

CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

At the time of writing this, our examination season will begin once again on Monday 13 May. This, of course, is a very important time for our Year 11 students as well as those in our sixth form that will also be sitting exams. As a Catholic school, we do not believe that exam results are the be all and end all of what we do; our primary responsibilities are to keep our students safe and help them to develop in an environment that cherishes and celebrates Gospel values. Nevertheless, the outcomes for our students form part of their passport to the next stage of their lives, whether that is the next stage in their education such as our sixth form here, university or employment.

Mindful of this, we would like to take this opportunity to recognise the very hard work and preparation that has been displayed by our students before embarking on their journey through examinations. Most have regularly attended revision sessions after school and during half term holidays, including our most recent programme held over Easter. We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our fantastic staff that have also worked very hard in preparing our students so that they are more confident in their own capabilities. All of us here at Cardinal Wiseman whether teaching or support staff that help the school run, are dedicated to the very highest achievements for the fantastic young people that we are privileged to have in our care.

This week has also seen some extraordinary comebacks in the world of football with an all Premier League line up for the major European trophies. We are delighted to congratulate our own comeback heroes in Year 9 who have reached the Coventry Cup final (more details are within the newsletter this week). All of us are incredibly proud of their performance and whatever the outcome in the final, they have been terrific ambassadors for our school. We would like to share with you an example of this from earlier in the academic year: after some of our students had played football against his school, a Headteacher commended our students on their conduct. He said what had struck him most was the fact that before the game commenced the Cardinal Wiseman team had huddled together and then recited the school prayer. The words of our school prayer are a reminder that whatever our students and staff are involved in, whether academic work, sporting events or social activity, those gospel values are still an essential part of who we are as people.

**All that I think
And all that I say
And all that I am
Everything for Christ**

The Leadership Team

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23 May 2019

5.00pm — 7.00pm

The Year 9 football team have reached the cup final!

They did it in dramatic fashion with a 3-2 win over Bishop Ullathorne School.

The boys went 1-0 down early on but refused to let this get to them. They came back strong with Nick scoring a great goal from outside the box followed by a moment of magic from Eugene to set up Joseph (2-1 Wiseman HT).

In the second half Ullathorne came out strong bringing the score back to 2-2. With 40 seconds to go, Eugene made a break scoring the winner.

Despite all the boys playing out of their skin, 'man of the match' went to Kelly for an amazing defensive effort. Roll on the Final! #ItsComingHome

Mr Palmer



Foster Care Fortnight

Foster Care Fortnight™ is The Fostering Network's annual campaign to raise the profile of fostering and to show how foster care transforms lives. It is also the UK's biggest foster carer recruitment campaign. Foster Care Fortnight 2019 will take place from 13 to 26 May.

Find out more about fostering

Every year, tens of thousands of children across the UK need foster carers while they can't live with their own families. That means thousands of new foster carers are needed every year. Could you be one of them?

[Find out more about being a foster carer](#)

Safeguarding



Well done to **Kesel Bipin 7E**
who has just become an **Accelerated Reader Double Millionaire**
and to **Hananya Ermias Mamo 8D** who is our first **Triple**
Millionaire this year! WOW!

MAY
the Month of
The Blessed Virgin
MARY

Last week some students helped our Lay Chaplin prepare for May, the month of Mary.

By the end of the month, our chapel will be full of colourful flowers that offer a Hail Mary for someone, or something our school community have asked Mary to pray for.



Chaplaincy Team



Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition to Peak District

On 4 - 5 April, ten Year 12 students undertaking the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award took part in a two day trek and one night wild camp on Kinder Scout in the Peak District with Mr Stockton and an external mountain leader.



The weather was hot, on Saturday in particular, and the heat made the expedition much tougher but all students coped well, even when they ran out of water! A true learning experience in terms of how to manage water supplies and what to do in those situations.

This was the first expedition where students had to carry all equipment needed to camp and food needed for two days walking and an overnight camp and both instructors were pleased with the progress made and leadership skills shown.

Their next expedition is a three day trek and two night camp in mid May again in the Peak District.



Ms Jefferson



Coventry City Council

Do you HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE over the summer? AGED 14-18?

Spend a few hours volunteering in libraries to help us run the Summer Reading Challenge this year, and we can offer you:

- Experience of being in a workplace to help you when you are applying for paid jobs
- Valuable experience to add to your cv
- A reference that you can use when applying for higher and further education courses
- The chance to build on your skills and confidence and meet new people

Apply by Sunday 9 June

Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/src from Wednesday 1 May

See Miss Gould for more details

Thank you for continuing to support us with our high standards of attendance and punctuality for our young people at Cardinal Wiseman.

We are running tutor group competitions for the **best** attendance and this week's results are:

Year 7 = **7G**

Year 8 = **8H**

Year 9 = **9A**

Year 10 = **10A**

Year 11 = **11F**

A polite reminder that if your child is unable to attend school, we ask you to please contact us by 9am (at the latest) so we can keep our records up to date.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries in regard to your child's attendance please let us know.

The Attendance Team

attendance
MATTERS

Understanding Dyslexia

Lesley Hill from **North Warwickshire and Coventry Dyslexia Association** will be joining us again to offer advice and information to parents and carers



"Extremely knowledgeable and helpful."

