



**Cardinal Wiseman
Catholic School**
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Newsletter

October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary



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Dear Parents and Carers,

October is incredibly important for us as a school, both in terms of our Catholicity and our community.

Firstly, it is the month of the Rosary, where we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary on 7 October. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there. The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century to connect closer to God than ourselves, and to give us the space and peace of mind that it brings.

Secondly, October is important for our school community as the UK celebrates Black History Month, celebrating black women and men whose contribution to history has often not had the prominence that it deserves. We ended our whole school assembly this week with every single one of us reciting 'Invictus', the poem that Nelson Mandela said helped him through his twenty-seven year imprisonment for fighting apartheid.

As a Catholic school in a diverse community, respect for all of our students and their heritage is of the utmost importance, and, as we hear right at the start of the New Testament, God creates each and every one of us in his own image.

Have a happy and holy weekend.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month and Key Stage 3 have all been studying aspects of black history in various parts of their curriculum this week.

The importance of Black History Month was explained with a presentation during form time PSHE sessions.

In English lessons, students have been introduced to a range of work by key influential poets of African decent.

In History, Black History is embedded into every topic throughout the year including black Tudors, the Civil Rights Movement and the Windrush Generation.

KS3 100% Attendance Heroes

Well done to 443 students across Years 7, 8 and 9 who have received 100% attendance postcards to commend their resilience in these trying times. They have also received a green badge to commemorate this and to show how proud we are of them as a school. We hope they wear it with pride.

Year 9 Careers Meetings

Year 9 began to attend their career appointments on Thursday. In these sessions, students will discuss their future and what they need to do to ensure they get there.

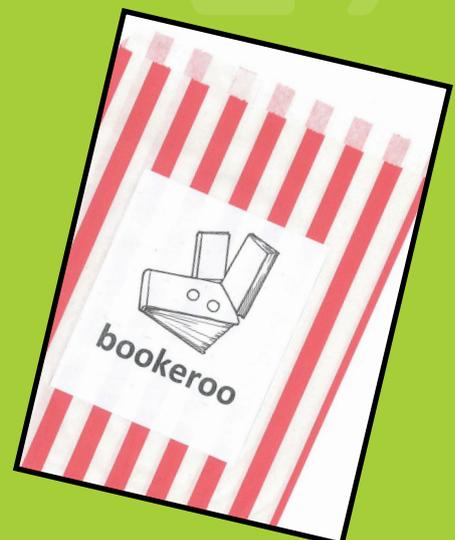
They will discuss a wide range of post-16 options and opportunities that we offer at Cardinal Wiseman and we will encourage them to start thinking about them now in preparation for choosing their options later on in the year.

The Library's on Deliveroo! (well, almost)

As most of the school cannot visit the library, books are being delivered with our own service "Bookeroo".

At present only offered to Key Stage 3, students can email their book requests to : cgould@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk and a book will be delivered to their form room within a couple of days.

Books can be returned by putting them in the special post box outside the library door and all books will then be quarantined for 72 hours and wiped down before being offered for loan again.





New Hot Food Choices for KS4



Year 10 and 11 pupils have been excited this week as they now have the opportunity to purchase hot food choices at break and lunch times from our new school food truck.

This has gone down an absolute treat with offerings such as chicken curry, spicy quorn burgers and American style burritos,

Year 10 can use this facility on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Year 11 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Year 10: Careers Meetings

Each Wednesday over the next few weeks, Year 10 students will be invited to attend a meeting about careers. Our careers advisor will hold the meetings and discuss routes and options for our Year 10 students' future careers.

If any Year 10 student has any questions about careers or the careers advice process, please contact form tutors or Mr Lambert.

A Message from Mrs Taylor—Head of Year 11

Year 11 students are continuing to settle back into school life well. It has been wonderful to go into lessons and see students enjoying their learning experience on a daily basis. The positive attitudes of Year 11 embody our Catholic Values as a school and each student uses our Compass for Life in their daily routines to make them the best students they can be.

On Tuesday this week, careers appointments began for Year 11 with our careers advisor. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discuss their future plans after Year 11. Whilst we hope that students will stay here at Cardinal Wiseman for 6th Form, a range of opportunities will be discussed during their 30 minute appointment.

Can I please ask that you ensure your children are in school and lined up for 8:50am. Learning starts when, as Head of Year, I welcome your children to school each morning and lateness will not be accepted. Please also ensure that your child has the correct uniform. If there are any concerns or issues with regards to your child's uniform, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance or refer to our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

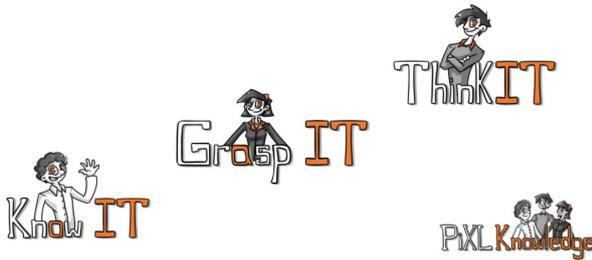
As always, if you require any support please feel free to contact me
ltaylor@cwcscoventry.co.uk.



