

CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Blessed **Ash Wednesday**

This week we celebrated the start of Lent with a beautiful service on Ash Wednesday. During this service all of our pupils received a blessing and were invited to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads in ash. Traditionally in the Catholic Church this is made from the burning of the palms used in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer and fasting when we remember the forty days and nights that Jesus spent in prayer in the desert. We remember this time during Lent through prayer, fasting and abstinence. The forty days of preparation are in recognition that Easter is the most important point in the year for all Christians as it marks Jesus' triumph over sin and death when he rose from the dead on the third day, Easter Sunday.

During the coming weeks our Chaplaincy team will lead our pupils in prayer and reflection. It will be an opportunity to reflect on what we have and on those who have less than us. It will also be an opportunity to think about how we can change and look forward to the future and celebrate with the global church on Easter Sunday.

The Leadership Team

UPCOMING PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thursday 14 March — Year 7 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm

Thursday 21 March — Year 9 Parents' Evening & Option Choices Information Evening, 5-7pm

Thursday 28 March — Year 11 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm

REMINDER

Year 9 Options — Key Dates

w/c Monday 4 March — Options information given to pupils in school via assemblies / tutor groups.

Thursday 14 March — Options Booklet sent home.

Thursday 21 March — Progress Report, Parents' Evening & Option Choices Information Evening, 5-7pm.

Thursday 28 March — Options Coffee Morning, 9-10am, Library.

Friday 29 March — Deadline for Options Choice Form to be returned to school.

CONGRATULATIONS!

This year, six of our Year 12 students have been accepted into the prestigious Oxford University Summer School. This is a tremendous achievement and we are very proud of them all.



Georgie Nicholls - Economics & Management
Leanne Biddle - English
Abigail Sheridan - English
Nicola Piorkowski - Classics: Ancient Greece
Joaquin Manabat - Maths
Casey Bartlett - English





Rugby Report

My rugby team, Barker Butts U15 Girls, had a very big game on Sunday 3 March - the Regional Cup Finals.

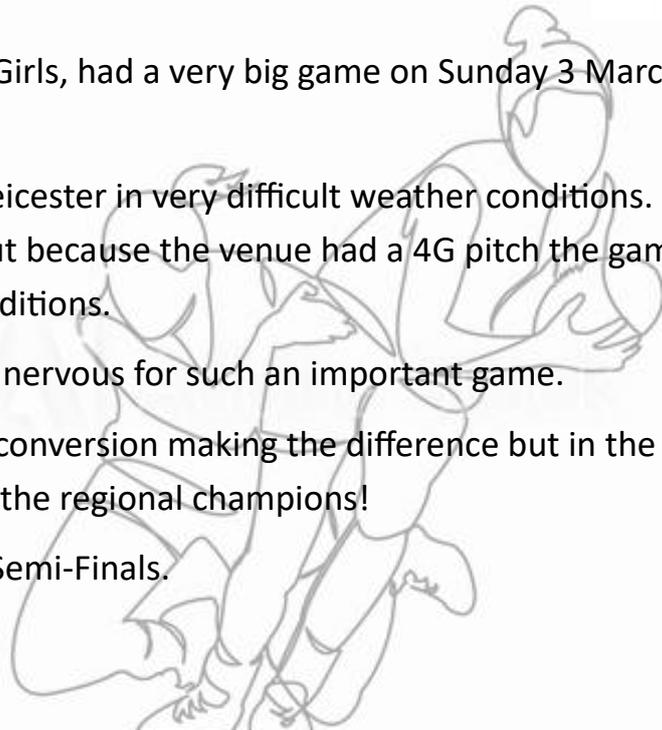
We played Peterborough U15 at Leicester in very difficult weather conditions. Playing into the wind and rain was hard but because the venue had a 4G pitch the game was not hampered by unfit playing conditions.

The atmosphere of the crowd was nervous for such an important game.

The score was very tight with one conversion making the difference but in the end, with the score at 20 - 22, we were the regional champions!

We now move on to the National Semi-Finals.

Mia Talbot — Year 10



We are delighted to announce that the following Year 10 pupils have accepted the following roles within the Pupil Leadership Group:

Gugu Page - Charity and Catholic Life Officer

Emmanuelle Bima Mitahou - Charity and Catholic Life Officer

Billy Meade - Games and Extracurricular Officer

Esther Tchapeu - Games and Extracurricular Officer

Malachy Fawcett - Academics Officer

Allegresse Ngandu - Academics Officer



A short ceremony was held in the Chapel with Mr Bench, Mr Leverage, Mrs Quinn, Mr Beesley and Chloe, our Lay Chaplain.

The students were presented with a certificate and thanked for all their hard work this year. We wish them the best in their new roles as they continue to be true ambassadors for the school.



Ash Wednesday Service

6 March 2019



On Wednesday Fr Gareth and some of his team from the Sion community came in to school to help us lead our Ash Wednesday Service.

The service gave our students and staff a chance to reflect on their relationship with God and how they can grow closer to God during Lent.

Thank you to our Sixth Formers: Nardos Kiflom, Sophia Reyes, Mushili Lungu and James Karanja for leading the music during the service and helping distribute the ashes.



Chaplaincy Team



The Applied Arts team are running the Coventry Half Marathon to support the Cardinal Wiseman Malawi Trust in helping support partnering schools and medical centres in Malawi.

Can you help us support the Malawi team in raising funds? Please donate using the link below:

<https://www.gofundme.com/aisling-liam-amp-stacey-campaign-for-malawi-trust?teamInvite=UWPSiQPWB1b9FPRGuoyw2sWSpYx73jl86PLP0r63Vyk4pvZLGwCxGp9jMSiT1WOU>



Lenten Reflection

During Lent our students will be praying and reflecting every day during form time. We would like to invite you to join us in prayer each week during Lent.

The Church teaches that there are three areas in particular in which we should try to grow over the forty days of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

It is no accident that prayer is first on that list. We often get pre-occupied with the “fasting” part of Lent, which focuses on giving something up, but Lent is first and foremost about our relationship with God.

Your relationship with God can be strengthened through fasting, but prayer is your personal line to God. During Lent try to build a stronger relationship with God by praying to him everyday.

Take some time today to be part of our diocese community by saying our Lenten prayer:

*Lord God, our light and our
salvation,
we praise You for Your gifts of
life and faith.*

*We thank You for the desire that
You have planted in our hearts,
our yearning to see Your face.*

*Help us to meet You in prayer, to
walk in your ways,
and to speak to others of our joy
and consolation in Your
presence.*

*Give us faithfulness in this
present life
so that we may come to know
and praise Your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters,
in the life to come.*

*We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord*



Chaplaincy Team

Having a positive digital footprint is important

Why you should **NOT** share passwords with your friends!



A growing number of young people are sharing their social media passwords and are not understanding the risks they are taking. A survey found that 45% of teens share passwords with friends or significant others; girls are twice as likely to share as boys are.

So, what happens when that relationship doesn't last? Or what happens if you trusted someone with your password and they hurt your online reputation? Or stole from you? You could get into very serious trouble if they post on your account something that is offensive or seen as bullying someone. Do you think people are going to believe it was not you and how could you prove it was someone else?

As a young person, you may not be thinking about these consequences, or you may be dismissing them. It's very difficult for anyone to say 'No' when the question 'Don't you trust me?' comes up but know that you do have a right to say 'No' and you do have a right to change your mind.

If you have shared your password already, take this opportunity to change your password – and don't forget to change it on any service where that password is also used. If someone won't be your friend without your password, perhaps they're not a true friend after all.

For more information on keeping young people safe online please check out the following sites:

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Safeguarding