



**Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School**  
Omnia pro Christo

# Newsletter

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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The first few weeks back at school after Christmas can often be quite difficult, especially with the dark mornings and the early evenings; it is not often unusual to hear people say that they need a holiday after the Christmas break! However, the first two weeks back at Cardinal Wiseman have been full of energy, enthusiasm and fantastic events.

We have welcomed a number of visitors, most notably Fleur Sexton, Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands, who was present at our Governors' Awards Evening to give the most prestigious titles of the evening. Fleur and her visitors were hugely impressed with the students that they met and the lessons that they visited, and she has been able to offer a number of exciting opportunities for work experience for our Year 10 children.

This Sunday, we enter Ordinary Time in the Liturgical year, which is something of a misnomer, as although we do not commemorate the major events of Jesus' life, we celebrate the things that he said and did, and what he taught us. The liturgical colour for this season is green which often symbolises growth, and so it is through the teachings and the lessons from Jesus at this time of year that we too can grow spiritually.

The Leadership Team



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Post 16 Parents' Evening**

**Thursday 23 January 5.00pm - 7.00pm**



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### Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 14 January, the school had a visit from Ascension Dance Company who ran a dance and movement workshop with three groups of Year 8 and 9 boys.

The focus of the sessions allowed students to learn about different ways of moving, including breakdance, parkour and gymnastics, and how these can be incorporated into dance routines.

The sessions helped to break down the barriers of the typical perception of dance with the boys and they had a great time further developing the character education of our students at Cardinal Wiseman.



### Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to **Amelia Grewal**, 8B, who has become an Accelerated Reader Millionaire. She has been awarded an Amazon voucher as a reward. Well done!

### 60 Years of the Coventry Gang Show

2020 will see Scouts from across Coventry celebrating 60 years of presenting their annual Gang Show.

**Louise Harvey**, 8B, will be one of the many Scouts, Cubs and Explorers presenting comedy sketches, music from West End shows and songs from the charts.

The show will run from 25 - 28 March at the Belgrade Theatre. Tickets are available from the box office on 024 76553055.



### National Citizen Service Opportunities



This week, Year 11 students were presented with a fantastic opportunity by the National Citizen Service.

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is a government supported scheme open to all 16 and 17 year olds in England. It helps young people develop greater confidence, self-awareness and responsibility, working with organisations such as local businesses, youth centres and football clubs during the summer.

It encourages personal and social development by working on skills like leadership, teamwork and communication.

Students were given a pack full of information, FAQs and how to sign up to the programme. Places cost no more than £50 and bursaries are available on a case by case basis.

Please contact the NCS directly on 0116 240 7007 if you have any questions.

### Year 11 Football Cup Fixture

On Thursday, the Year 11 football team played Sidney Stringer Academy in a Coventry Telegraph Cup Fixture:

They drew the game 1-1, with Michael scoring Cardinal Wiseman's goal. The team eventually lost on penalties 5-4 but it was a good team performance. Wiseman should probably have won the game during normal time as the team missed several good chances in front of the goal.

The next game is at home against Cardinal Newman on Wednesday 29 January at 3.45pm.





### Introducing Our new Values

This week's Post 16 assembly focused on the links between IQ and achievement. They were also introduced to the importance of resilience as Year 13 enter the new year.

Along with Knowledge, Ambition and Respect, Resilience is one of Cardinal Wiseman's new values and part of our "Compass for Life".

### Moving Forward from the Mock Exams

Discussions have taken place between individual students and teachers in response to the mock exam results. Plans are being put in place to ensure that our students continue to strive for excellence.

