



**Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School**

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

29 September

Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of every school year provides an opportunity to reflect on our mission as a Catholic school and to renew our commitment to the work of Catholic education. We do so this year in extraordinary circumstances and challenges that we have not had to face before.

The gospel account of Jesus calming of the storm is one which should bring us inspiration and encouragement at this time of difficulty and challenge. We are continually invited to remember that Christ is present with us in all the circumstances of life.

As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 crisis we renew our commitment to the task of educating our children in a safe and welcoming school community where Christ can be found for all who work and learn within it.

As the weather turns distinctly towards autumn, we will face different challenges in and around the school. The changing temperature, coupled with the need to keep rooms well-ventilated is the first one that we will encounter. Can I please ask that your child comes to school with their jumper and blazer, rather than just a blazer. If they feel cold, we do encourage under-layers as we would prefer not to have students sitting in class with coats on.

Our staff are continually reminding students to socially distance in outdoor areas, and although we appreciate that this is difficult all of the time, we urge you to speak to your child about making sure that they do not touch or brush against other students and to put themselves in a position where others cannot make contact with them.

As always, I hope that you and your families are safe and well, and you have a happy and holy weekend.

God bless.

Mr Everett



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## CATERING SERVICE

The catering team within the Romero Academy provides every student with a high quality, first class meal. Having an in-house service allows us to hold school meal prices at £2.22 for the 2020/21 academic year.

Due to the Coronavirus guidelines, we are not currently able to offer all year groups the full menu although we will arrange for a carousel where each year group will rotate between the canteen and collecting grab bags.

From Monday 28 September we will be opening the catering wagon for Years 9,10, 11 and 6th form on alternate days. The aim is to provide as much of the menu as possible from the canteen as well as the continued option of the grab bags. On Monday, Year 11 and 6th form will have this provision and on Tuesday 29 September this will switch to Year 9 and 10. This will continue to alternate for the foreseeable future. The only date this provision will be unavailable will be Thursday 8 October due to training for the catering staff.

Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>meat dish ... meat dish ...</i>				
<b>Marinated Chicken Fillet Burger</b> spicy dice potatoes, Salad, & Sauces	<b>Chicken Tikka Curry</b> Steamed rice, naan	<b>Potato and Meat Pie</b> Pastry crust, and Seasonal Vegetables	<b>Spicy Chicken kebabs,</b> Salad, Chilli Sauce, Mint Yogurt, Vegetable Rice	<b>Battered Fish &amp; Chips</b> Baked Beans Or Mushy Peas
<i>vegetarian dish ... vegetarian dish ...</i>				
<b>Quorn Southern Style Burger</b> spicy dice potatoes, Salad, & Sauces	<b>Veggie Chilli</b> Steamed rice	<b>Chilli Bean Burrito</b> Wedges & Cajun 'slaw	<b>Quorn Kebab Flatbread, served as above</b>	<b>Pizza style Cheese Whirls</b> Chips & beans
And There's More....				
<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>	<b>Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes</b>
<i>pudding ... pudding ...</i>				
<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>	<b>Assorted home-bakes &amp; cakes</b>
<b>If you have specific dietary requirements - Please ask for advice or Allergen information</b>				



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### KS3 Awards

Well done to Year 7 who have the best attendance for a Year group in school. All KS3 students with 100% attendance will be awarded with certificates and badges at the end of September. These students will also be entered into a prize draw for a £10 Amazon voucher where there will be a winner in each Year group.

Tutors of each form in KS3 will nominate four students that have demonstrated one of our four Compass for Life values, for a reward this half term. The values are Respect, Resilience, Knowledge and Ambition.

Mr Alcott

### Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 30 September for ALL new Bronze students in Year 9. If any Year 9 student missed the last meeting, but would like to know more, they are welcome to come along and join the others after school in the Sixth Form Centre between 3:30 - 4:30pm.

All other students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh awards should refer to the training timetable and be following the online training each Wednesday.

They should also be preparing for expeditions later in the year and making a note of when they need to meet for face to face training.

Mrs Jefferson



### Year 7 and 8 Shared Reading



As part of the whole school literacy programme, Year 7 and 8 form groups have each been allocated a class reading book. The titles range from favourite classics such as 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Little Women' to adventurous romps like 'Stormbreaker' and 'The Hunger Games'.

These books are intended as 'reading for pleasure' during form time and it is hoped the students will enjoy the shared reading experience.

Miss Gould



### Year 10: GCSE Pod

There was an assembly on Tuesday introducing GCSEPod to Year 10. Below are instructions about how to access the site.



If your child has not yet set up an account, go to [gcsepod.com](https://gcsepod.com), go to the login page, and click 'New to GCSEPod? Get Started'. From here, registration will take less than two minutes.

Once a student has set up an account and logged in, they will be able to access thousands of videos and linked questions relating directly to the subjects they are studying in school.

If a student needs any help accessing GCSEPod, needs reminding of their username or wants a password reset, they should speak to their form tutor, or Mr Lambert.

Enjoy! (Remember, there will be prizes for GCSEPod heroes!)



