



**Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School**  
Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

# Newsletter

Coventry, "City of Culture 2021"—begins 15 May

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Lay Chaplain, Tom Machin, led our staff briefing this morning and reflected on the feast day today of Saint Mattheias, who became one of Jesus' disciples following the betrayal of Judas. He was actually chosen by casting lots, and the choice of who would join ultimately came down to trust in God. This rings true as we enter the next phase of the school year and we need to trust, and act, in a way that reflects our Catholic values more publicly and proudly.

From next week, our teachers will be moving back to more permanent classrooms and students will move from block to block. It is important that this is only a small tweak, and that our staggered starts, breaks, lunches and end to the day will remain in place until the end of the school year.

This move allows our students to have more access to Art, Photography, Science practicals, Computer Science and PE. We will have an extended tutor time on Monday morning to orientate our younger students around the school and we will have a strong staff presence in our corridors and around site to guide students along routes.

As always, I remind you to ensure that your children return home after school as quickly and safely as possible rather than congregating at local shops or parks.

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless.

Mr Everett

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# Important Changes from 17 May

Following a review of the latest data on infection and vaccination rates, and the Government's latest announcement, there has been a further provision of clarity from the Department for Education regarding face coverings in school. This guidance is subject to possible change (based on local outbreaks) over the coming weeks, however for now - it stands as the following:

***From 17 May, in all schools and Further Education providers, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. The Department for Education continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).***

We now also feel that the school is in a position to allow our students the opportunity to move comfortably around the site in its entirety, rather than remaining segregated in the block by block approach we have used up until now.

This will mean from Monday 17 May, under close supervision, students will be able to access all areas of the school within their class bubbles. This will not only allow the students the chance to experience every resource the school has to offer, it will also allow our incredible teachers the opportunity to return to their department bases.

We are so incredibly proud and grateful for the resilience our pupils and staff have shown throughout the course of this unique time, and feel this change will be a positive step for us all.

We hope that this is welcome news to you all, especially those parents of students who have only joined us within the last year. Most of all, we look forward to our students continuing to flourish as we take the next crucial steps to moving back to a better version of a life we once knew.

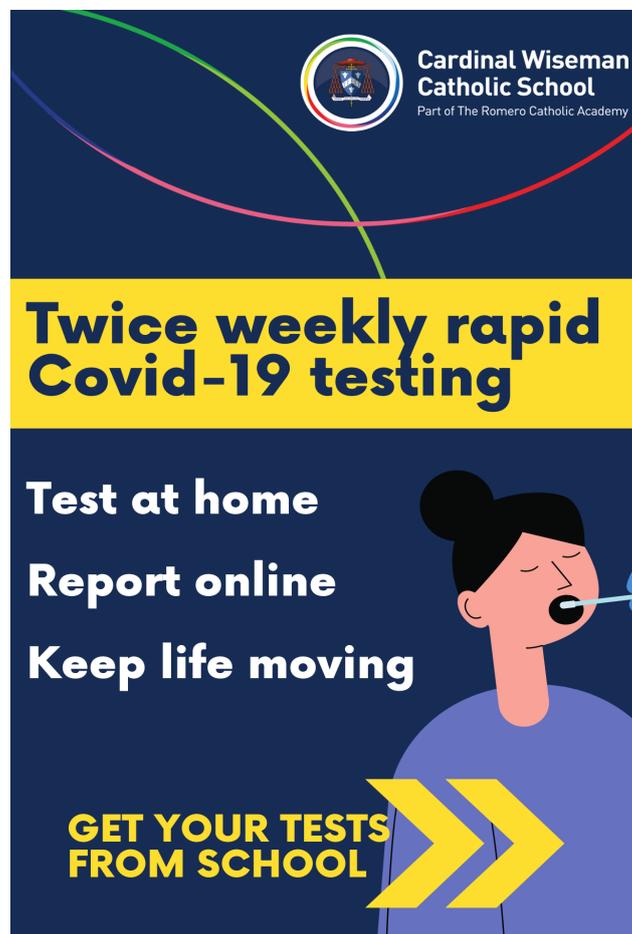


# The importance of testing and reporting in secondary schools and colleges

Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against coronavirus (COVID-19).

