



## LEADERSHIP UPDATE

As we juggle our “to do” lists in preparation for Christmas, we often become consumed with doing things for others; making sure someone gets the right gift, making sure the food will be perfect, making sure we add someone to the schedule for a visit over the festive period. Advent is all about preparation but we should ensure that there is time to prepare ourselves as well for what is a time of joy and celebration.

This third Sunday of Advent is also known as Rose Sunday, where the pink candle in the Advent wreath is lit, symbolising joy. Sometimes finding joy at this time of year is easy - the lights, the music, the colour; at other times it can be very challenging. When we reflect, it is too easy to remember the things that have gone wrong, what we have lost or not succeeding in. It can be far more difficult to focus on the positives, the successes, the achievements.

On this third Sunday of Advent, take the time to find joy in your own lives and to make time in your preparations to give yourself a sense of fulfilment, not just others.

***Heavenly Father, fill my heart with the fresh wonder of what that first Christmas means.  
Thank you that today or in the future, any need I have can be encompassed by You.  
Help me to look with expectation to what You will do in my life  
and fill me with Your joy.  
Amen.***

The Leadership Team



## IMPORTANT DATE

**LAST DAY OF TERM - 20 DECEMBER 2019**

**School will close early for students at 12.30pm.  
All school buses will be available to take students home.**





### Key Stage 3 Sports Update

A group of Year 7 students had the chance to visit Manchester United's ground Old Trafford on Thursday. They saw Manchester United beat Alkmaar 4-0 in a brilliant Europa game. This incredible opportunity was organised by Mr Nagle (Head of Year 7) and Mr Rutherford. The students were very excited and it was a wonderful trip just before breaking up for Christmas.



Year 8 and 9 boys have recently been working with a Wasps rugby coach during PE lessons to focus on developing a passion for rugby and the skills it requires to play at a top level. They are building teamwork skills, resilience and trust whilst experiencing something out of their natural comfort zone.

### Key Stage 3 Celebrate

Year 7 students will be involved in an Advent meeting this Friday, to celebrate our Catholic values during this special time in the liturgical calendar.

KS3 have ran their celebrations assemblies this week with many students being recognised for their hard work and conduct in school. Students were presented with certificates to recognise their achievements.

Some of the categories included 100% attendance, no negative behaviour points, most positive points awarded and prizes for the merits students have been collecting so far this year.



### Year 10 Awards

This week we have celebrated the success of many pupils in our end of term assembly. We presented 37 pupils with 100% attendance awards since September in which students received certificates and badges and have been invited to attend a lunchtime celebration.

**Merdi Mukaba Tshuniama** was the winner of the £10 cinema voucher for the 100% attendance prize draw and 10E won the over-all tutor group for attendance.

Pupils were awarded our new merit awards, 10b3, 10b2 and 10b1 English classes received a 'well done' shout out for their positive attitudes and effort and the following pupils received a special Head of Year award which was an Amazon voucher:

**Aaliyah Bicker** for improved attendance

**Thomas Pollock** for consistent effort

**Oluwanifemi Fapetu** for an outstanding start to Year 10 and excellent effort.



### Impressive Drama Monologues

The Year 10 drama group have been working on their Devising Unit of Work and on Tuesday they were set a timed challenge to write a monologue using a randomly selected sentence as a stimulus, the sentence had to appear somewhere in their work but the rest was up to their imagination. They were only given fifteen minutes to do this and the results were very creative.

Here is an example:

Stimulus: 'It has been weeks since I received communication from my brother in Iraq'

*"He promised that he would write,  
He said that he would come home,  
He promised that he would be ok,  
He said that he would never leave me alone.*

*Now I remember when I was little and I was told you were arriving,  
I wasn't happy,  
Of course I wasn't! Boys smell and they always cry  
When you were four you would pull my pigtails*

*My baby brother Jonny*

*When you were seven and I was eleven you would want to play super heroes  
but I closed the door and I wouldn't let you in.*

*You told me you were going away  
I didn't know what to say  
You promised you would write  
You promised you would be ok  
You said you would never leave me*

*It's been weeks since I received communication from my brother in Iraq  
I'm still waiting to this day  
The pain in my heart now that you have gone away"*

Written by **Caitlin McCarthy**



## KEY STAGE 4 NEWS — YEAR 11



### Year 11 Honing Skills Through Play

This week it has been a pleasure to see how well this year group get along and how they are using card games to improve their maths and logic skills at lunch time in the canteen. It just goes to show—you can adapt anything to help with revision.

### Celebrating Excellence in Year 11

Celebrating achievements: Year 11 have held their end of term rewards assembly this week and it has been a privilege to award 56 pupils with 100% attendance since September.

