



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Today and tomorrow we celebrate the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls. We remember all of those who we have lost and keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this month of remembrance.

*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*



Important Dates

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

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

2019 Parent Survey Feedback

At the end of last term, we circulated a survey requesting feedback from all parents and carers on the work that we do across the Romero Academy. The survey was shared across all 8 of our schools and provided a forum for parents and carers to comment on a wide variety of factors that impact upon your child's education.

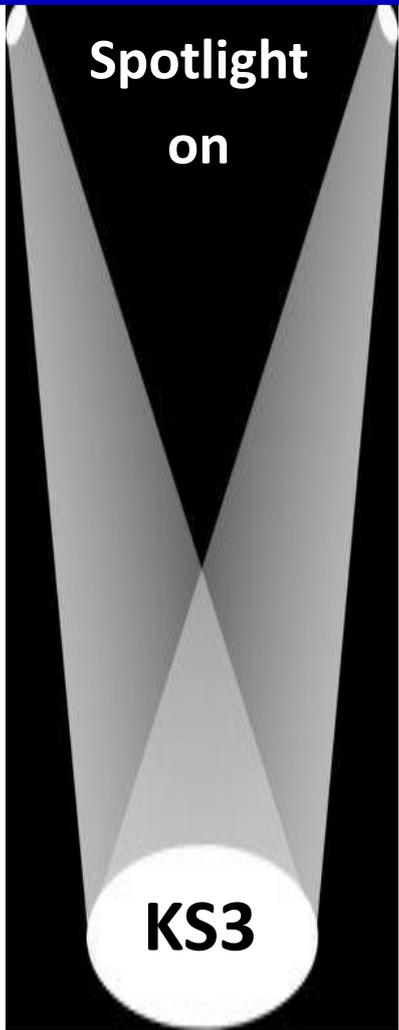
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who took time to complete the survey. We are passionate about improving communication and have already implemented a number of measures to make it easier for parents to provide feedback. These include year group coffee mornings, reintroduction of the role of the form tutor as the first point of contact, creation of new positions of Heads of Key Stage to support the work of our Heads of Year, and the implementation of the Google Classroom platform to provide an easy way for you to be notified via email when a piece of homework is set.

To further reassure you that we have taken on board the feedback that you have provided, we have outlined below some of the results of the survey and the resulting actions:

You Said	We Did
Over 90% agreed or strongly agreed that your child knows how to be a good citizen.	We have implemented a new PSHE programme. Two tutor periods every week are dedicated to educating your child about a range of issues they will face in modern Britain.
Over 81% agreed or strongly agreed that your child is happy at this school.	We have regular meetings with our Pupil Leadership representatives and Head Boy and Head Girl to make sure that our pupils have a voice and tell us the things they are not happy about.
Over 85% agreed or strongly agreed that your child is safe at this school.	The safety of your child is our first priority. Over the past two years we have invested substantial amounts of revenue into key staffing roles, a new fire alarm system, corridor flow systems as well as security fences.
Over 85% agreed or strongly agreed that your child is well looked after at this school.	We have one of the largest pastoral teams of any school in the city made up of non-teaching staff dedicated to your child's welfare.
Over 75% agreed or strongly agreed that your child is taught well at this school.	We have reduced the number of supply teachers we use and implemented a rigorous teacher training programme alongside partners such as Warwick University, Teach First and Blue Sky Teaching School.
Over 70% said that this school is well-led and managed	Since the start of this academic year, we have restructured our leadership team to provide more capacity for leading in areas such as teaching and learning as well as creating new roles such as Key Stage Leaders.

<p>"I think the arts have been neglected."</p>	<p>We have increased numbers studying GCSE Art and Photography, and are the only school in the city with a multi-use darkroom and photography studio. We have two staff from Coventry Music Service who deliver singing lessons to all KS3 students, teaching them traditional hymns, contemporary music and songs from a variety of backgrounds from around the world.</p>
<p>"More parental communication is needed."</p>	<p>We have put in place a coffee morning for every year group, as well as two parents' evenings during Year 11. We have also held a Year 7 'Settling In' evening so that parents have feedback on how their child has begun their Wiseman journey. As well as our social media profile, we are one of the only secondary schools to provide a weekly bulletin update!</p>
<p>"Some students need more help and intervention groups to help get the best out of them."</p>	<p>We have expanded our Trinity Centre and ensured that numerous groups can receive intervention in Literary, Numeracy, Reading and Writing at the same time and with specialists for specific educational needs and disabilities.</p>

Spotlight
on



KS3

Accelerated Reader

Richard Jimmy Jacob, 8G, has reached two million words in his Accelerated Reader course.

Recently, he has been reading the exciting Alex Rider books by Anthony Horowitz.

Richard's total is now:

2,196,066




Year 7 Numeracy Ninjas



As part of the Year 7 tutor programme, Numeracy Ninjas takes place once a fortnight. It caters for all abilities which reinforces the students' key skills such as times tables, mental calculation strategies and problem solving.

The students are taking a great interest in this and enjoy trying to achieve the highest score they can each week.



Sixth Form Update

Former Cardinal Wiseman Post 16 student, **Rhiannon Clarkson**, has had her photography work selected to be exhibited at:

Temperance Cafe

**33 Bath St, Leamington Spa,
CV31 3AF**

28th October - 23rd November 2019



She invited her former photography teachers, Miss McClelland and Mr Nagle to the photographers' launch party on Tuesday 29 October.

Miss McClelland said, "It was such a pleasure seeing a former student applying the skills she had learnt at Cardinal Wiseman".

Head Boy & Head Girl Elections

The Pupil Leadership Group interviewed several candidates for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies today. The PLG felt that all candidates were wonderful and it was extremely difficult to choose. However, after much deliberation we are extremely pleased to announce that :

Head Boy: Sean Chan

Deputy Head Boy: Melvin Pynadath

Head Girl: Nicola Piorkowski

Deputy Head Girl: Emily Madden

In addition, all other candidates will be offered positions on the newly formed 6th Form Ambassadors Team.

Well done to everyone.

Mr Bench and Mr Kingshott



On Friday 1 November the Romero Academy celebrated the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, with a Mass at St Patrick's Church.

Mr Leverage and Mr Blair attended, accompanied by students from Year 7.



Chaplaincy

attendance
MATTERS



The Attendance Team would like to welcome you all back to school after your half term break. The focus for this term is to aim for a whole school target of **98%** attendance or better. Please support us to achieve this goal by continuing to ensure your child is in school.

If you have any issues, please let us know and we will be happy to support you. Call us on 02476 617231 and choose Option 1.

The winning attendance tutor groups for the first week back are as follows:

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

Well done!

The Attendance Team



Firework Safety

Safeguarding

Lighting fireworks is very dangerous and should only be done by a responsible adult. Don't be tempted to play with fireworks. If you go to an organised firework display, or if your family is setting off fireworks at home, adults should always follow the Firework Code:

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully
- Light them at arm's length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks

The only fireworks you should touch are...

Sparklers

- Light sparklers one at a time
- Always wear gloves to protect your hands
- Keep your sparkler at arms length
- Be careful not to burn yourself or others

Make sure your pets are safe and secure at home - they might not like fireworks!



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