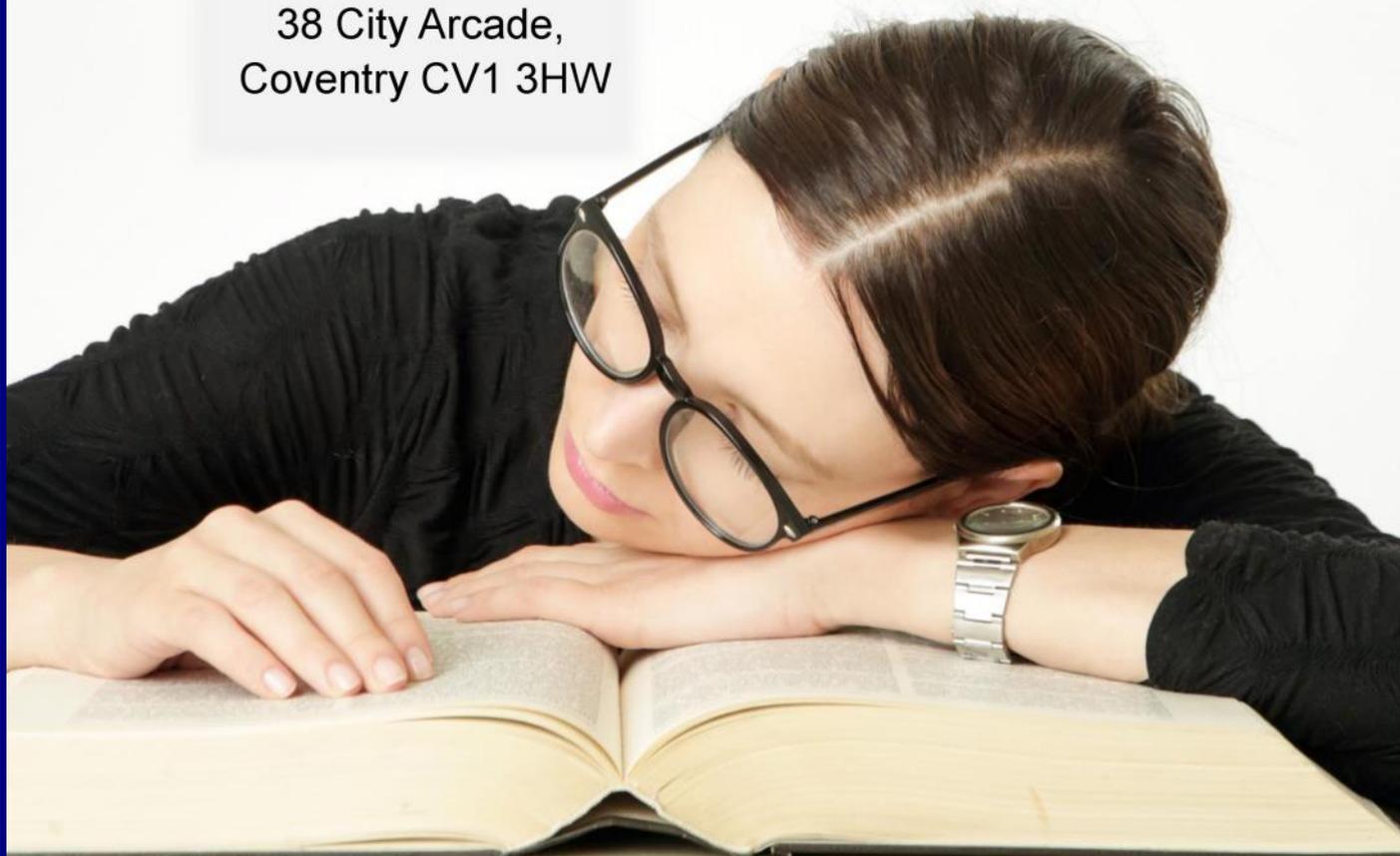
"Ideas to help support my child with retaining information"

Thursday 16th May 2019
Start 7pm to finish at 9pm

Venue:
Shopfront Theatre
38 City Arcade,
Coventry CV1 3HW

"Advice, support, what to do next and how to help my child."

Please note this session is not suitable for children



All parents and carers welcome!

If you would like to book a place or for further information please contact SEND Information Advice and Support Service Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: IASS@coventry.gov.uk

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YOUNG MiNDS

Supporting your child during exam time

How can I help my child?



Exams are a stressful time for any young person. Mood swings and outbursts are more likely to occur during this period. Look out for other signs that your child may be struggling, including poor sleep patterns or a change in appetite or behaviour. It's worth preparing ways of supporting your child during exam weeks and thinking about how you will react and respond on the day if they don't get the result that they, or you, are hoping for.

These are things that can really make a difference:

1. Work with your child to find what revision style works for them.
2. Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
3. Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
4. Encourage them to take some time after revising to wind down.
5. Reassure them – reinforce that you will be proud of them no matter what happens.
6. Remain positive and hopeful!
7. Plan a treat or an activity together to mark the end of the exams.
8. Set aside one to one time so that they can talk to you about any worries.
9. Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions.
10. Anxiety is often worst at night. It is useful to encourage good bedtime routine.
11. Work with them to develop relaxation techniques.
12. If anxiety and stress start impacting their day-to-day life, seek help from your GP.

Safeguarding