



Cardinal Wiseman
Catholic School
Omnia pro Christo

Newsletter

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Autumn Term Letter

I am writing to you as another busy term draws to a conclusion here at Cardinal Wiseman. The last few weeks have seen our pupils take part in a number of activities as we reflect and prepare for the Christmas period where we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Pupils have celebrated Mass together as well as organising and performing a Christmas Carol concert for friends and family. A group of our English as an Additional Language (EAL) students also visited the Christmas Market in Birmingham as part of our broader cultural enrichment programme that aims to enhance our wider curriculum offer

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IMPORTANT DATES



Term starts for all pupils on

Wednesday 8 January 2020

We wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas



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YEAR 7

At the start of the academic year, we began by looking at our Wiseman values, in particular the value of 'Hope'. Hope in making a smooth transition from primary, to make new friends and achieving in our studies.

Having made the same Romero journey from St Patrick's to Cardinal Wiseman, I understand what our pupils are experiencing, the obstacles that they are facing and the challenges ahead. Being witness to this cohort's growth has been a pleasure. In their academic success and the wider social impact of the Year 7 residential visit to Alton Castle and visit to a former European giant in the Manchester United trip (sorry United fans), the sense of excitement and adventure reminds me of why I became a teacher— an adventure that has only just begun.

Mr Nagle, Head of Year 7

A MESSAGE TO YEAR 8 STUDENTS

As we come to the end of a fantastic first term, I would like to wish all of my Year 8's a huge congratulations.

This year we have accomplished so much already, whether you have been successful in sporting achievements, rewarded at the awards ceremony or praised for all of your hard work and determination in the classroom - we each have something we can be proud of.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, let's make sure 2020 is as fantastic as you are!

Miss Lindsay, Head of Year 8

YEAR 9

Year 9 have had an exciting and eventful year so far! In Maths, they have been stretched and challenged in topics such as solving quadratic equations and completing advanced graph work. In English, students have explored the complex themes in the classic *'Of Mice and Men'*. In Science, Year 9 students have set off on their GCSE Science journey, discovering the fundamentals of chemistry and gaining knowledge of energy and R.E. lessons have seen hot debates on challenging topics.

Recently, some of our Year 9 students took part in a beautiful carol service to celebrate Advent and the birth of Jesus. Others have started to complete expeditions towards the Duke of Edinburgh award, tackling tough terrain and navigating rural routes. 9A and 9C have delivered collective worship sessions on bullying and Advent.

In sporting news, the boys' football team progressed well through the rounds in the National Schools Cup, and the girls have also competed well in inter-school competitions.

For such a busy and successful term, students in Year 9 were rewarded in the recent awards assembly, where prizes were given for attendance, attainment and going above and beyond across our new Wiseman values: Knowledge, Ambition, Respect and Resilience.

May all of Year 9 have a restful and Merry Christmas!

Mr Lambert, Head of Year 9





YEAR 10

2019 has been a very successful year for students in Year 10. Students have settled well into their new form groups and the impact of intervention in tutor times can be seen in the work being produced in lessons across all subjects.

I take the opportunity every week to go to lessons and see for myself the hard work and commitment students are putting into all of their subjects. The work ethos, dedication and intellectual resilience is remarkable and as a year group we embody what it truly means to be a 'Cardinal Wiseman Student'.

I am extremely proud of the successes of all of our students and I know that, as we welcome in 2020, we will continue to go from strength to strength in our achievements.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Taylor, Head of Year 10

YEAR 11

As my first term as Head of Year 11 nears its conclusion, I feel really privileged to be working each day with such an amazing group of students.

Highlights of those first fifteen weeks are a marked improvement in attendance across the year group, along with seeing so many of the cohort picking up recognition for their hard work at the annual awards evening on Monday.

On the sporting front, the Year 11 Football team remain unbeaten along with a healthy contingent of the year group representing the school at the recent KS4 Basketball School Games tournament where they finished an unlucky second.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing students back in January refreshed and ready to make the necessary strides towards positive summer exams results.