During a Year 12 individual tutor group assembly, the sixth form focused on **Independent Learning and PIXL Resources**. Mrs Campbell explained how students should organise their study folders as well as how they should be using their independent study time - both in and out of school. PIXL 6 have produced a range of resources that have been added to the Year 12 Google Classroom so that students can access these when working independently.

Subject specific resources are available from individual subject teachers:

PIXL Knowledge is made up of 3 parts



These resources allow students to build their confidence in their subjects, as the tasks get progressively more challenging.

The more generic resources are on Google Classroom and students can select the ones that they think are appropriate for their subjects - subject teachers can guide on their use.

PiXL Independence Templates

The image displays three PiXL Independence templates. Each template includes a header with the PiXL logo and the title of the resource. The first template, 'Ranking Triang', features a pyramid diagram and instructions for ranking information. The second, 'Thinking I', includes a list of tasks for analyzing text. The third, 'Question Time', has a table for recording questions, answers, and things to ask the teacher. Each template also contains a footer with a disclaimer and the PiXL logo.

If students are still unsure of what work they can be doing outside of lesson time, the Teaching and Learning board in the 6th Form Centre has recommendations from subject teachers in our school.



CHAPLAINCY



On Thursday 1 October, Cardinal Wiseman School hosted a virtual Mass for Year 8 and pupils from three of our Romero primary schools, St John Fisher, St Patrick's and Ss Peter and Paul.

Father Peter celebrated Mass in the chapel at Cardinal Wiseman and it was streamed live across the Romero schools. The focus of the service was the significance of Mass in our spiritual lives. Students from 8A had written the bidding prayers.

The aim is to bring together all the Romero schools in collective worship over the coming weeks. It is hoped that one of the schools in Malawi, where students and staff from Cardinal Wiseman have regularly visited in previous years, can also be linked with us to celebrate Mass in the near future.



ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 7 who still have the best attendance!

- Best form group in Year 7 is 7A at 97.9%
- Best form group in Year 8 is 8A at 95.8%
- Best form group in Year 9 is 9B at 96.8%
- Best form group in Year 10 is 10A at 96.4%
- Best form group in Year 11 is 11E at 97.2%

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

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

Attendance

Artist of the Week this week is
Year 11 photography student
Ben Brewster.

FEATURED
ARTIST
GALLERY



Whilst visiting the Tate Modern in London, Ben saw a piece of work called *Wrinkle* by Argentine artist Liliana Porter (see left).

Wrinkle is a portfolio of ten photo-etchings that show the gradual crumpling of a piece of white paper, from an immaculate rectangle to a ball of waste.

Ben was inspired to produce the beautifully lit photograph below.





Important Notice: Cardinal Wiseman Catering to become cashless

The catering facilities within Cardinal Wiseman will become cashless after the October half-term break. This is due to the following:

- Not all year groups can access the cash loading facilities within the dining halls due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- This system allows parents to have total transparency in seeing what their children are eating.
- It eliminates cash handling within the school for both security reasons and Covid-19 safety.

Parents will therefore be required to top-up their child’s student account via Parent Mail. Please ensure that you are signed up to Parentmail and that your details are up-to-date.

Week Two				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lincolnshire sausage and Bean Casserole Crusty Bread, Roasted new potatoes	FireCracker Meatballs Steamed veggie rice	Classic Lasagne Salad, Garlic Bread	Chicken Flatbread Salad, Spiced Bombay Potato	Battered Fish & Chips Baked Beans Or Mushy Peas
Veggie Enchilada Salsa, Apple 'Slaw, salad	Mixed Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetable lasagne Salad, Garlic Bread	Quorn Flatbread Salad, Spiced Bombay Potato	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Chips & beans
And There's More....				
Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes	Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes	Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes	Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes	Selected Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes
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If you have specific dietary requirements - Please ask for advice or Allergen information				





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thursday 1st October 2020 marks the start of Black History Month. This is a special time at Cardinal Wiseman School where we promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage.

Alongside our core British Values, we will encourage all students to explore ideas that promote respect and understanding of one another.

We will also consider important historical events as we learn about Black History whilst taking the opportunity to celebrate the lives of positive black role models and the positive contribution they have made and continue to make. As always, this will be undertaken in an age appropriate and considerate way.

We know our children are keen readers. Further ideas of books for a range of ages that link with Black History Month can be found here:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/bhm/Black-History-Month>

At Cardinal Wiseman we are always keen to learn from one another and promote understanding of different cultures and backgrounds.