Staff and students should continue to test themselves and report results. Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly, from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway.

Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case, but assists the Government's understanding of community rates of infection.



To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the Government produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.

**WEEK 2 - YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS**  
**COMMENCING MONDAY 17 MAY TO FRIDAY 21 MAY**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 19May	Thursday	Friday
<b>English Lang Paper 2 2 hrs</b>  <b>History GCE 2 hrs 30 mins</b>	<b>Maths Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>English Lit GCE Paper 2 Social &amp; Political Protest Writing 3 hrs</b>	<b>Geography Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>Biology GCE 2 hrs</b>  <b>IT Unit 2 1 hr</b>	<b>RE Paper 2 Catholic Theology 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>Psychology Year 13 2 hrs</b>  <b>Psychology</b>	<b>History 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>IT Year 12 and13 1 hr 15 mins</b>  <b>Geography Paper 2</b>
1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm	1.30 pm
<b>Science Biology 45 mins</b>  <b>Physics GCE Paper 2 2 hrs</b>  <b>Sport Unit 1</b>  <b>Anatomy and Physiology 1 hr 30 mins</b>	<b>Science Chemistry 45 mins</b>  <b>Core Maths GCE 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>Maths 9MAO 2 hrs</b>  <b>Sports Dev Unit 3 1 hr</b>	<b>Computer Science 1 hr</b>  <b>Core Maths GCE 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>Maths 9MAO 2 hrs</b>  <b>H&amp;S Care Year 12 Unit 1 1 hr 30 mins</b>	<b>Science Physics 45 mins</b>  <b>Chemistry GCE Paper 2 hrs</b>  <b>H&amp;S Care Year 12 Unit 3 1 hr 30 mins</b>	<b>Languages Writing Papers GCSE</b>  <b>Design Tech 1 hr 30 mins</b>  <b>Sport R041 1 hr</b>  <b>Health &amp; Social Care R021 1 hr</b>  <b>GCE Language Writing</b>

Parents are reminded that during the period when mock exams and assessments are underway, the official guidance from Ofqual is that they should desist from contacting teaching staff in case this could be perceived as malpractice. Obviously, we do not want to put any student's outcomes at risk during the Teacher Assessed Grade process for 2021.

Mr Beesley



## KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



Key Stage 3 Drama Club will be starting on 19 May, assuming that it is safe to do so and national restrictions are lifted successfully.

Years 7, 8 and 9 are welcome and it will take place on Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.15pm. The first session will take place in the Main Hall.

We have some exciting projects coming up so please come along!



## KEY STAGE 4 NEWS

### Careers Clinics – Every Monday and Thursday (2.00-5.30pm)



Coventry City College are relaunching their Careers Clinics every Monday and Thursday afternoons at the City and Henley campuses.

The clinics are open to current learners and members of the public and the sessions will offer:

- General careers advice
- Information about college programmes
- Guidance on employment pathways

[Click here](#) to book your place and get the advice you need as we support you with your next steps in your career journey.

## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

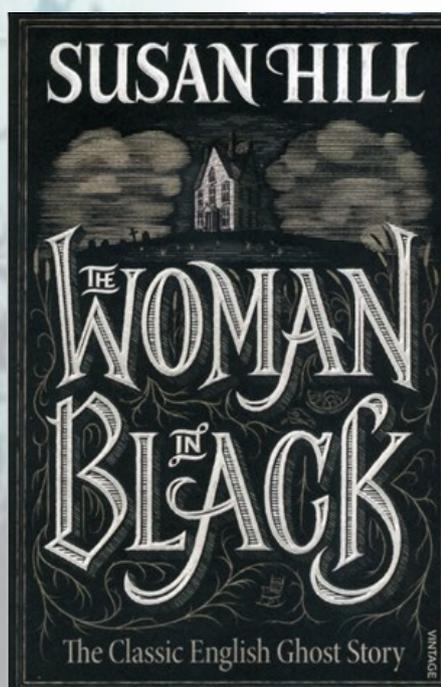


ALISON J - YEAR 12



This week's Artist of the Week is Year 12 Art student, Alison J. Alison has been experimenting with a range of mixed media techniques from 3D ceramics, constructing and painting a Koi carp; to incorporating photography of fresh flowers. Inspired by the traditional interior designs of William Morris, Alison will now produce a range of illustrations using the photographs she developed.

