



Cardinal Wiseman
Catholic School
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Newsletter

Happy Easter!

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of what has probably been the most challenging, and yet rewarding, term that I have ever known. It began with our plans for the first half term being ditched after one day back at school and going into a second lockdown that would last nine weeks. Although there were a few minor issues with settling into home learning, I am proud of all of the students and staff who made this possible in such trying circumstances, and who have acted with such integrity and dedication in what may well be some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

It has been lovely to see and hear the reward assemblies this week, and the Heads of Year have spoken of how proud they are of all students who have done their best to come to school, get on with learning, and catch up as much as possible. Our school is an incredibly positive place at the moment and I hope that all our students and families take the Easter break to rest, reflect and look forward to our next term.

As always, I would urge you to remind your children to go home as swiftly and safely as possible and act responsibly in the community. We have some local residents, particularly around Frankwell Drive, who have reported some occasional inappropriate behaviour. I know that you want your children to exhibit the values that you instil in them as well as those that we do in school, and so I will reiterate to students that whilst they are in a Cardinal Wiseman uniform, they must represent the values of our school and obviously you as parents and carers.

Finally, as we enter the Easter Triduum, please do take a few moments to reflect on how much you and your family have accomplished over this last year, and how the Resurrection - the sign of new life - is so important for us as a community of faith. Please take time to watch our school reflection on Holy Week to aid your spiritual and emotional wellbeing this Easter: <https://youtu.be/OY7rJbioGHs>.

As always, take care, and God bless.

Mr Everett and the Senior Leadership Team



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Farewell and Good Luck !



We say goodbye and good luck to Sarah Tipton who leaves us this term after nearly 20 years of teaching French to students at Cardinal Wiseman. She will be very sorely missed by students and staff alike. Good luck in your new adventure Sarah.

On Tuesday there was a special virtual staff briefing to mark the retirement of Gaynor Jones. The school celebrated the 22 years of service Gaynor has provided in the school canteen. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.



It's a Slam Dunk for After-School Activities!

Last week, the PE department finally got to put our partnership with "Guardian Ballers" into action after months of organising and upheaval of plans!

On Wednesday our Year 8's started their six week programme with Kieran Joseph and his team of coaches. The Guardian Ballers UK, in association with Coventry and Warwickshire MIND, aim to empower young people through basketball and improve mental and emotional wellbeing.

We had a total of 19 girls take part during their PE lesson and 21 boys and girls at after school club. Kieran spoke to the pupils about their mental health while also engaging them with the fundamentals of basketball skills.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and are looking forward to the next few weeks.

Mrs North



Key Stage 3 Drama Club
Wednesdays in the Drama Studio 3.30pm - 4.15pm
See Miss Greenway for more details



Well done to this week's stars...

Year 9 French: **Lamek I, Jahnvi Y, Nicolle A, Kadie J and Francesca P** for 100 % scores on their recent Active Learn reading and grammar homework. Bravo !

Mr Blair would like to congratulate the Year 10 and 11 students who received their results for the Health and Social Care exam taken in January. Special congratulations to the following students who achieved a Distinction Level 2 in the Cambridge Nationals Health and Social Care exam for Unit RO21 Essential Values of Care:

Year 10: **Ameila C, Rae M, Keeley W**

Year 11: **Brandon C.**

Ms Burtonwood would like to give shout outs for the following students in History :

Year 10 - **Jasmine H, Charlotte P, Daniel V, Nurya M and Isobel W**

Year 11 - **Divina M, Bailey L, Lacey C and Millie G.**



Congratulations to the Year 12 students who received their results for the Health and Social Care exam taken in January. Special congratulations to the following students who achieved a Distinction in the Cambridge Technicals Health and Social Care exam for Unit 2 Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care: **Lenisha R and Ajina S.**

