

CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Today we celebrate CAFOD's Family Fast Day, where we are encouraged to give some of our money that would be spent on food to those who need it more. Our Sixth Form have gathered huge amounts of tinned goods, pasta, rice, and other foods to donate to those in need.

No one should have to go without water, or sustenance, or feel unsafe because they are at risk of losing what little they do have. We, as a school, pause and reflect on this day to appreciate what we eat and drink, and for unlimited access to the clean water that others around the world have to fight for.

If you are able to contribute just one tin or pack for us to donate, it will make an enormous difference to those elsewhere in the world.

Have a happy, holy and healthy weekend.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



Important Date

Year 7 Parents' Evening (Pastoral)

Wednesday 16 October 5.00pm—7.00pm

Pastoral meeting with form tutor to review transition to Key Stage 3

CARDINAL WISEMAN HELPS BUILD BRIDGES WITH ART PROJECT

Ingenious Cardinal Wiseman pupils took part in a bridge-building challenge at Coventry Cathedral as part of an engineering and art project.

The six Year 11 pupils took part in the challenge with several other Coventry schools to create 'Amaranthine', a piece of art inspired by Leonardo da Vinci bridges – which are famous for their simplicity.

Supervised by the engineering firm involved in the construction of the new Coventry Cathedral, Arup, as well as artist Jasmine McInerney, the pupils created their own da Vinci bridge out of carpet rolls and metal fasteners, before being joined with bridges made by other schools with colourful fabric to finish off the artwork.

The event was organised by Coventry performance company Imagineer in the run up to its own project, 'Bridge', which saw a large bridge pop up in Broadgate and play host to a spectacular acrobatic performance.

Aisling McClelland, Head of Applied Arts, said: "On the day, the students had to work as a team to create their da Vinci bridge, and it was fantastic to see how well they communicated with each other to finish off their bridge. I'm very proud of the pupils for contributing to such an interesting piece of art, and I hope it inspires them to continue to be creative."

Dave Long of Imagineer, who invited Cardinal Wiseman to take part in the project, added: "The Cardinal Wiseman team showed real civic pride for Coventry by participating in this project – they should be very proud of creating a beautiful piece of public art like Amaranthine in such an iconic building."



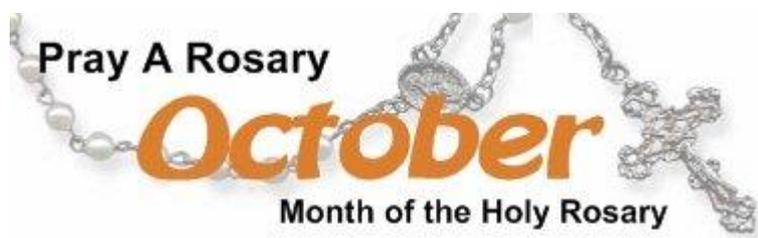
Consultation on Admission arrangements for Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School for entry from September 2021

Cardinal Wiseman is consulting on proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2021/2022 and beyond. We would welcome representation from all interested parties on this consultation.

Admissions to Cardinal Wiseman will continue to be co-ordinated through Coventry LA's Co-ordinated Scheme. We are proposing to amend the course entry requirements to our Sixth Form. The school wishes to receive any views or comments from parents/carers, church, local community and from anyone else who may be affected. The consultation period will run from 7 October 2019 – 18 November 2019.

A draft copy of the school's proposed new Admissions Policy 2021/22 can be viewed by visiting the school's website on www.cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/information/admissions or from Cardinal Wiseman on request.

Comments on this consultation should be submitted either in writing to Mr Thomas Leverage at the address below or by email to admin@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk



In the Catholic Liturgical Year, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls the chief mysteries of the Christian religion, the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs. The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."

To mark this, the chapel is open each morning at 8.15am when staff and students are welcome to participate together in the Rosary.



Chaplaincy Team



Gaming



As with any form of technology or online space, adult offenders can use gaming platforms to target children and build relationships with them.

Understanding the different elements of gaming and how they can be used by offenders is important, as is finding out what you can do to support your child whilst gaming.

The website “Think you know..” gives plenty of good advice on how to keep your child safe.

Visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming> for practical tips regarding gaming including chatting, gifting, and other risks.

Safeguarding

CELEBRATING
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

- As an inclusive community, we feel that all of our nationalities and ethnicities should be celebrated. This month we join in the national celebration of Black History and learning about key individuals who have helped to shape our world.
- This half term, Year 9 have been involved with a PSHE programme that is running nationally with police and it is raising interesting discussions in form time: Policing in the Community—this is to raise awareness of the role that police play within our communities.
- Credits are building in all KS3 years and students are responding well to the additional rewards on offer, with many now cashing in their first vouchers!

Spotlight
on

KS3

Spotlight on

KS4

Year 10

- Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who won their latest game against Blue Coat and won 6-2 after being 2-0 down at half time.
- Any pupil who has expressed an interest in studying Latin needs to see Miss Greenway, Head of Key Stage 4, as there is an upcoming trip that will support the subject content of this course.
- The Word is the Word - Year 10 have all been issued with a fantastic key definitions booklet that Mrs Taylor has collated that covers important terminology for all subjects studied at Key Stage 4. Many subjects are already using them within lessons. Please encourage pupils to keep them in a safe place so that they can be used to support homework and independent revision.