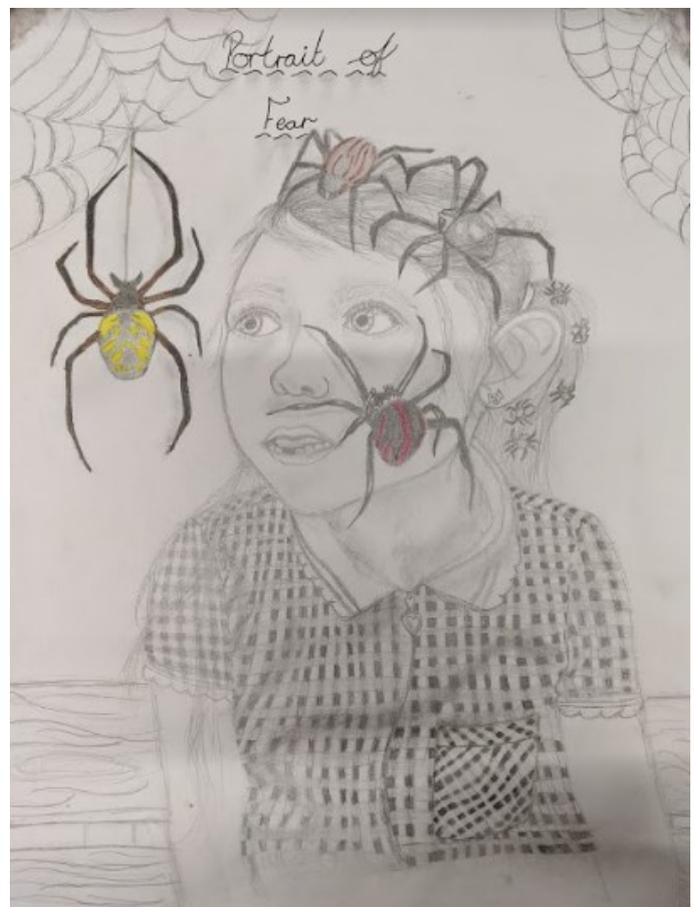
Mrs Campbell

**FEATURED**  
**ARTIST**  
GALLERY

Our artist of the week, this week, is **Sara Faluta** in Year 10.

This work is for her GCSE coursework entitled '*Strange Folk*'.

Well done Sara!!





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Catholic Life Across The Romero Academy

On 27 January, the Board of Directors and Local Academy Committee Representatives of each school will be taking part in a Romero Catholic Life Engagement Visit, to ensure that our Multi Academy Company is fulfilling their expected governance oversight of Catholic Life. This is a key part of our mission and strategic plan of The Romero Academy.

The Engagement Visits will take place at all schools within the Romero MAC with each visit involving at least one director and two local academy committee members engaging with students and staff. They will be focusing on the Catholic Life of our schools to see that our faith permeates all areas of school life and beyond in our communities.

Key to this, they will be talking to members of the school community during the day and you may be approached by a governor as we seek the views of parents before or after school.

This visit will capture key evidence of Catholic Life for our Section 48 Inspections, conducted by the Diocese, due across the Academy over the next two terms.

Mrs Quinn  
Catholic Senior Executive Leader





## 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 - Wasps Coaching (KS3 Boys) Wednesday 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 (Girls) Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Basketball (KS4) Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm

### Languages Faculty Activities

Polish Club (Years 7 - 9) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.00pm  
Spanish Club (KS3) 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) Tuesday 3.30 - 4.00pm (in RM 03)

### Science Faculty

Science Club (KS3) Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm

### RE Department

Philosophy and Ethics Film Club (KS4) Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

### Music Department

Whole School Choir Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm

### English Faculty

'Up for Debate' Debating Club (KS3) Wednesday 3.30 - 4.15pm (in FR 08)  
Harry Potter Club Tuesday 3.30 - 4.15pm (in FR 07)

**See faculty staff for details**



# Helping Hands



The Coventry Deanery in partnership with the Kenelm Youth Trust are looking to run a mission and outreach event from St. Mary and Benedict parish hall, Hillfields on Saturday Jan 25th - Sunday Jan 26th 2020!

Staff, adult volunteers and young people from our parishes and Catholic Secondary Schools will be engaging in active service over this weekend. We are asking the ROMERO MAC to support us in collecting items for bespoke care packages for the homeless and refugees that volunteers and young people from our catholic secondary schools will distribute.

Thursday/Friday Jan. 23/24th - Volunteers will pick up items collected by schools

Saturday Jan. 25th - Young People will collate care packages in the morning and prepare food. Our guests invited by volunteers from Refugee/Homeless agencies will arrive at the parish hall from midday and lunch will be served and care packages distributed. Free haircuts are also being offered and health checks by nurses from our parishes.

Sunday Jan. 26th - Loneliness is a growing challenge and our focus will be the elderly. Over 60's from the community of Hillfields and neighbouring parishes will be invited to Sunday 11.30am Mass and a special New Year lunch will be served, followed by entertainment and music organised by young people.

**CARE  
PACKAGE**  
*for the homeless*

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
HELPING HANDS PROJECT**

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**ROMERO MAC**  
**Please collect the following  
items for the care package**

**Bottles of Water  
Granola/Cereal bars  
Crisps  
Chocolate Bars  
Fruit/savoury snacks  
Rain gear  
Torch  
Tuna and Crackers**

**Please bring your donations  
to the chapel - thank you**



## ATTENDANCE

This week's top attending form groups are:

**Year 7 – 7A**

**Year 8 – 8B**

**Year 9 – 9F**

**Year 10 – 10A**

**Year 11 – 11D**

**The school attendance target is 98%**

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 and Miss Walsh

## Facebook Relaunch

Visit Cardinal Wiseman School's new Facebook page, using the link below, for extra updates and news.

<https://m.facebook.com/cardinalwisemancoventry/>

Attendance



### SAFEGUARDING

Dear Parents and Carers

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet.

We are therefore delighted to announce that Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have worked with National Online Safety to deliver an interactive online workshop for all our parents and carers.

The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:

- Information about online dangers and the newest platforms
- What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child.

Please click on the **LINK** below for the URL you need to visit to register your account . You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

[LINK](#)

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes a wide range of online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

If you have any questions, or trouble accessing the course please contact [support@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:support@nationalonlinesafety.com).

Yours sincerely

Mrs Marshment  
Assistant Principal and Safeguarding Lead