



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE— ROMERO MASS AT ST PATRICK'S ON 9 OCTOBER 2019



On Wednesday 9 October staff and students from across the Romero Catholic Academy came together to celebrate Mass. The date was deliberately chosen as it was the Feast of Cardinal John Henry Newman.

The Mass was an instant reminder of the community spirit, sense of family, and growing faith the Romero Academy holds. The readers, musicians, dancers, prayers all contributed to make our Mass extra special.

During the Mass Mr Everett, along with the other new Principals in our academy, was commissioned and blessed by Fr Peter.

Please keep Mr Everett in your prayers as he leads our school during this academic year.



Fr Peter, who said Mass for us, helped us to recognise how we can follow Cardinal John Henry Newman's life of faith and education.

He also reminded us how we are all links in a chain. This was shown later in Mass too, when each school brought forward a chain of prayers to the altar. All the chains have been linked together to show unity between our schools. This is now on display in our reception area.

Important Dates

Wednesday 16 October : Year 7 Parents' Evening (Pastoral) 5 -7pm

Thursday 7 November : Sixth Form Open Evening 6 - 8pm

Friday 8 November - Romero Training Day : Cardinal Wiseman is not open to pupils

Spotlight on

KS3



Two of last year's top readers, Richard Jimmy Jacobs and Rassel Jimmy Jacobs, have already reached one million words each on their new Year 8 Accelerated Reader Course.

Fantastic!

Girls' Basketball 'Try-outs'

If any Year 7, 8 or 9 girls are interested in playing basketball for the school team this year, there will be a meeting on Monday (14 October) at lunchtime in the gym. See you there!

Year 9 Football Success

The Year 9 boys' football team started their journey in the English School Cup yesterday away at Walsall Academy. The start of the game was nervy with Wiseman going close on a couple of occasions without success. With 30 minutes on the clock, Ibrahim opened the scoring after a ball was played through to him for him to run onto and score. Ibrahim made it more comfortable just before half time with his second of the game scoring a well worked team move. After half time, Wiseman controlled most of the ball before Walsall pulled one back to make it a nervous last 15 minutes. Daniel Onana sealed the win with a crazy run from midfield before slotting the ball low past the goalkeeper. Daniel should have had a second before the game finished when he hit the bar. The boys go into the third round of the national cup, with the draw taking place on Monday 14 October. Well done boys!

Message for Year 7 Parents / Carers

Please remember that your ParentMail account needs to be set up in order to book a drop-in conversation with your child's form tutor on Wednesday's Parents' Evening next week, 16 October 2019.

Mr Nagle



Spotlight on

KS4

Year 11 Focus

Some Year 11 pupils have successfully started an RSL course in Drama and Music this week as a form of enrichment. They have made a great start with some real talent on show, especially Lekan Abass, who is a budding drummer!

As we move closer to exam season, we have moved Year 11 into the main hall instead of lining up on the playground each morning. This has proved a very successful part of the day where Mr Forinton and key staff can give important messages and key subject revision strategies. We have used GCSEPod for targeted revision and we encourage students to do the same at home as well. A competition will start in the run up to Christmas, so get podding!

Before we break up for half term, Year 11 will be issued with 'How to Revise' guides' which have excellent tips and strategies for pupils to begin their revision planning.

IMPORTANT DATE: Mock exams begin on the 18 November

Y10 Focus

Staff have been really pleased with how Year 10 have started to approach their GCSE courses. Mrs Taylor and Miss Greenway have been delighted to hear all of the positive comments passed on by staff. Keep up the good work!



Sixth Form Update

Next week, some of our Year 13 students will be visiting our current Year 11 students during tutor times to discuss what it is like to study at Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form. They will be able to answer any questions that our Year 11 may have about what life is like as a sixth former. Watch this space for more information



Mary is someone we hear about a lot when we listen to stories about Jesus. Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus. From the stable in Bethlehem, where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross at His Crucifixion. She was there from crib to cross!

While she has a bit of a low profile in the Gospels, her words stay with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God. When an angel visited Mary and told her she was going to be the Mother of God she simply replied "I am the Lord's servant, may it happen to me as you have said."

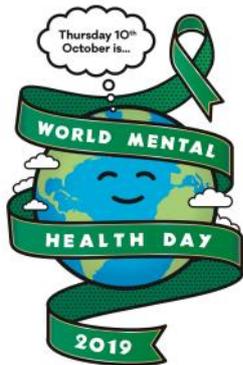
October is the month Catholics all around the world focus on praying the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary we give Mary our prayers to pray for us. It is well known that many miracles have come from praying the Rosary!

This month we are giving all the students the chance to pray the rosary everyday. Every morning in the chapel at 8:15am, a decade of the Rosary will be lead by Chloe, our Lay Chaplain. Come along and give our blessed mother Mary your prayers this month.



Chaplaincy

"If I had an army to say the Rosary, I could conquer the world."
(Blessed Pope Pius IX)



10 October 2019

WORLD
MENTAL
HEALTH
DAY



Mental health is the way we think and feel and our ability to deal with ups and downs. Mental health is something we all have. When we enjoy good mental health, we have a sense of purpose, the energy to do the things we want to do and the ability to deal with the challenges that happen in our lives.

World Mental Health Day is organised by the World Federation for Mental Health. This year's Day, 10 October, is supported by WHO, the International Association for Suicide Prevention and United for Global Mental Health. The focus this year has been on suicide prevention.

A prayer for World Mental Health Day—By Alison Webster

God of compassion,
You meant us to be both fragile and ordinary.
Silence the voices that say we are not good enough,
Haven't achieved enough,
Haven't enough to show for our lives,
That we are not enough.
Help us to know that we are treasure,
We are prized, We are cherished, We are loved. Infinitely. By you.
So be with us in our corrugations of feeling:
When our hearts are in downward freefall, be with us
When our minds race with anxiety, be with us
When our throats close in fear, be with us
When sleep will not come, be with us
When waking hurts, be with us.
In the name of Jesus,
Who knew trauma, abuse, despair and abandonment
And has nothing but love for us,
Amen.

To mark World Mental Health Day, staff were invited to a 'Tea & Talk' session after school, donations were made to the Mental Health Foundation and the prayer above was shared in school.



attendance **MATTERS**

As the end of this half term approaches, the attendance team would like to thank parents/ carers for supporting good attendance. As a school, we are improving our attendance which is great news.

The 100% attendance board has been popular and students like having their names showcased for their 100% attendance.

Next week, you will be texted to inform you if your child has 100% attendance and they will be entered into a prize draw to attend a pizza party in school. The students will also receive a golden ticket and positive points.

This week's winning tutor groups are:

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



The winning tutor group for this half term will all receive a golden ticket and be in with a chance of winning a **£10 gift voucher**.

The Attendance Team



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