Year 11

- All Year 11 should be using GCSEPod regularly to support and embed learning ready for the summer exams. This is a fantastic tool for revision and one that has a proven track record of having a positive impact on pupils' attainment. This morning all Year 11 had a talk in their morning briefing from a GCSEPod guru who took them through the new features of the webpage and reinforced how to use it to its full potential.
- After school revision classes are going well. It is compulsory that pupils attend if they have been targeted by their subject teacher. If you are unsure if your child is needed, please contact either the Head of Faculty or Mr Forinton, Head of Year 11.
- Careers interviews have now started and the initial feedback has been very positive from pupils and staff. Pupils receive a 30 minutes session with our excellent careers advisor in order to support with queries and questions about post 16

The QS World University Tour is coming to London in a few weeks' time, giving students a fantastic opportunity to meet face-to-face with admissions directors from many of the world's top universities.

The fair takes place in London on Sunday, 13 October 2019 and will be held at the Park Plaza Victoria (nearest tube station is Victoria), from 1:30pm until 5:00pm.

There will be many leading universities in attendance - both from the UK and abroad including Bocconi, IE, Imperial, LSE, SOAS, ESSEC, St.Gallen, UCL and many more – who will be able to talk to students interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree.

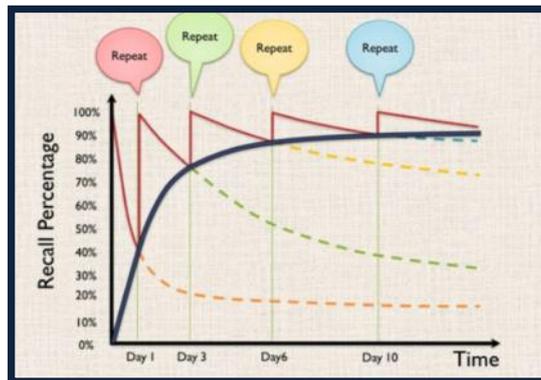
The fair is free to attend and students can register their details [here](#)

Please note: Students will need to make their own arrangements if they wish to attend this event.



Sixth Form Update

- This week, in Post-16 assembly, students were presented with information about meta-cognition - knowledge about your own understanding and thinking. We looked at the differences between long-term memory and short-term memory, and the most effective way of ensuring that what have you learned in your lessons will be processed into your long term memory so that you can recall it ready for exams. Students were introduced to a concept called the "Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve" and a strategy to overcome this and use in revision called "Spaced Recall". Successful post-16 students perform best when they complete an additional 20-25 hours per week - so students should make the most of the independent study time available during the school day!



- Students in the sixth form have received their first email as part of our Healthy Minds Project - which will be running in school this year. They have been encouraged to try and achieve 9 targets per day



After School Activities

- come and join us!

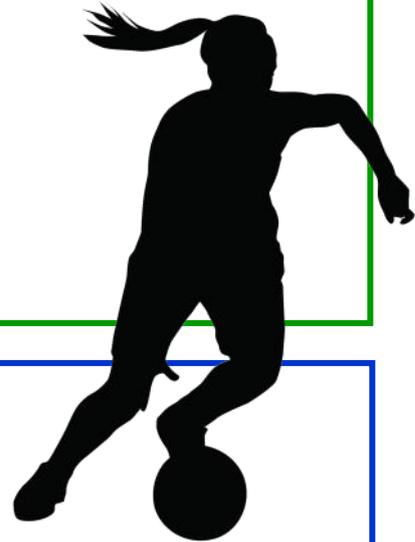
PE Faculty Activities

Football (Boys) Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Netball (Year 8 & 9 Girls) Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Football (Girls) Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Health and Fitness Breakfast Club Wednesday 7.15 - 8.00am



Languages Faculty Activities

Polish Club (Years 7 - 9) Thursday 3.20 - 4.00pm

Spanish Club (Years 7 - 9) Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Italian Club Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Latin Club Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Maths Faculty

Maths Game Club Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm



English Faculty

Harry Potter Club (Year 7 - 9) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.15pm

Debating Club (Years 9 - 10) Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm

Music Department

Whole School Choir Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm



See faculty staff for more details

attendance **MATTERS**

It has been another good week for whole school attendance! With two weeks left of this half term, it is crucial your children are attending school. We have lots of great prizes to give out for 100% attendance, the winning tutor groups and most improved attendance. Our 100% attendance board launched this week by the hub. Your children can check weekly whether they are named as having 100% attendance.

As a school, we are very lucky that Nandos are doing a competition with us each term for a lucky student to win a £10 Nandos voucher. To be in with a chance, all they need to do is be at school every day! How easy is that!

Winning tutor groups for this week are:

Year 7 - 7E
Year 8 - 8B
Year 9 - 9F
Year 10 - 10A
Year 11 - 11B



As always, we are happy to support parents/carers with any issues you may have. Call us on 02476 617231.

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