



Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School  
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# Newsletter

City of Culture — the spectacular new look for Hertford Street

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are approaching the end of May, the month where as a Catholic school, we give special consideration to Mary, Mother of Jesus. She is an example of how to become closer to God, and as the flowers and blossom bloom during this month, she too shows us how to bloom in God's love. Mary was someone who was open to the word of God, willing to do what God called her to do.

To be true followers of Christ, we too must learn that it is rare to take the easy option and we must put our lives in his hands. Every time we pray the *Our Father*, we ask for God's will to be done, not for **our** own will to be done. Mary accepted the greatest vocation in the world, to accept the journey that God had planned for her. It meant a change to her plans, and the horror of watching her son die on a cross. To accept God's will means accepting the downs as well as the ups.

The month of Mary actually begins with celebrating the feast of St Joseph the Worker; someone loyal and understated, who does not speak a word in the Gospels. He stood by Mary's side and helped raise Jesus. He is the original adorer of Mary whose unwavering support helped Mary to fulfil her vocation and Christ to prepare for his mission. During this last week of May, we are encouraging our students to visit the Chapel, to reflect, be still, or pray to the shrine of Our Lady and to be inspired by the resilience of Joseph and Mary in their own lives.

We thank students and their families for their support this week and as always, please remain vigilant regarding coming to and from school and please reinforce that kindness and common courtesy must be shown to our neighbours and residents at all times.

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### An Important Message for Parents of Year 11 Students

Year 11 students studying Art, Photography, Design Technology or Drama are required to attend two full days to continue with their coursework, enabling them to add further evidence to support grading submissions.

Students are required to attend on the following days between 9.30am - 3.10pm:

<b>ART :</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 June and Thursday 10 June</b>
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY:</b>	<b>Monday 7 June and Wednesday 9 June</b>
<b>DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:</b>	<b>Thursday 10 June and Friday 11 June</b>
<b>DRAMA:</b>	<b>Wednesday 9 June and Friday 11 June</b>

Students are to wear school uniform.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and their families for their incredible efforts over the past year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [amcclelland@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:amcclelland@cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk)

Miss McClelland

### The Parent Perspective podcast

Are you ready to support your child with their next big decision?

How much do you know about apprenticeships, traineeships, T Levels, degree apprenticeships, University and gap year options?

Is your child looking to you for help and guidance when it comes to their career options?

'Amazing Apprenticeships' and 'NGTU' (Not Going To Uni) have teamed up to arm parents with knowledge, keep them informed and make sure they are best placed to help their child with their next steps.

They are bringing together parents who will share their own experiences, challenges and perspectives of supporting their children with their career aspirations, experts to offer advice on the newest career opportunities and the steps needed to get to them, and role models that will give the inside scoop on what taking these steps is really like.

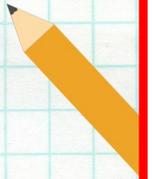
Join them for an eight part podcast starting in June.

Subscribe now via your favourite podcast platform using the link below

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>



# Student Leadership Board



We are very proud to announce our newly appointed student leaders of the school. We are excited to see what these amazing students will achieve over the year. More to come soon...



Student Principal Partner  
Malachy F (6F)

Student Principal Partner  
Gugu P (6F)



Advocate for Social Justice  
Daniella H (10B)

Student Voice Lead  
Madison S (11D)

Advocate for Student Wellbeing  
Kimberly R (11F)



Digital Content Ambassador  
Amber G (9G)

Chaplaincy Team Lead  
Ciaran F (10A)



## CHAPLAINCY

### The Feast of Pentecost



This Sunday is Pentecost, one of the most important dates in the Catholic Church's calendar and the birthday of the global Church.

This year the Bishops of England and Wales have released a letter to be read to all students in all schools across the country.

We have used students and staff from across our school to film this letter to share with you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esR2AUdpLcl>

## ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Albert has worked consistently hard in all his Photography projects during his GCSE course.

This week he completed his 'Self as Image' project. His work has been inspired by artists Arnulf Rainer and Janusz Jurek. He shows understanding of working in the photography studio, using low lighting techniques, then editing his images in Photoshop.

## Albert S - Year 11 - Photography

Janusz Jurek



Arnulf Rainer



## Uniform Appeal

Can we please ask parents of current Year 11 students to consider donating their child's uniform to the school.

Any uniform, including PE kit, which you no longer use but is still in good condition, will be gratefully received and passed on to students in need.

Please leave donations at Main Reception for the attention of Miss Jones.

Thank you



# Book Group News



As part of the “Coventry Inspiration Book Awards”, Cardinal Wiseman’s Year 7 and 8 book group, this year named “Stuck in a Tree”, took part in an interschool quiz. The quiz was based on the eight titles shortlisted for the 9-12 age group book award.

Year 7 students Zion, Emma, Monika and Alfie (team ‘ZEMA’), achieved the best score of any secondary school across Coventry and have won books from the Schools Library Service and Romero Shines credits.

Well done!

You can still vote for your favourite book in the shortlists at:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/bookawards>

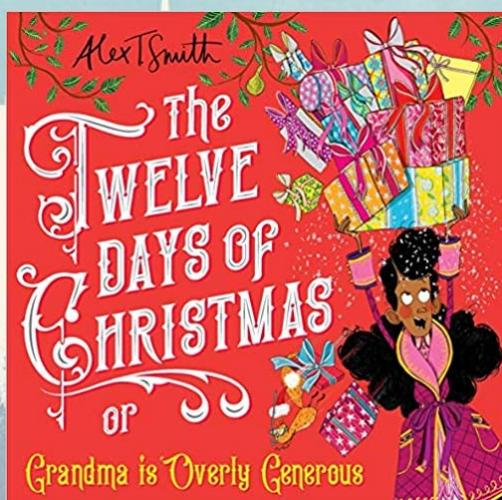


Year 8 book group member, James A, has also won a prize in the Schools Library Service ‘Design an book themed Easter egg’ competition. He has won a book signed by the author and a Romero Shines credit.

Miss Gould



## City of Culture Library Book Draw



Alex T. Smith was born in Coventry and is a children’s writer and illustrator. He is best known for the ‘Claude’ series of books that have now been adapted for television .

To have a chance of winning your own copy of Smith’s funny picture book retelling of the Twelve Days of Christmas, signed by the author himself, just email your name and form to:

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

by 12.00pm on 24 May.

The winner will be contacted on the day and the book delivered in school by the end of the week.



Last Saturday, 15 May, the students in Year 9 undertaking the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, undertook their two day practice expedition around the Berkswell area near the Rough Close campsite.

Both groups worked well over the two days to develop their navigation and map reading skills. They made mistakes but learnt from them and discovered that when it rains it's best to put on your waterproofs!



The students walked each day for at least 16 kilometres and hopefully enjoyed the countryside and the peace it brings. They now need to prepare for their final expedition and camp taking place at the start of July.

Ms Jefferson

## Important



The police and school have received complaints from residents, regarding parents parking on double yellow lines in Potters Green Road when collecting students after school.

It is imperative that we are able to keep the community, our students and their families safe. To do so everyone must abide by road markings and signs. This includes speed limits and parking restrictions.

Thank you.

## Behaviour Expectations Off Site

We expect pupils who wear our uniform to demonstrate high standards of behaviour at all times both on and off site.

This includes:

- taking part in any school-organised activity
- travelling to or from school
- when wearing school uniform
- as identified as a pupil at Cardinal Wiseman.

Thank you.



### ATTENDANCE

## Prize Draw

100% attendance rewards

Every student that attends school every day next week (24 - 28 May) will be entered in a **prize draw** for £5 Amazon vouchers.

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





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