



CARDINAL WISEMAN

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

At the time of writing we are approaching the end of this half term. Our exam season is well underway and our students in Years 11 and 13 have been studying, revising and working hard for their qualifications and have impressed our staff with their dedication and engagement. We have been fortunate to secure the services of some new exam invigilators this academic year who supervise students whilst they are sitting their papers. Whilst they are new to our school they are not new to this role and have been unanimous in their appraisal of how well we start and run exams for the betterment of our students. We are not, however, complacent and are always striving to seek to improve wherever we can and exams are no exception to this.

We have commented on this previously, but once again we would like to express our thanks to our staff for their dedication and commitment leading up to exams this year. They have worked selflessly, very often outside school hours and during their holidays to help our students prepare themselves. We have spoken with many students and they have been unanimous in the expressions of praise and thanks for their teachers.

We would also like to highlight two examples of exemplary behaviour by our students. Recently a group attended Soli House which is a retreat centre run by our Arch Diocese. Over the years we have sent many students on retreat to Soli when it was first at Stratford upon Avon and then latterly at Alton Castle. A retreat is a fantastic experience for young people where they can practice activities that enhance and deepen their spirituality. It's a common fact that in our modern world there is less and less opportunity for young people to take a little time out and reflect on what is important to them in tranquility. Sitting in silent contemplation is for many of our students a novel activity. After our retreat this year we heard back from the Soli staff that the behaviour of our students was a credit to the school, especially the Mass that was celebrated by them with many contributions by all. The other example was our trip to Dol Y Moch; activities in stark contrast to a spiritual retreat saw our young people participate in outdoor activities and sports with great enthusiasm and were once again terrific ambassadors for the school.

May we take this opportunity of wishing all of our families a peaceful half term break and whilst our students will still be busy revising, we hope that they will also find the time and space to treat this as another kind of retreat from school. A chance to reflect, meditate and create a calm space to recharge batteries.

God bless.

The Leadership Team

UPCOMING PARENTS' MEETINGS

Thursday 4 July	Year 8 Parents' Evening	5-7pm
Friday 5 July	Year 10 Parents' Coffee Morning	9-10am
Thursday 11 July	Year 10 Parents' Evening	5-7pm

Facing the challenges of Dol-Y-Moch...and having a lot of fun!

Last week saw two Dol Y Moch trips. Students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part.

Dol Y Moch is a well organised centre where everyone—including students, have a job to do. Over the two days the students took part in a range of outdoor activities to develop their own personal skills of communication, problem solving and courage. Activities included rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, canoeing, gorge scrambling, mountain biking and rock pooling.

Everyone faced a personal challenge during their stay, whether this was overcoming a fear of cold water, or how to control a canoe so that it moves in a straight direction.

Learning outside of the classroom always provides vivid memories and opportunities for personal growth. I am very pleased with the progress the students all made and the way in which they represented the school.

Mr Stockton



Are you a teenage musician playing at Grade 4-8 or above?

Take part in our fun and friendly Come and Play activity alongside the NYO Inspire Orchestra and discover top tips for developing your orchestral skills. The activity takes place on Tuesday 9 July 2019 after school at Nicholas Chamberlaine School in Bedworth, Warwickshire.

We've partnered with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain to bring you this FREE after school Come and Play activity on 9 July. If you're aged 13-19 and playing at Grade 4 - 8+, apply now!

<https://www.nyo.org.uk/come-and-play-with-inspire-orchestra>



attendance
MATTERS

Thank you for your support this term with ensuring your children are punctual and attend school regularly. We appreciate the support and your child will thrive in a learning environment which pushes them physically, mentally and academically. As we push on towards the end of the year, all learning counts and missing time from school will impact their chances of later success.

If you need to contact the school attendance team to report an absence via email please use:

attendance@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Free Workshop

for parents/carers of children and young
people who have SEN and Disabilities

CEREBRA 



How can I get help for my child who has a special educational need/disability?

National charity Cerebra will be joining us to present their step-by-step
'Accessing Public Services Toolkit' for parents/carers.

This toolkit aims to unpick problems when encountering difficulties with
statutory agencies in relation to the provision of education, health and social
care support services.

The session will help to develop effective strategies for resolving these
problems and working on case studies relating to direct payments, respite
care, Disabled Facilities Grants, residential placements and school transport.

Thursday 20th June 2019

Time: 10am - 2pm

Venue

Limbrick Wood Centre
Thomas Naul Croft
Tile Hill
Coventry, CV4 9QX



Drinks will be provided - bring your own lunch

All parents and carers welcome (but not suitable for children)

If you would like to book a place or for further information please contact

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or Email: IASS@coventry.gov.uk



Rassel Jimmy Jacob 7D
has become an
Accelerated Reader Double Millionaire,
achieved in no small part by reading the
enormous "Eragon" series by
Christopher Paolini.
Well done!



Applied Arts Photography Trip

On Monday our Year 10 Photography GCSE students went on a trip to Coombe Abbey with Miss McClelland and Miss Arnett. They were there to photograph the landscape as part of their *Rural Landscape* project.

A great time was had by all and the students took some amazing photographs.



Keeping safe over the holidays

We hope that children are safe over the school holidays. This includes traffic and street safety as always, but increasingly covers e-safety as well.

To keep children safe over the school holidays, please spend some time with your child looking at what they have on phones, laptops etc, and discussing how they use them.

Further advice for both parents and students about how to stay safe online is available on the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) command website:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Or please see the following links below which you may also find useful:

- Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people <https://kooth.com/>
- Help your children stay safe online <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>
- Childnet.com <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- Parentinfo <https://parentinfo.org/>
- NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>



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