

CARDINAL WISEMAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Leadership Update

We would like to welcome all of our families back to the beginning of a new term and a New Year. This weekend the we, as part of the international Catholic Church, celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, taking time to reflect the gifts given to Christ Jesus by the Magi. During a Mass celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany at the Vatican, Pope Francis called faithful to be like the Magi, who, he said, continued to look upward at the sky, took risks and set out bearing gifts for Christ.

"If we want to find Jesus, we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life," Francis said. "We need to take risks simply to meet a Child. Those risks are immensely worth the effort," the Pope said, "since in finding that Child, in discovering his tenderness and love, we rediscover ourselves."

We take this time to reflect that the Three Wise Men (we know as the Magi) were the only ones who saw the star leading the way as they had raised their eyes to heaven. He went on to say, "We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment," Francis added. "I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?"

Press Update

Some of our community will have seen that there have been reports in both the Coventry Telegraph and the Coventry Observer relating to a staffing restructure taking place at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School. Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and carers that this is nothing to worry about and is something that has become increasingly common in schools across the country. Several local schools underwent a similar restructure over the last two years but due to the transitional leadership we have only been able to undergo this process now. The Head will be writing to all parents and carers next week to provide more detail.

Sixth Form Update

As part of the Oxbridge Plus Aspirations Programme, we have organised a trip to two colleges at Cambridge University for a group of our Year 10 to 12 students. During the day the students will have a tour around both Clare College and Girton College. Mr Leverage (an alumni of Girton College) will also lead a tour around the city of Cambridge. At Clare College, they will work with university students and staff on activities that will encourage them to start thinking seriously about university and aim as high as they can in their GCSE and Post 16 examinations.

A-level subject choices will be discussed in these sessions to ensure that students can make an informed decision about their Sixth Form studies, in light of university course entrance requirements. The undergraduate ambassadors will describe university life and dispel the myths associated with Cambridge in particular.

We look forward to telling you about our trip in a future newsletter.

The Leadership Team

WELL DONE

to our
top ten
attending
tutor groups:

Tutor Group	Attendance %
07A	100
11D	98.03
11F	97.58
10G	97.02
07F	96.76
10E	96.59
10H	96.59
09B	96.15
09C	96.12
10C	96.09



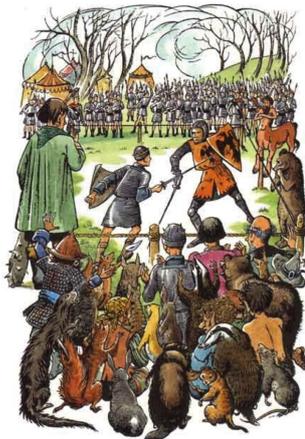
This half term, we will be launching our Cardinal Wiseman Literary Canon. This is a collection of literature that we believe all students are capable of reading and enjoying throughout their time at school. At the heart of many of the texts are Catholic values of the school: wisdom, respect, courage, service, faith and hope.



THE WISEMAN LITERARY CHALLENGE

Name: _____

Class: _____



Studies show that children who read regularly have a higher chance of academic success. Indeed, it was recently suggested that reading for just 20 minutes a day exposes you to 1.8 million words a year. Over the course of 7 years at Cardinal Wiseman, this could transform your child's entire vocabulary.

However, students who read for less than 5 minutes a day, on average, were only exposed to 282,000 words a year, and those who read for less than a minute a day saw less than 8000 words a year. This means that it would take them an entire year to read what a good reader would see in two days.

Whilst reading reaps its own rewards, students who have read the suggested texts and fill in the challenge cards (pictured), will be entered for monthly prize draws as well.

We hope that with your support from home, students leave Cardinal Wiseman having been exposed to some of the great works of

literature that will inspire a lifetime love of reading.

Mr M Everett



The Year 9a and 10a netball teams attended the Wasps Community Netball Day last week at the Ricoh Arena. They got to play on the Wasps show court; had a picture with the super league trophy; were coached by the Wasps players and England netball coaches and also got a tour around the changing room. They had a great day and learned lots of new skill practices and warm-up ideas that they can use in their own training.

Netball fixtures for next week: Year 7a and 7b and Year 8a and 8b are playing Bluecoat on Wednesday.