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Daer Parents and Carers

"Be comforted, my people, be strengthened," says your God.

These are the words from the first reading this weekend, from Isaiah.

We are increasingly finding from our students, parents, carers and staff that this message is a difficult one to heed; every day there is a worry that in ordinary times would not concern us so much, but in Covid times seems to be more troubling. Please be reassured that you are not alone and that we are working closely with every agency possible to keep school open to as many students as possible and deliver as normal an education as possible for those unable to come in.

I am deeply grateful to the supportive messages that have come from so many parents in recent days, and for your support in informing us of any illnesses and symptoms, no matter how small so that we can advise and support. Can I please urge you to communicate to us if you have ordered a test, and not to send in your children who have even the mildest of symptoms.

As we are in Advent, it would be remiss of me not to make a pun on light, and with the news this week of a potential vaccine, there really is light at the end of the tunnel, both medically, and spiritually for us. This will be very welcome news for many of you who are extremely vulnerable or have family and friends in this category. As we approach Christmas, it really is a time of hope and light and as a tight community I believe we can come through this stronger than ever.

God bless.

Mr Everett



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Interfaith Week Winners!



Congratulations to Ishaal (8E) who has won first prize in the Interfaith Art Competition!

Well done Ishaal! Your greeting card was given to the Coventry Refugee Centre.

Congratulations to **Ana-Maria (7G)** who has won first prize in the Interfaith Bake Off Competition!

Ana-Maria created a special Romanian dish called Sarmale. Well-done Ana!



A big thank you to all staff, students and parents who kindly donated items to the Refugee Centre during Interfaith Week.

A New Year 8 Competition!

2020 wasn't so great was it?
Well, we want 2021 to feel goood!

Recommend a 'feel good' book to cheer us all up and you could win a **£10 Amazon voucher!**

Just email, share, write or draw a short review of your favourite 'happy read' and send (via you form tutor if you would prefer) to Miss Gould for your chance to win.

Year 8 Library Competition



YEAR 9

KNIFE CRIME

PROJECT

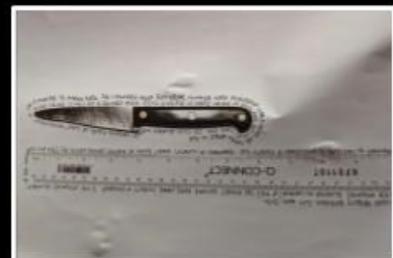
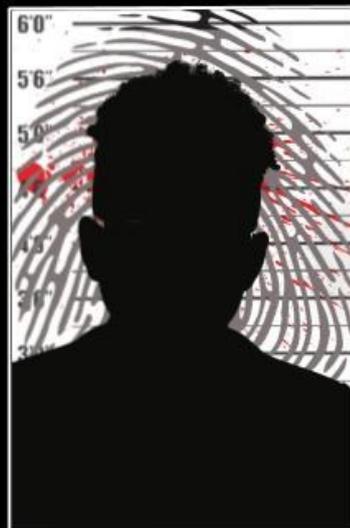
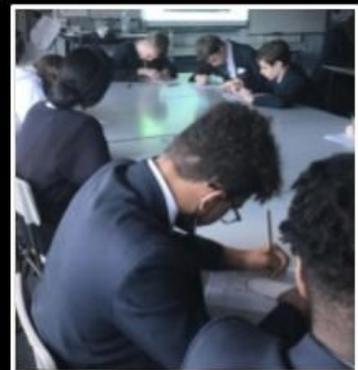
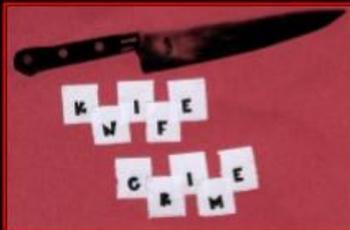
PC Cooper, a West Midlands police officer, visited Year 9 pupils at Cardinal Wiseman RC School. He led a discussion about knife crime, answering questions and giving up to date knowledge on knife crime within the Coventry area. The students were set a brief by PC Cooper to create an anti-knife crime poster which will potentially be posted on billboards around the city and used within Coventry City of Culture.

