evening
Thursday 18 October 2018
5.00pm-7.00pm



100% Brilliant!

Cardinal Wiseman student Jack Scanlon, along with his mother and Mr Leverage met the Lord Mayor of Coventry, John Blundell.

The Mayor was honouring Jack's achievement of having 100% attendance throughout his school career.



Chaplaincy Team



Year 7 Welcome Mass

Cardinal Wiseman's new Year 7 were welcomed into our Catholic community with a celebration Mass on Friday 7 September



Knife and Gang Awareness Conference



**IT
DOESN'T
HAVE
TO
HAPPEN**

Seven students from Years 8 and 9, along with Mr Booth and Mrs Little, attended a conference about knife crime awareness at the Ricoh Arena this week.

Students from many of Coventry's secondary schools heard speakers including police officers and the mother of a knife crime victim who emphasised the impact on family and friends following her son's death. There was also an ex-gang member who had spent thirty-five years in prison because of his involvement with gangs. In the afternoon, the students took part in various workshops.

The Cardinal Wiseman group all found the conference both informative and enjoyable.

Safeguarding



**COME & PLAY
RUGBY**

AGES 5 - 18 GIRLS & BOYS
EVERY SUNDAY 10AM TO 12PM
SEPTEMBER TO MAY

**AT PINLEY RUGBY CLUB,
WYKEN CROFT COVENTRY**

Membership is £30 per child **#WEAREPINLEYRFC**

 **RFU** ACCREDITED CLUB

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER
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European Day of Languages Competition

26th September 2018

Year 7, 8 & 9 students are invited to enter this exciting competition hosted by Cardinal Wiseman's Language Faculty

Pupils should research and design their own poster about any European country, using, if they wish, a variety of materials and languages!

The poster should tell us which country it is, why they chose it and some facts about it e.g. language spoken, food, music, famous landmarks etc. – the more the better!



Entries can be submitted in any foreign language or languages and may include some English if desired (for example, pupils may like to show a translation of the facts they provide). Each poster should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper and must be completed by hand but any form of materials can be used – felt tips, paint, fabric etc. Judges will be looking for originality of illustration as well as accuracy of language and content.

The competition is open to pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 with one winner for each year group. The prizes will be a £20 Love to Shop voucher for each year group. Every participant will receive a certificate. We look forward to seeing many colourful posters. Good luck!

The MFL Team





A reminder that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is starting this academic year at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School and is open to all students in Years 9 & 10 for the Bronze level and Year 12 for Direct Gold. The Award is undertaken throughout the year and will be completed by July for Bronze and by December 2019 for Direct Gold.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a broadly based programme of activities voluntarily undertaken by students and for each Award young people have to complete the requirements of each of the four different sections:

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- **Skills:** developing practical, social skills and personal interests.
- **Expedition:** planning, training and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.
- At Gold level, an additional **Residential** section, which involves working and staying away from home.

Training for the Awards is starting next week with the first meeting on Tuesday 11th September with confirmation letters for parents to be taken home. (Usual training day will be Wednesdays)

I am also interested in hearing from any parents who might be willing to lend a hand in assisting with the leadership of the Bronze Award, in terms of after school and also on weekends later in the year for expeditions.

For further information on the Awards and if you are interested in helping out, please contact Ms Jefferson on :

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