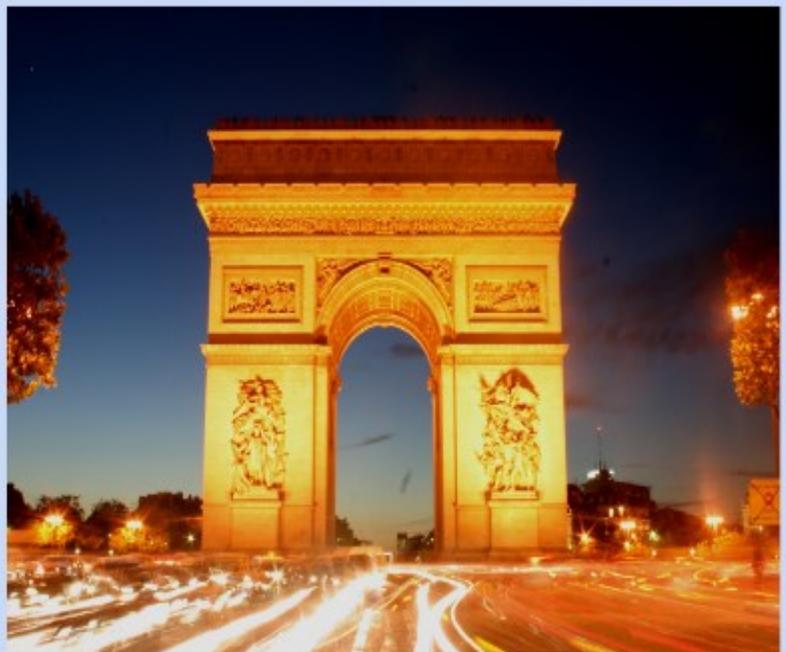
Well done to **Ryan OZ** and **Alison J** who are the joint leaders of 6E's brainer teasers' quiz this half term, with **Billy M, Olivia M** and **Brian N** very close runners up.

FRENCH CLUB AWARDS

**Francesca and Jahnvi for 100%
on their Linguascope Foods.**

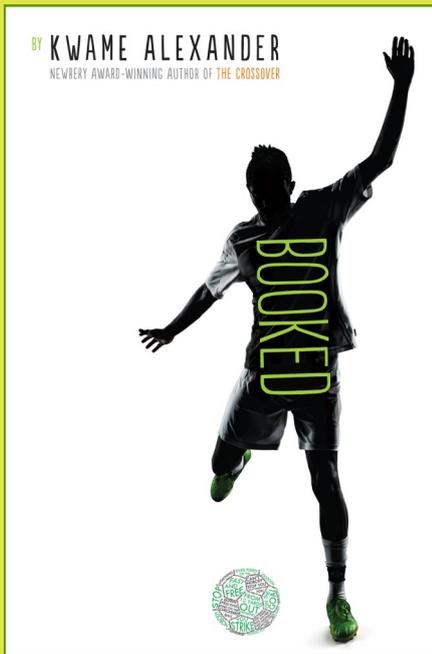
**This week's "French Duolingo"
champion is Jahnvi, with
Oluwasemilore and Rassel close
behind.**

Bravo tout le monde!



“Cardinal Wiseman Literary Canon” Library Prize Draw

Win your own copy of the modern sensation, “Booked” by Kwame Alexander



Twelve-year-old Nick is a star on the football pitch, but at home he's stuck with his linguistic professor father's "dictionary" that he has to read every day, and he hates it... until his prowess with words starts to win over the girl of his dreams.

“Booked” is an incredible novel. Written in verse, it's a quick read that will grip any reader from page one and will improve every reader's vocabulary without them even realising it. The story has something for everyone, from school and family drama to fast-paced, rhythmic football matches.

This book is recommended to Year 8 in the Cardinal Wiseman Literary Canon but any student can enter this draw - just email your name and form to:

cgould@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk

by **12.00pm on Monday 19 April**. The lucky winner will be notified by email that day and the book delivered, in school, by the end of the week.

Happy reading!



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update



Please be aware that, after the Easter break, all students completing an award must attend training on Wednesday after school in the 6th Form Centre (3.30pm-4.30pm). This is to prepare for expeditions taking place next term.

Bronze, Silver and Gold students will remain separate from each other, but it is essential you attend training to complete planning for the upcoming expeditions. Please remember to wear a face covering during these sessions. Thank you.

