



CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE



It was lovely to welcome over 200 new families to our Year 7 Transition Evening on Tuesday 2nd July. This was followed by our Transition Day on Wednesday where many pupils had their first experience of Cardinal Wiseman including science and history lessons. We very much look forward to seeing all 240 students again when they formally join our school community in September!

This week we also welcomed all the Year 4 pupils from our partner Romero primary schools to take part in an action packed day of sports led by the fantastic Cardinal Wiseman PE team. All the pupils were amazing and competed in the events in a spirit of both competitive enthusiasm and respect.

Many of our Year 10 pupils have had their first taste of 'working life' as they completed their work experience placements this week. Our pupils accessed over 70 different places of work including engineering firms, architect firms and primary schools to name but a few. This week has been designed as part of our careers programme that runs from Year 7 to Year 13 and allows pupils to prepare for life beyond their time here at Cardinal Wiseman. In everything we do at Wiseman, we aim to prepare our pupils to be happy, independent young adults and have the skills and knowledge to live their life to the full.

“ I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.”

John 10:10

Upcoming Parent Meetings

Year 10 Parents' Evening– Thursday 11 July 4-6pm

Year 7 Parents' Coffee Morning – Friday 12 July 9-10am





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Dear Parents

I am writing to introduce myself – Jeni Watkins. I am a Local Authority Attendance Officer working alongside Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School. My role is to monitor and promote good school attendance and punctuality.

I will be working closely with staff at your child's school and we will be monitoring attendance carefully and parents/carers may receive letters or be invited to meet with me to discuss attendance and look to see if any support can be offered to help make any necessary improvements.

If a child is registered at a school, parents and carers have a duty under the Education Act 1996 to ensure their child attends regularly and punctually. We know children can be poorly, however it is important that you contact school to inform them of the illness to ensure that the register can be recorded correctly and that school know where your child is. Medical evidence may also be requested if there are many illness absences within your child's attendance.

I know that some parents/carers may find these measures severe but we believe that regular and high attendance is in every pupil's best interests and helps to maximise their achievements and enjoyment of school. Evidence shows that children with poor attendance are unlikely to succeed academically.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Watkins - Local Authority Attendance Officer

Congratulations to Year 9 who had the best attendance this week

A big well done to Year 7 whose attendance has improved the most over this term

There will be prizes to be won over the next two weeks, so please continue to support your children with attending school each day and being on time.

If you are requesting a holiday in term time, it's imperative that you complete a purple holiday request form (available at main reception/attendance office). You will then be notified by the Principal if it has been authorised or unauthorised.

Do not take your child out of school without letting us know as you could be fined.

The Attendance Team

attendance
MATTERS



The Year 10 sports leaders finished their community hours by assisting with the officiating and scoring for the long jump at the Primary School Catholic Athletics Meeting.

The five students involved in this event did extremely well and were really willing to help. They were a credit to Cardinal Wiseman and displayed confidence and skill when running the event.

Mr Blair



Malawi

2019



Thursday, 27 June 2019

After two days of visiting at St Harry's School we still couldn't prepare ourselves for the greeting we received at St Mathew's School. On arrival we were met by hundreds of 'learners' who smiled, waved and chanted 'Azungu' as they ran towards the truck.

After we were introduced to the headteacher, we met the school's staff members who made us feel more than welcome. We learned that the school had 1,524 pupils and only 19 teachers, two of which were on maternity leave. They then took us to see their fruitful harvest from the seeds bought by last year's Malawi team which filled us with hope for what we can do for the school.

Later we were treated to performances by some staff and learners. Highlights included a teacher singing his song, 'I give myself away' and a freestyle dance from a talented student. Following this we oversaw the feeding program which provides pupils with a much needed meal. They feed different classes on different days, today it was standard one and two.

We then took 48 children to the health clinic where they had a check up, a health pack and were given clothes donated from people at home. While waiting for the truck we played games and learned some songs from the children still at the clinic.

As we were about to leave the clinic, Miss Greenway spotted a young girl who had walked to see the doctor with her mum. She had a badly damaged leg that was wrapped in a dirty bandage and was clearly weeping and infected. As a team, we decided to pay for her treatment. Her leg was so bad because the family couldn't afford for it to be treated straight away and had to wait until they could earn enough money. The treatment cost 5,000 kwacha which is £5! So sad to think that we wouldn't think twice about spending that amount of money on sweets.

After another amazing day we headed back to camp to prepare for tomorrow.

Written by Abigail Sheridan

To see the full blog please visit the school website.





Parent / Carer Survey

3 June – 5 July

At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we want to provide a high quality of education. We need to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. Therefore, we are following up the survey completed in the autumn and we would be very pleased if you could complete it by following the link below.

You may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and comments are optional. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow and we would appreciate it if you would bring it directly to the attention to staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you in advance for completing our survey. The survey will be analysed at school level and across the Romero Academy and the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HBN9PS8>

This week's Accelerated Reader star is:

Maame-Efua Banafo 7C

Maame has read a real variety of books including lots of David Walliams, the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards shortlist and the Hunger Games trilogy. She has now reached over a million as her word count total.



SENDIASS Stay, Play and Chat Away



For families of children with special educational needs (especially for those of you who can't attend our coffee mornings), come and meet other parents along with staff from SENDIASS.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be available.
Suitable from 0 – 11 years

Venue: Tiny Tim's Purple Planet Play Centre
Whitefriars Lane
Coventry
CV1 2DT

Tuesday 9th July 2019

4pm - 5:30pm



Places must be booked - Please contact SEND, Information, Advice and Support Service on 024 7669 4307 or email iass@coventry.gov.uk

DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

Come and meet other parents in a similar situation as you. Relax over coffee/tea and chat in a friendly, non-judgemental environment together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2019

10 am – 12 noon

CENTRAL LIBRARY
MEETING ROOM 1
SMITHFORD WAY
COVENTRY
CV1 1FY

COFFEE MORNING

For further information contact:

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At Cardinal Wiseman we promote healthier lifestyles and as part of this we do not allow energy drinks on the school site.

ENERGY DRINKS: JUST THE FACTS

All the info on high-caffeine, high sugar drinks

These drinks are very popular with young people, but how healthy are they? Energy drinks contain high levels of caffeine and sugar (in non-diet varieties), which can lead to health problems including:

- ◆ Feeling sick or being sick.
- ◆ Panic attacks.
- ◆ Headaches.
- ◆ Feeling your heart pounding or having an irregular heartbeat.
- ◆ Affecting your mood – they may make you feel happy for a while and then you may feel really sad.
- ◆ Poor teeth.
- ◆ Increase in weight.
- ◆ Increased risk of having a fit.
- ◆ Can become dependent on caffeine or other substances.



Please discuss the side effects with your children and remind them that energy drinks are not permitted in school.

Year 10 Work Experience

This week brave Year 10 students have been exploring working out in the real world. Placements have included primary schools, banks, hair salons, the hospital and shops among many more.

Here are some very smart Cardinal Wiseman students relaxing after a busy day on work experience in local hotels.



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