Mr Forinton, Head of Year 11





As part of the "Giving Back initiative" in the 6th Form, we were delighted that so many of our students supported Mrs Quinn in her "Hinching" of the school environment! Staff in the school are very grateful for their efforts as it frees their time to be able to continue to plan engaging lessons for their students. It is fantastic to see so many of our students supporting the staff who support them with their studies.

Students have also had a "Reflect and Review" week. They have had the opportunity, in their lessons, to consider all the work they have completed since joining 6th Form, and what their next steps should be.

Year 12 have completed and reviewed all of their end of term assessments and Year 13 will continue this review process when they return in January. KS5 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 23 January where subject staff will be available to discuss your son/daughter's progress in more detail.

We look forward to seeing all of our students in January, after a restful break.

Mrs Campbell



FEATURED ARTIST GALLERY

'Artist of the Term' is Daniella Hall in Year 9. Daniella has always stood out amongst her peers as a natural born artist, ever since Year 7. Her talent continues to grow and grow. What a star!!!





IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Important Information for Users of Travel De Courcey School Buses

Due to the low numbers of passengers of the S11 and the S12 services, Travel De Courcey will be combining the two services into one new bus route. This service will be the S112. Travel De Courcey have taken pains to cover most of the school service operated by the other bus routes.

Below are the new route map and the new timetable. All De Courcey bus passes will be still be honoured on the new system. The pickup times will be slightly changed due to the new route.

The new service aims to be in effect from 6 January for the new term.

Travel de Courcey

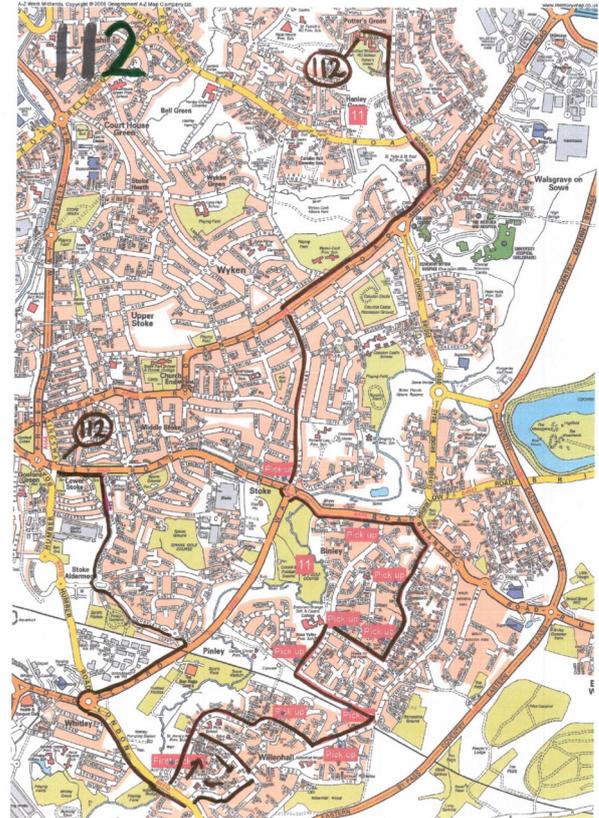
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Monday to Friday

Service No	112
Sch	1535
Cardinal Wiseman School	1539
Woodway Lane, The Craven	1545
Hipswell Highway, Coventry Oak	1550
Binley Fire Station, Binley Rd	1553
Binley Rd, Princethorpe Way	1556
Bredon Avenue/Sandwick Close	1559
Quorn Way, Dalby Close	1601
Princethorpe Way, Nene Close	1603
Landbank Ave/James Galloway Cl	1607
Willenhall, Precinct	1610
Willenhall, Dunsmore Ave/Chace Ave	1614
London Road, Chace Hotel	1622
The Moorfield/The Barley Lea	1625
Aldermoor La/ Ernsford Ave	1628
Binley Rd, Kingsway	
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Binley Road - Willenhall - Cardinal Wiseman School