Ms Jefferson

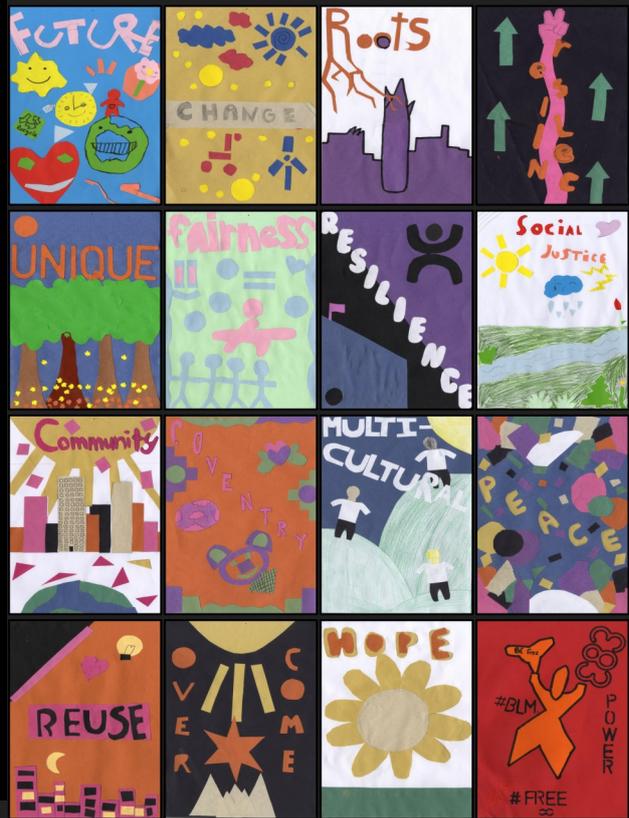


**SCHOOLS
FLAG
PROJECT.**

**COVENTRY
MOVES**

As part of Coventry's "City of Culture", Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 students from Cardinal Wiseman and St Gregory's schools have been involved with the "Coventry Moves Schools Flag Project".

They learned about the story of Cofa and the origins of Coventry.



They were then asked to design a flag representing themselves, their thoughts, feelings and aspirations about living in Coventry. The flags may be displayed throughout the city during an event in May.

**COVENTRY
MOVES**



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**COVENTRY
UK CITY
OF CULTURE**



It has been a huge pleasure to welcome our Sixth Form students back to school. Sixth Form teachers are enjoying having students back in real rather than virtual classrooms and, whilst they might not admit it, the students also seem to be happy to be back.

We have certainly missed daily face-to-face contact with an amazing group of young people, supporting them with both their studies and their journey to becoming independent adults ready for life beyond sixth form. We are excited to continue this journey throughout the summer term.

Finally, we wish we could advise you to relax and enjoy the holidays, but we all know that you have important assessments coming up. However, whilst you need to make time for your studies, it is important for you to enjoy some time relaxing with your families and out in the fresh air.

Wishing you and your families a very happy and healthy Easter.

Mr Kingshott, Ms Duffy and Mrs Campbell



This week, our look at Art & Culture focussed on a piece of **Classical Music**.

In Mozarts' requiem, the Dies Irae (literally translated as 'Day of Wrath') was based on an ancient medieval poem describing the last judgement. It was common to recite this whilst the priest gave the final blessing to the departed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVc9G36uxPc>

YEAR 12 ASSESSMENTS

Year 12 will be sitting assessments immediately after the Easter break. They should prepare for these using the study skills techniques that Mrs Campbell has taught them throughout the year.



Daily Reminder

9,000 steps	8 hours of sleep	7 glasses of water
6 minutes of meditation	5 fruits/vegetables	4 rest breaks
3 meals and 3 snacks	2 hours without a phone before sleep	1 physical activity



If you have any issues, questions or queries then you can email any of us below. We may not see you on a day to day basis but we are still here to help and support you.

Email Mr Kingshott, Ms Duffy or Mrs Campbell

or phone Mrs Brown on 07741 162799.

IntoUniversity Easter Virtual Enrichment Programmes

University Taster

Year 7, 8 & 9

Friday 9th April 13:45-16:00

Learn more about what life at university is like
and meet some current university students.



Business in FOCUS

Year 9, 10 & 11

Wednesday 14th April 13:45-16:30

Try out your entrepreneurial skills first hand with our
business challenge and meet a range of professionals
working in various careers.



Careers in FOCUS

Year 9, 10 & 11

Friday 16th 14:00-16:00

Meet a range of professionals working in the
healthcare sector who will give you an insight
into their careers.



To sign up, please ask your parents to complete this form:

[Sign Up Form](#)

What business could Cardinal Wiseman students launch with just £10 and four weeks?

After Easter, students are invited to take part in the 10X Challenge supported by the Young Enterprise Scheme.

Students can register a team and request the £10 from the company for their team. This money has to be paid back by the team at the end of the four weeks but the aim is to have made a profit by then. The teams then decide if they want to donate the money to charity or 're invest'.

There will be other prizes and rewards along the way.

It is open to any year group and anyone interested is invited to attend a meeting with Miss Greenway at the beginning of term.

Miss Greenway



The police have received complaints from residents of Collier Place on Woodway Lane, regarding parents using the parking area when collecting students after school.

This area belongs to a home for the elderly and it is important that it is kept clear for ambulances and visiting care workers.

Could parents please be considerate and avoid parking there even for a short time.



Road Safety Rules for Pedestrians

Stay on pavements

If there are no pavements, walk on the side and against traffic to see oncoming motorists.