### KS4 Artist of the Week

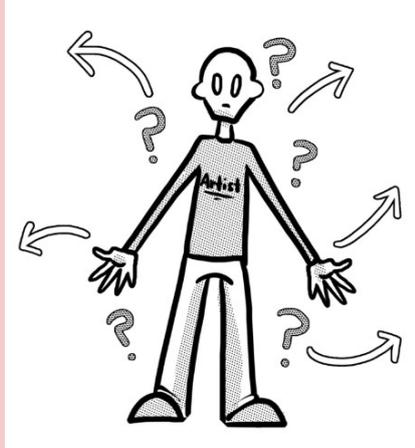
Even with the present restrictions, Year 11 Applied Arts students are still producing some amazing work.

This week's artist of the week is  
**Sylwia Bozkiewicz**



### ***Did you know?***

There is a school of thought that Year 11 to Year 12 is one of the hardest transitions for students to make. Students now have to deal with a new way of working, learning and organising their time - so it is really important that the transition into Year 12, and the subsequent learning that takes place is as good as it can be.



### ***What can I do?***

- One key difference between Year 11 and Year 12 is that students will have study periods, and these will need to be used wisely. Those of you familiar with Harry Potter will recollect that Hermione had it nailed: *"As Hermione had predicted, the sixth year's free periods were not the hours of blissful relaxation Ron had anticipated, but times in which to attempt to keep up with the vast amount of homework they were being set. Not only were they studying as though they had exams every day, but the lessons themselves had become more demanding than ever before."*
- One very important thing is to support students dealing with beginning a new course – and what happens when they get their first piece of work back. Usually this will not be the type of grade that they were used to receiving by the end of Year 11. We are not expecting students to achieve their targets at the beginning of Year 12.
- It is important to encourage your child to get into helpful routines as Year 12/13 is about them being independent and responsible. If they are given a homework diary, they should record what they need to do in there and when it is due. They need to plan out their time properly.
- To motivate them, it is often helpful if they gather some ideas of what they might do after KS5 is over. There are so many options available for students post 18 and it is good for them to look at some of the options right at the start.

Please contact us if you have any questions: [rkingshott@cwcscoventry.co.uk](mailto:rkingshott@cwcscoventry.co.uk),  
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# Uniform Donations Please!

We would really welcome any donations of blazers, jumpers, school ties and other 'nearly new' items of uniform that your child has outgrown. We keep these as freshly washed items for students to borrow, if the need arises.

Please send any donations in a carrier bag with your child or give them to any member of staff (in a red coat) at the school gates. Thank you.



## ATTENDANCE

### Well done Year 7 who still have the best attendance!

- Best form group in Year 7 is 7F at 98.5%
- Best form group in Year 8 is 8B at 96%
- Best form group in Year 9 is 9B at 96.2%
- Best form group in Year 10 is 10A at 97.1%
- Best form group in Year 11 is 11E at 97%

Please encourage all students to attend everyday as attendance is very important. It is crucial all absences are reported by 09:30am everyday. It is very important you keep school updated to ensure all absences are recorded correctly. If any COVID tests are taken in the household, please keep school updated. A copy of all results, positive or negative, must, please, be forwarded onto school via: [attendance@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk)

The attendance team are always available to help support families and students with their attendance, any concerns please contact us.

Attendance

**CHECK IN**

At Your  
Doctors



**CHECK UP**

On Your  
Health



**CHECK OUT**

Your Health  
Action Plan



The Health Team presents...

# MY LIFE, MY RIGHTS, MY HEALTH, MY CHOICE!

In 2019 only 39 per cent of people with learning disabilities had their Annual Health Check in Coventry and Warwickshire... let's change this!

Please join us for this online event to talk about the scheme and generate ideas to improve uptake.



**TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER  
1:30-3:30PM**

Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 851 9853 8042  
Passcode: 111820

Please RSVP and we can send you a direct link:  
[thehealthteam@grapevinecovandwarks.org](mailto:thehealthteam@grapevinecovandwarks.org)





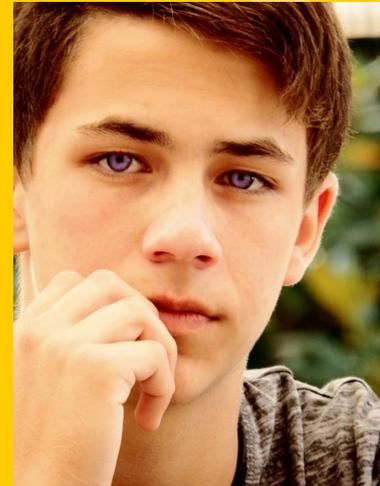
# Every Mind Matters



<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

## Looking after your mental health

Having good mental health helps us relax more, achieve more and enjoy our lives more. The link above gives you access to expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.



## Looking after a child's mental health

There are times when we all feel the strain. As parents and carers, there are ways we can support children and young people to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy and help them cope with whatever further changes we all may face. Take a look at: [Advice for Parents and Carers](#)

## Self-care for young people

Let's be honest: 2020 has been pretty tough, and being back at school or college is not exactly a walk in the park either. That's why taking care of our mental health is so important, especially now. Check out the [self-care videos](#) for loads of tips and techniques to help you do just that.