**Billy Meade** won the attendance draw and has been awarded a £10 Game voucher.

Special awards were given to **Ashanteigh Bicker** for improved attendance, **Lilith Masterson** and **Malachy Fawcett** for attainment and Declan Booth for service to school.

Miss Greenway

This week's top attending form groups are:

**Year 7 – 7A**

**Year 8 – 8B**

**Year 9 – 9F**

**Year 10 – 10B**

**Year 11 – 11B**

Congratulations to all those students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this academic year!

This is a fantastic achievement – keep it up!

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!  
Every day and every lesson counts!***

Mrs Shannon  
Attendance and Safeguarding Officer

Attendance



## SIXTH FORM NEWS—LONDON TRIP



On Tuesday 10 December, we took a fantastic group of our Year 12 students on a cultural visit to London.

This was an exciting opportunity for everyone, in particular those who were visiting the capital for the first time, and for some, navigating their way around the London Underground for the first time. We managed to walk over 20,000 steps and took in the sights along the way. First stop was the Bank of England Museum - the highlight being trying to pick up a gold bar weighing 14kg! As an Economics teacher, Ms Duffy thoroughly enjoyed this part of the day!

Next, we walked to St Paul's Cathedral, then across the Millennium Bridge, taking in the spectacular views of the Shard and Tower Bridge, amongst many others. As we crossed the bridge we spotted the Globe Theatre before heading into the Tate Modern.



After a hop on the tube, we looked at the exterior of the Tower of London, where Mr Bench's historical knowledge was put to the test by the staff and students! Then on to Canary Wharf and as the sun set, we returned to the South Bank to take in the sights, with our final part of the day involving a walk past Downing Street and finishing at Trafalgar Square.

The students were a joy to spend the day with - always polite and engaging. As always, they were a credit to our school and we felt very proud to belong to the Sixth Form community.



Ms Duffy, Mrs Campbell, Mr Bench





# 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

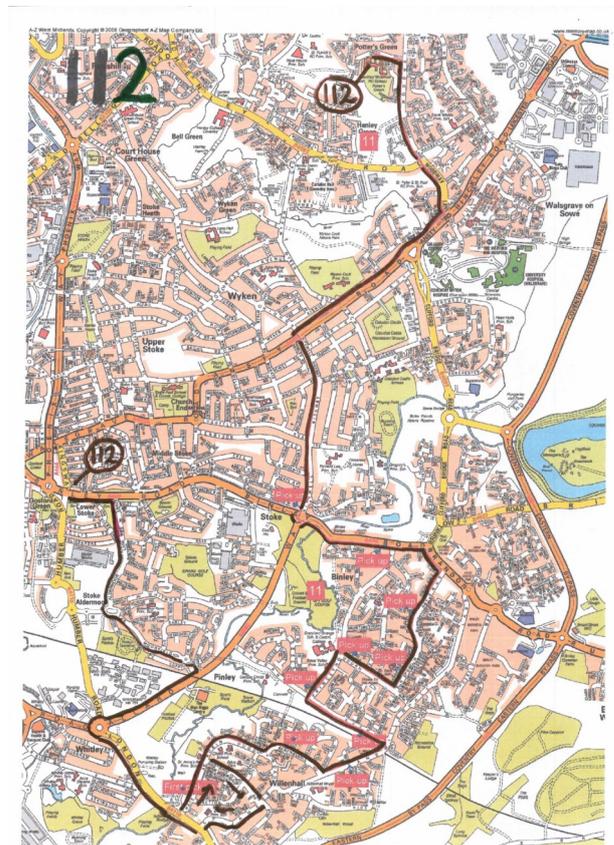
#### Cardinal Wiseman School - Willenhall - Binley Road

##### 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
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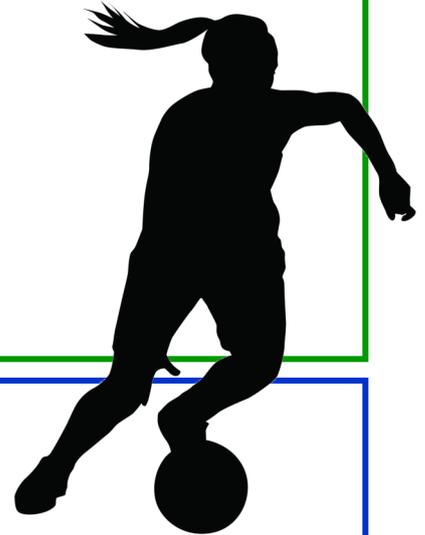




## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### PE Faculty Activities

- Badminton (all Years) Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Sports Leadership (Years 10 –13) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Rugby (Year 7) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Health and Fitness Club Wednesday (KS4) 3.30 - 4.00pm
- Football (Girls) Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Football (Boys) Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Netball (Year 10 & 11 Girls) Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Basketball (Years 10 & 11) Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm



### Languages Faculty Activities

- Polish Club (Years 7 - 9) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.00pm
- Spanish Club (Years 7 - 9) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.00pm
- Italian Club (all Years) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.00pm
- French Homework Club (for all Years) Thursday 3.30 - 4.00pm
- Latin Club (all Years) Friday 3.30 - 4.00pm (in RM 03)

### Maths Faculty

- Maths Game Club Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm



### English Faculty

- Harry Potter Club (Year 7 - 9) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.15pm
- Debating Club (Years 9 -10) Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm

### Music Department

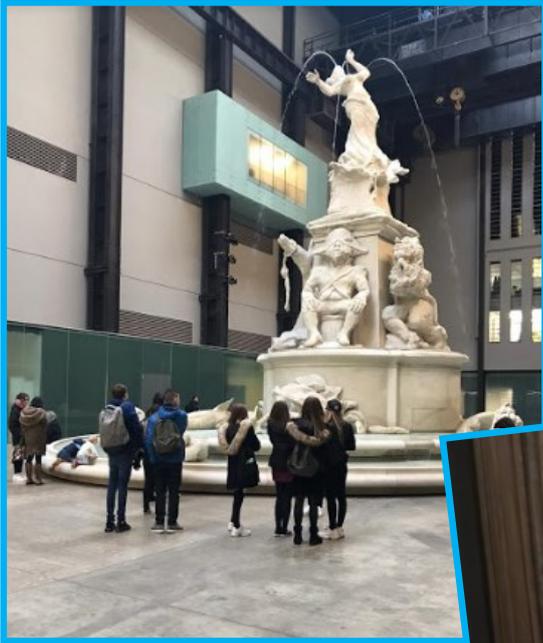
- Whole School Choir Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm



**See faculty staff for details**



## APPLIED ARTS LONDON GALLERY VISIT



On Wednesday 4 December our Year 10 and Sixth Form Art and Photography students went to London to visit some of the city's best galleries - Tate Modern, The National Gallery and The National Portrait Gallery.

As a department, we believe that visits to galleries are an essential part of artistic development. This visit gave the students valuable first hand experience of some of this country's best works of art.



A great time was had by all and the students especially loved the Christmas festivities taking place around Trafalgar Square.



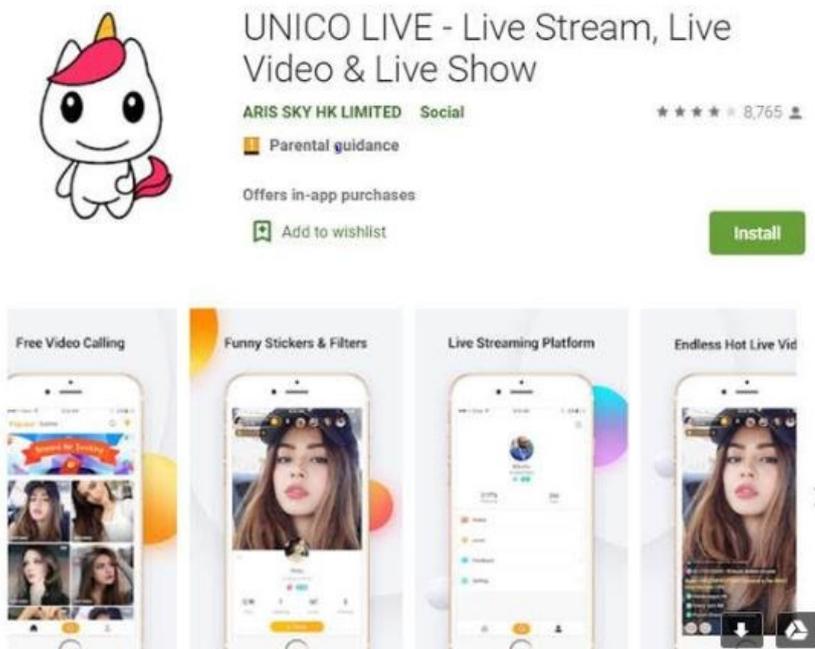


## Safeguarding

### Warning—Inappropriate Social Media App

West Midlands Police have been made aware of an App called “UNICO LIVE”. The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc. It has come to the attention of the police that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

The content does not appear to be monitored and the police are urging schools to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited.



# Safeguarding

### HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATES

We would ask parents to reinforce the following messages:

- Hot water bottles are not allowed to be brought on to the school site.
- Students must consume hot food and hot drinks inside the Canteen only.

Thank you for your continued support.