Be alert at all times

Look and listen to what is happening around you when crossing a road. Never assume a driver can see you.



Follow signs and signals



Obey all traffic rules, signs and signals, especially before stepping out onto a road.

Use a pedestrian crossing

Use a pedestrian crossing to cross the road whenever possible.



Only cross when traffic has stopped

Look left, then right, then left again before crossing.



Observe the rules and stay safe on the road!



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GOVERNOR UPDATES

At Cardinal Wiseman, we have a Local Academy Committee for our school who work in partnership with the Board of Directors (who oversee all eight schools in the MAC). We must follow the processes as directed by the Diocese full details are [here](#).

We would like to take the opportunity to say 'thank you' to two members who have recently stepped down from serving on the Committee :

Paul Booth, elected Parent Representative

Terry Sharkey, Academy Foundation Representative (member Saint Patrick's Parish).

We are therefore looking for members to join our Academy Committee; full details are [here](#). Currently we have two Foundation Academy Representatives and one Parent Elected Representative. We will be sharing details of the process to elect a Parent Representative in the forthcoming weeks. For anyone interested in becoming a Foundation Academy Representative, there are certain requirements with full details found [here](#).

We are grateful for all those who serve on this important body. The committee provides assurance of the operational running of the school, drawing on local representation rooted within the academy's staff, parental, parish and neighbourhood communities.

The Academy Committee will:

- oversee the implementation of the Directors' strategy, policy and procedures
- monitor the effectiveness of the management in running the academy in accordance with the Directors' strategy, policy and procedures
- report on the impact of the Directors' strategic framework on the quality of provision, performance and standards of the academy.

We have had some new members join so below is a full list of our Academy Committee as it stands. If you are interested in finding out more, email Mrs Robins on rrobins@cwcscoventry.co.uk

Full Name	Status
Gerald O'Connor	Chair Foundation Academy Representative
Kevin Shakespeare	Vice Chair Foundation Academy Representative
Vivienne Gray	Foundation Academy Representative
Marina Kelly	Foundation Academy Representative
Paddy Allaway	Foundation Academy Representative
Laura Burtonwood	Staff Elected Representative
Chris Booth	Staff Elected Representative
Vacancy x 1	Parent Elected Representative
Piotr Bloch	Parent Elected Representative
Matthew Everett	Principal
Vacancy x 2	Foundation Academy Representative



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Dear Parents / Carers

ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR (NOW KNOWN AS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE)

The Articles of Association and Scheme of Delegation requires that the local academy committee must include two parent representatives who have been elected by the parents of registered pupils of the school and who are themselves parents of registered pupils of the school at the time of their election. However, any parent who is an elected member of the local authority or employed to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any twelve consecutive months is not eligible to be a parent representative.

There is currently one vacancy and you are therefore invited to take part in the election of one parent representative for this school who will serve on the local academy committee for 4 years unless they resign the post in the interim.

Nomination forms are available from Mrs Robins on rrobins@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk and must be returned to the school no later than 12.00 pm on Monday 19 April 2021. Should one nomination be received by the official closing date, the candidate will be duly elected unopposed. In the event of there being two or more nominations, an election will take place between Monday 26 April 2021 and Tuesday 4 May 2021. Information on voting arrangements will be sent to you at a later date.

Please note that you should not participate in more nominations than there are vacancies. Each nomination requires two proposers.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Shakespeare

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Returning Officer



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SAFEGUARDING



New online mental health support for children and young people coming soon to Coventry

A new anonymous digital counselling and support service for children and young people, Kooth, is coming soon to Coventry.

Kooth is a safe, free and confidential way for young people to access emotional wellbeing and early intervention mental health support. The service will be available to all young people across Coventry aged 11-25 years in April and will be jointly funded by the City Council and Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

[Kooth.com](https://kooth.com) is an award winning and innovative online mental health and wellbeing support service, accredited by the [British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy \(BACP\)](https://www.bacp.co.uk/), which will support and complement the existing offer operated by Rise - a family of NHS-led services providing emotional wellbeing & mental health services for young people across the county. Rise already provide a well-established 24/7 telephone service providing crisis support to young people across Coventry: <https://cwrise.com/>

Kooth will deliver digital self-help resources and online counselling to further extend the local offer.

Fully trained and qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners are available from midday to 10pm, and from 6pm to 10pm at weekends, 365 days a year to provide a much needed out-of-hours service for emotional support in an accessible way. Sessions can be booked in advance or they can drop in for one-to-one instant text-based chats.