Using contemporary artists as inspiration benefited the students greatly, as it enabled them to explore artists who are relevant, progressive and explore social and political issues within their work.

CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS

Used for inspiration included:

- Andy Warhol
- Stefan Sagmeister
- Sophie Calle
- Lorna Simpson
- Bobby Neel Adams
- Gillian Wearing
- Arnulf Rainer
- Barbara Kruger





KEY STAGE 4 : Spotlight on Post 16 Courses



Continuing our subject spotlights for Post 16 study here at Cardinal Wiseman, this week we would like to present: Media Studies and Geography.

For further information, please speak to a member of the 6th Form team

A Level Geography

I have worked at Cardinal Wiseman School for three years now, and taught A level geography in three educational sectors for more than 20 years.

The subject (as you would expect) is as relevant today as it was when I started teaching. It has evolved to reflect the challenges facing us today and remains topical and current.

I love the vibrancy and relevance of geography, particularly the way that when you switch the TV on every day for the news, you are seeing geography in action, in front of your eyes. Whether that is the changing political geography of the United States, the accelerated melting of the polar ice caps or the impact and spread of coronavirus it is all geography.

A level geography challenges you to question why the world is the way it is, and gets the students to consider the main drivers of change. It allows you to understand so much more about the world in which you live. The A level specification will excite your mind, challenge perceptions and stimulate student investigative and analytical skills. New units have been added to reflect the world today, but you will also see the retention of topics you have previously enjoyed such as hazards and population.

This course is suitable for any student with an enquiring mind, who wishes to better understand how interconnected the global community is.

Mr Stockton and the geography department look forward to welcoming you to A Level Geography at Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form.



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Media Studies

Media is the study of mass communication and A Level Media Studies gives students the opportunity to study a range of media, including: news, television, film, video games, advertising, magazines, radio and music video.

This is a highly popular subject that allows students to make sense of the world that we live in, analysing how audiences are attracted and maintained, what motivates media industries and how certain groups are represented in the mainstream media.

It is a very relevant subject as it is about current forms of entertainment and information, scrutinising texts that students are probably already familiar with but looking at them from a new perspective. Studying Media encourages students to consider the messages that are being communicated on a daily basis, what myths are perpetuated in the mainstream media and how independent industries can challenge the establishment.

Not only is this an academic subject involving knowledge of, and ability to, apply a theoretical framework, but there is also the opportunity to be creative in Media. 30% of the A Level grade comes from the students' NEA Coursework where they will work in print and video, as well as web design. Therefore, the skills that students develop over the course not only could lead directly into a career in an area of the media (such as journalism or advertising) but also aid students to be more creative, familiar with computer programmes, and develop their design skills.

For Year 12 we also run a vocational media course, Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media Level 3. In this course there is an increased emphasis on practical skills and 50% of the final grade is accrued through coursework units. Typically students will gain practical experience in filming, film editing, creating radio adverts and promotional posters - we aim to give our students a wide range of practical tasks in which they can develop more hands-on skills, as well as their written, academic abilities.

Due to the very nature of what Media is, this subject is also beneficial to students wanting to develop their understanding of communication.

Mr Keane looks forward to meeting students who opt for this course.



Effective Revision in the Sixth Form

Sixth form students have been continuing their assemblies on 'Effective Revision'. This week, we focused on two elements:

'Retrieval Practice' and 'Elaboration'

Students are encouraged to apply these principles in their revision for their subjects. These learning strategies are relevant across all subject areas.

Subject teachers are able to support students in using these strategies for revision and can demonstrate in a lesson - just ask!

Mrs Campbell

LEARN TO STUDY USING...
Retrieval Practice
PRACTICE BRINGING INFORMATION TO MIND

HOW TO DO IT

Put away your class materials, and write or sketch everything you know. Be as thorough as possible. Then, check your class materials for accuracy and important points you missed.

Take as many practice tests as you can get your hands on. If you don't have ready-made tests, try making your own and trading with a friend who has done the same.

You can also make flashcards. Just make sure you practice recalling the information on them, and go beyond definitions by thinking of links between ideas.