## City of Culture Library Book Draw



Susan Hill's family moved to Coventry because her father worked in car and aircraft factories. She attended Barr's Hill School on the Radford Road where she took A levels in English, French, History and Latin, proceeding to an English degree at King's College London.

To win a copy of her famously gothic and spooky book,

**"The Woman in Black",**

simply email your name and form to:

[cgould@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:cgould@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk)

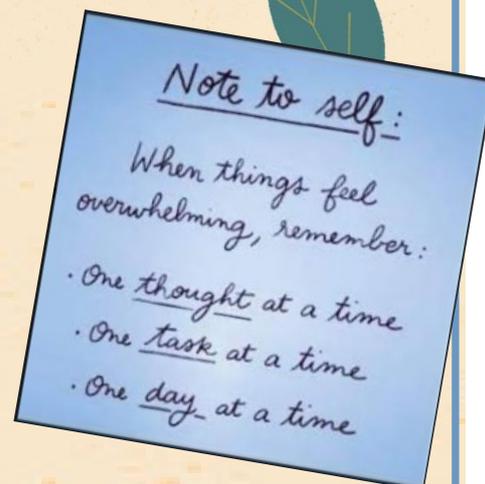
by 12.00pm on Monday 17 May.  
Don't read it last thing at night!



This week Cardinal Wiseman thought about how to improve mental health.

As this year's theme was nature, staff were asked to gather images of calming green spaces to share, classical music was played during tutor times and everyone was asked to be still and quiet at some point each day.

Students were also given simple messages through videos and posters such as this 'note to self' to help them with their resilience.



<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

## Wild Earth – 'Nature Beats' programme - an exciting opportunity for young people aged 16-25

'Wild Earth' are **recruiting now** for the next 'Nature Beats' programme starting week beginning **17 May 2021**. The course will be one day a week. Young people will engage in confidence building, employability skills, bushcraft and survival, creativity and music while connecting to nature in beautiful local woodland. This is an opportunity to meet new people in a safe environment and gain the skills and confidence to take positive next steps in life.

For more information visit: <https://www.wild-earth.org.uk/programmes/default.aspx>

Alternatively call 07432 528007 or email: [info@wild-earth.org.uk](mailto:info@wild-earth.org.uk)

# The Feast of the Ascension



Thursday 13 May was the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. It is a major feast in the Catholic Church's year and Cardinal Wiseman marked the celebration by sharing this video, featuring our Lay Chaplin, Tom Machin.

<https://youtu.be/0Noq-TZhg1E>

There was also a Mass streamed live from the Chapel to which the whole school was invited.



**VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING**

**DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?  
HOW ARE YOU DOING?**

Get in touch with us if you would like an invite to our Virtual Coffee Morning using Microsoft Teams App (we can help you with this). Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS and Carers Trust Heart of England.

**VIDEO LINK**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021  
(10:00AM -11:30AM)**

To request an Invite and for further information contact:  
SEND Information Advice and Support Service  
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: [iass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:iass@coventry.gov.uk)



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.



## ATTENDANCE

# Prize draw

100% attendance rewards

Every student that attends school every day next week (17 – 21 May) will be entered in a **prize draw** for £5 Amazon vouchers.

You've got to be in it to win it!



# Attendance



**#LifeOrKnife**

*#LifeorKnife* is a resource focusing on knife crime for young people, parents and teachers in the West Midlands.

Just  seconds can change **a life**

The choice is yours

The website explores the consequences of knife carrying including videos from victims, parents and perpetrators.

The campaign is all about choice – young people always have a choice, even when they don't feel they have.

For more information <https://lifeorknife.west-midlands.police.uk/>

