



CARDINAL WISEMAN

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

In the last academic year Cardinal Wiseman has gone from strength to strength, as indicated in the Ofsted Monitoring visit in April 2019 and the Good S48 (RE) Inspection in November 2018. With this in mind, the end of the Summer term brings to an end the arrangement of Tony Quinn in the role of Executive Principal, who has provided great support over the last two years to get us to this successful position.

With this strong foundation, the Board of Directors have been approached by the Diocese to give support for one year to Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Leamington. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that Mr Leverage will be Executive Principal from 1 September 2019 until 31 August 2020 over both Cardinal Wiseman and Trinity Catholic Secondary Schools.

We are also delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Everett to the role of Interim Head of School for the same period. Mr Everett will deputise for Mr Leverage when he is residing at Trinity providing leadership support.

We see this as an exciting opportunity. Cardinal Wiseman has benefited from leadership support through the Diocese in the past and we are now in the position to 'give something back' to the school system. We hope that this will provide opportunities for the two schools to work together, something that the Ofsted and DfE have always challenged us on given that we are restricted with one secondary school in Romero.

On behalf of us all, I wish Mr Leverage and Mr Everett well in their new appointments.

Helen Quinn

Catholic Senior Executive Leader

The Romero Catholic Academy

Start of Autumn Term Arrangements

Monday and Tuesday 2 & 3 September - INSET Days (Staff Only)

Wednesday 4 September - Year 7 in School

Thursday 5 September - All Year Groups in School



We say goodbye to staff leaving Cardinal Wiseman School this summer. Thank you for all your hard work, we wish you good luck and happiness for the future.

As at the end of every year, we say goodbye to some staff who are moving on to pastures new:

Miss Dunn, Mr Marshall, Mr Ojo, Ms Wilson, Mr Webb and Mr Witek

We wish them well in their new adventures and thank them for their contribution to the school life.

We wanted to say a particular thanks to Mrs Feeney and Mrs Ronan who have been at Cardinal Wiseman School 42 years and 26 years respectively. They have given a great deal to the school over their many years of service and they will always have our gratitude.



The Senior Leadership Team expressing their thanks for Mrs Feeney's 42 years of dedication to the school.

Our final Accelerated Reader Stars for 2018/19 are

Sage Toribio-Gomes 8D,

who has now read over a million words and

Aleena Varughese 8C.

Aleena has reached the impressive total of over eight million words while she's been in Year 7 and 8.



As part of the end of year celebrations, the whole school came together for Mass on Wednesday. The service included glorious singing from the choir; a very moving presentation from this year's Malawi visit; thoughtful readings and a warm acknowledgment of the work and love that **Mrs Feeney and Mrs Ronan** have brought to the school.



Chaplaincy Team

House Rounders

Congratulations to Camino who won the Year 8 Knockout House Rounders Tournament this week

The final, against Gaudete, actually ended in a 0-0 draw. A 'Superover', where each team are allowed three bats, was therefore played as a tiebreak and Camino won 2 to 1½.

Veritas came third and Caritas, fourth.





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STUDIO *Artists*

Cardinal Wiseman Year 12 student, **Casey Bartlett**, is through to the final of the Leamington Studio Artists' Young Artist Competition. The selection of finalists will be exhibited in the LSA's main marquee at Leamington Art in the Park Festival on 3 - 4 August.

Voting is now open online and Casey would be delighted if you would vote for her. Please click on the link below and:

- *enter your email address and agree*
- *click on the Over 16 years of age category*
- *Casey's picture is the very first picture, entitled 'Water'*
- *please give it 5 stars*
- *scroll all the way down to the bottom past the other entries*
- *enter the message that is show in the box, and*
- *press **SUBMIT**.*



Cast your votes at lsa-artists.org/young-artists-competition/

There is a very short window for voting. Voting closes on Sunday 21 July.

Thank you for your support.



Activity Days and Child-Care

For many parents the summer can be a time when they book their children into summer camps, activity days and new child-care settings. The Department for Education has published some draft guidance for parents, in the form of 'Safeguarding questions for parents and carers (DfE, 2018)'.

Some of the questions parents could ask providers include:

- Have staff and volunteers undertaken DBS checks? How recent were the checks?
- Will any adults besides the instructor be present at the venue while my child is there? If so, will they be there on a regular basis?
- What training have staff had?
- May I have a copy of your child protection policy?
- Who is your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and what training have they had? How recent was this training?
- My child has Special Educational Needs and / or a disability (SEND). What steps will you take to accommodate this?
- My child needs help with: using the toilet; changing; feeding; their medication, etc. How will these personal care needs be addressed?
- How are you securely storing the information you hold on my child? Who has access to it and are you giving it to anyone else?
- Is my child allowed to access the internet unsupervised?
- Do you have filtering and monitoring systems in place? What are they?

In addition to the questions to ask, the draft guidance for parents sets out some 'red flags' that the might prompt parents to send their children to a 'different setting'. The red flags are:

- Staff are not DBS checked
- No child protection policy
- Signs of abuse on other children who attend the setting, for example, unexplained bruises
- Provider unable to name a designated safeguarding lead
- The designated safeguarding lead has not had relevant training
- Children have access to the internet with no filtering or monitoring systems in place
- Dangerous physical environment e.g. loose wires, no fire escape, no first aid kit
- No designated first aider
- No parental consent form or requirement for emergency contact details
- Other adults coming into the out-of-school setting who are not staff members / a lack of clarity on the roles of different adults in the setting
- No health and safety policy
- No fire escape plan



Safeguarding

attendance **MATTERS**

A big thank you for your support with your child's attendance this academic year. We have seen a huge improvement with attendance this term and we hope this continues next year.

All students who achieved 100% attendance enjoyed a pizza party today and it's great to see so many faces at the celebration. Each term there will be rewards for good attendance so we do acknowledge our students hard work.

A reminder that holidays should not be taken in term time as it is your legal responsibility to ensure your children attend school regularly. However, if you have an emergency please follow the school procedure and complete a purple holiday request form available at reception / the behaviour hub.

We look forward to a new school year and our whole school attendance improving week by week.

Any issues, please call us on 02476 617231 (Option 1).

The Attendance Team



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