Service No	112
Sch	0756
Binley Rd, Kingsway	0759
Aldermoor La/ Ernsford Ave	0802
The Moorfield/The Barley Lea	0810
Willenhall, Chace Ave/Stretton Ave	0813
Willenhall, Precinct	0817
Landbank Ave/James Galloway Cl	0819
Princethorpe Way, Nene Close	0821
Quorn Way, Dalby Close	0824
Bredon Avenue/Sandwick Close	0827
Binley Rd, Princethorpe Way	0830
Binley Fire Station, Binley Rd	0835
Ansty Road, Coventry Oak	0841
Woodway Lane, The Craven	0845
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Advent Celebrations



During Advent, the whole school has been collecting food and Christmas gifts. These have been sorted into hampers and will be donated to people in our community.



Our form groups took part in a Christmas Door Challenge to help bring festive cheer to Cardinal Wiseman. All the doors were beautiful and it was very difficult to pick a winner!

Congratulations to our winners!

KS3: Mr Angus and 7F
KS4: Mrs Farrugia and 10D



ATTENDANCE

This week's top attending form groups are:

Year 7 – 7A

Year 8 – 8B

Year 9 – 9F

Year 10 – 10B & 10E

Year 11 – 11B

Our attendance for the first term has been very good, let's keep up the good work going forward into the new year!

The team is always available to support parents and pupils with their attendance. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Remember – Absence = Lost opportunity!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our students and parents.

ATTENDANCE



SBITC NEW YEAR CAMP

Football

Thurs 2 Jan | Fri 3 Jan



Alan Higgs Centre

Thurs 2 Jan | Fri 3 Jan 2020

- FREE CCFC match day ticket voucher
- Girls and boys welcome, age 5-11 years
- ALL abilities welcome
- A fun-filled day of skills, games and competitions promised!

Prices start from **£15 per day or £27 for both**

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Winter Infections in Children **An information leaflet for parents**

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and primary school children across the West Midlands

What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms

- Diarrhoea & vomiting usually lasting 1 - 2 days
- Fever, tiredness and nausea (feeling sick) sore throat, sometimes with a cough lasting 3 - 4 days

What should you do if your child is unwell?

- Keep your child at home until they are well

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should not attend school/nursery until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours

- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids, taking sips rather than gulps to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever, give infant paracetamol and/or ibuprofen according to manufacturer's instructions
- If your child is unusually sleepy, is unable to take fluids or has other symptoms such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness seek medical advice immediately.

Infection Control Advice

Hand washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms. These should be changed regularly
- Dry your hands thoroughly

Other control measures include

- Dispose of used tissues immediately after use
- Wash soiled clothing , bed linen and towels in a washing machine, using the hottest wash for the fabric
- Ensure toilet areas, baths, and washbasins are kept clean using a solution of hot soapy water
- After initial cleaning, areas may also be disinfected using a 1 in 10 bleach solution. *(If using bleach remember that it can remove the colour from fabrics and can burn the skin)*

Further information can be obtained from:

West Midlands Public Health England team
2nd Floor, Kidderminster Library, Market Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AB



Mind warns that people with mental health problems struggle due to the pressure of Christmas

Mind wants to remind everyone that, for some people, the Christmas period can be a challenging time. Last year more than 20,000 people with mental health problems spent the festive season in hospital because they were unwell, meaning thousands of families across England were faced with empty chairs at their Christmas dinner tables and gatherings. Mind's poll also revealed that:

- 76% of people have had problems sleeping at Christmas
- Nearly 60% of people have experienced panic attacks over the festive period

Reasons people gave for struggling at Christmas included getting into debt (41 per cent), feeling lonely (83 per cent) and finding Christmas stressful (81 per cent). The findings come as the charity anticipates a spike in the number of people calling the Mind Infoline for support after Christmas.

Mind is urging people to be there for loved ones over the festive period.
If you need help or support this Christmas visit www.mind.org.uk