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LEARN TO STUDY USING...
Elaboration
EXPLAIN AND DESCRIBE IDEAS WITH DETAILS

HOW TO DO IT

Ask yourself questions while you are studying about how things work and why, and then find the answers in your class materials and discuss them with your classmates.

As you elaborate, make connections between different ideas to explain how they work together. Take two ideas and think of ways they are similar and different.

Describe how the ideas you are studying apply to your own experiences or memories. As you go through your day, make connections to the ideas you are learning in class.

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Advent Assemblies

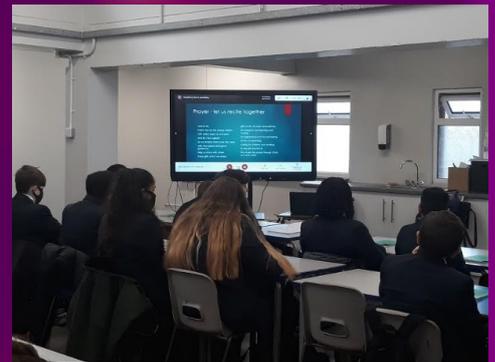
Advent is a season of preparation for the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ and we wait in anticipation for the celebration of the glorious birth of our saviour. At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we started to celebrate Advent on Monday 30 November and the celebrations will continue until 18 December.

In order to celebrate Advent both staff from the Senior Leadership Team and students representing all Year groups, are participating by showing their God given talents of guidance, teaching, singing and music.

Our school chaplain Father Peter showed us the way, using 'Walk With Me' booklets to learn about the daily Advent reflections during Advent Assemblies. The services are held at form times and streamed live from the school chapel. Each day we have a different Catholic theme which is inspired from the Gospel reading for that day.

The Advent assemblies are supported by our dedicated IT Team.

Chaplaincy





CATERING SERVICE

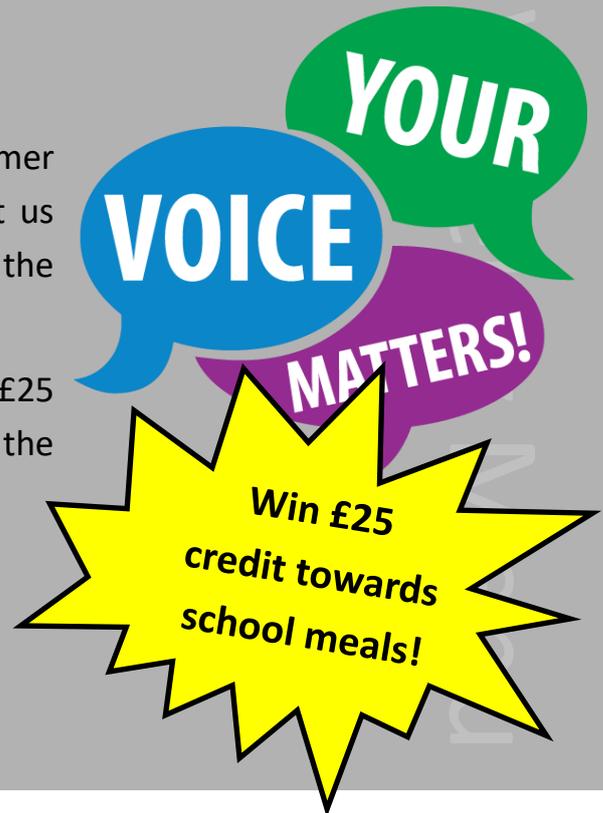
Time is running out!

There is still time to take part in our customer survey. Please click on the link below and let us know what you and your children think about the catering service at Cardinal Wiseman School!

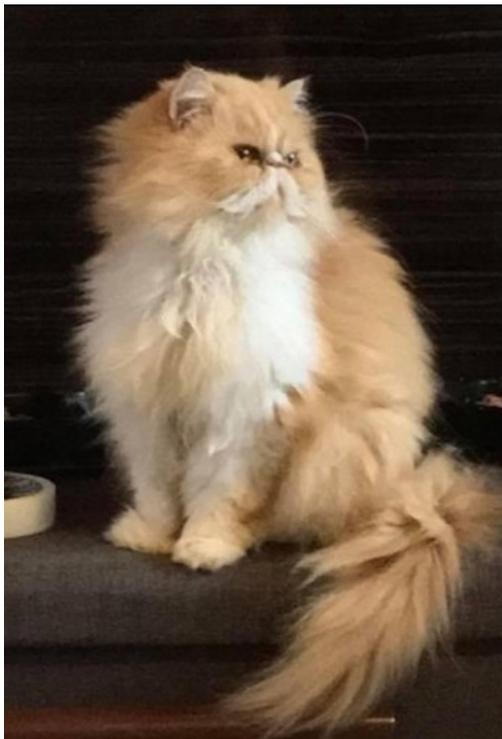
If you want to be entered into a draw for £25 towards school meals, just add your name to the survey.

Thank you.

[Have your say.](#)



A family closely associated with Cardinal Wiseman School have lost their cats after a house fire. If anyone spots them around the Wood End area could you please contact the school and we will get in touch with the family. Thank you



TIER 3

But what does it mean?!?

COVID-19 TIER 3 VERY HIGH

In place from 2nd December 2020

Do...

Stay safe!



If you have to go out

Wash hands



Wash your hands regularly

Cover face



Wear a mask

Make space



Keep 2m apart from others

Rule of six



Meet up to 6 people in public parks but not in private gardens

Education



Go to School, College, University

Work



Go to work, or work from home if you are able

Medical



Attend medical appointments if necessary

Don't...

Meet others



Meet people from outside of your household indoors

Space



Don't forget about social distancing, MAKE SPACE!

Travel



Travel outside of Coventry if you don't have to, reduce the amount of journeys you make

Food and drinks



Go to pubs and restaurants - THEY ARE CLOSED

Events



Attend large events with lots of people

Transport



Don't use public transport (buses, trains) if you don't have to

Youth Groups



Go to Youth Centres and engage in Youth Work Activities

Sports



Take part in organised sports activities outdoors

Gyms



Gyms are open but not for group exercise or sport indoors

Shopping



Use shops and local businesses

Hair



Visit Hairdressers & Barbers following social distancing rules

Food



Use Takeaway, Drive Through or Delivery food services

Worship



Visit places of worship with people in your household

Mental Health



Take care of your own mental health and ask for support if you need it

Entertainment

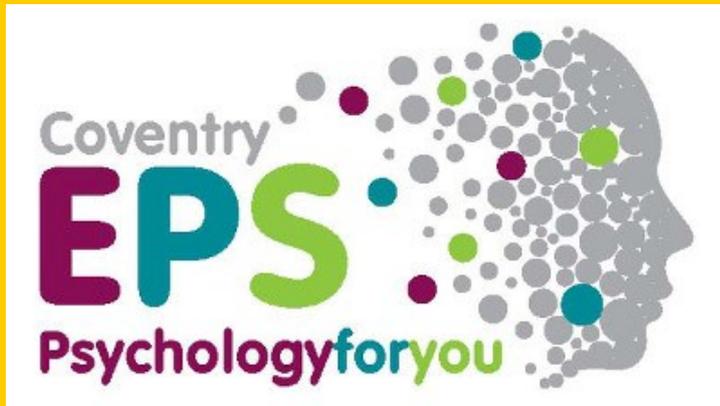


Go to cinemas or other places for entertainment, including tourist attractions (e.g theme parks) THEY ARE CLOSED

Holidays



Go away on holiday, use hotels, Air BnB's or stay overnight anywhere that isn't your own home



Young People's Mental Health Survey

The Educational Psychology Service is a team of educational psychologists who work with schools and parents/carers to promote the educational, personal and social development of children and young people

The Educational Psychology Service have developed a short online survey, to gather information about young peoples' mental health and their experience of returning to school this term.

The survey is open to all young people attending primary or secondary schools within Coventry and takes approximately five minutes to complete.

The link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WellbeingAtSchool2020>

The survey will remain open until 6 January.

Thank you.