

NEXT STEPS

The official Cardinal Wiseman Transition Newsletter

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Welcome from our Principal

Mr Everett

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the first edition of our transition newsletter!

I absolutely love Cardinal Wiseman School and I am very proud to be Principal here. I cannot wait for you to walk through our gates and become part of our own never-ending story and take part in all of our exciting clubs, trips, and opportunities.

I am passionate about making sure that you have the chance to thrive and succeed, to know as much as you can in the time that you have with us so that you can go on and have a life filled with excitement and joy.

I am excited to meet you (when it is safe to do so!) and looking forward to our journey together!

"Don't you worry, Harry. You'll learn fast enough.
Everyone starts at the beginning at Hogwarts, you'll be just fine."
Hagrid - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



Reflection



We will all have a memory in our minds of moments when we truly thought WOW! When we saw something, did something, went somewhere or met someone that was truly incredible. As we journey through life these moments leave a lasting impression on us, they inspire us and maybe even guide us as we hope to aspire to more moments of WOW.

In this Sunday's (28th Feb) Gospel we hear about a moment when Jesus chose three of His closest followers to experience the greatest 'wow' moment. They saw Jesus transfigured - appearing in dazzling white, with the voice of God coming from the clouds proclaiming Jesus to be His Son. This moment confirmed for the disciples that Jesus was truly God, and that moment had a huge impact on their lives.

God wants us all to recognise that he is real, that he loves us and that he wants us to know him better. Lent is a fabulous time to reflect on who God is and how we strengthen our relationship with Him.

For me, many of the 'wow' moments in my life have helped me recognise God more clearly, whether it's seeing a beautiful sunrise, conquering a difficult challenge or experiencing something joyful with friends. These moments have helped me to know God is real and acting in my life. Recognising the presence of God in our lives is key to building a stronger relationship with our father in Heaven.

As we journey through Lent this year take some time to reflect on the wow moments in your life and where God was in those memories. Try also to see God each day and to tell other people where you have seen God. By doing this we not only strengthen our own relationship with God but we also draw others into that relationship and help further God's mission to us of growing His kingdom on earth.

By Tom Machin
Cardinal Wiseman's Lay Chaplain



Subject Spotlight English

At Cardinal Wiseman, our Year 7 students study a rich variety of high quality texts that aim to provide them with a deeper understanding of significant cultural backgrounds and their continued relevance to the world of modern literature.

This literary path begins by taking them on an exciting journey through Ancient Greek and Norse times, via extracts from the epic poem, The Iliad, in conjunction with a collection of key mythological characters from both of these ancient civilisations. It's been a real eye opener for our Year 7's to explore the original story behind Thor and his hammer!

This leads into a variety of engaging texts, old and new, which illuminate the origins of some hard hitting current issues through the exploration of literature, such as child labour and the far reaching effects of this. Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' presents the opportunity to indulge in some old fashioned language, historical views and ideas, which our students are always shocked to find are still very relevant to modern life!

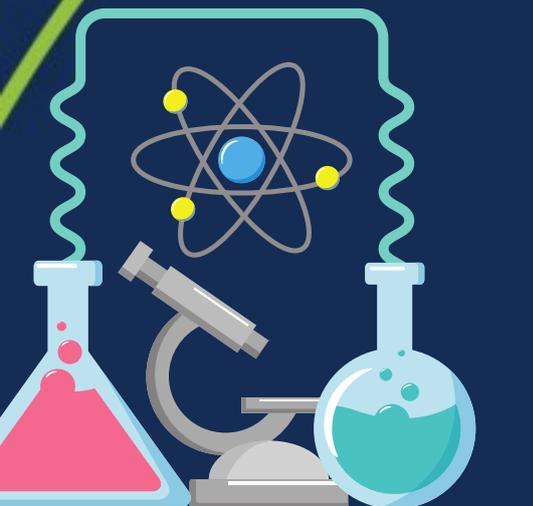


Subject Spotlight Science

Since September 2020 our KS3 students have had some exciting opportunities to explore the world around them through our science curriculum. A wide range of topics have been covered from learning how fundamental particles interact with each other, to learning about how their bodies function. Each year students have the opportunity to explore these further and gain a deeper understanding. Learning about these key concepts will enable them to investigate and delve deeper into these scientific phenomena through practical experiments in the near future. Sadly due to the coronavirus pandemic, laboratory work has been put on hold so far.

However, we are so excited about inviting our students back into the lab later in the year, enabling them to enhance their knowledge further, with the added support of new science clubs and trips. We hope to engage and inspire our students to explore science further and consider pursuing this field to a higher level.

In the coming weeks Mr Palmer one of our Science Teachers here at Cardinal Wiseman will be showing you some exciting science experiments, some of which you will be able to do at home as well as launching our Science competition! Watch this space!





A day in the life of a year 7 student



I think this school is amazing!

Naturally, I was nervous when I first started but the teachers really looked after me and made me feel so welcome. They always check to make sure that I understand all of my work which means I am not scared of asking for help.

I really like my form tutor, Miss Elliott, who is really kind. I have made lots of friends from lots of different schools! My favourite subject to study is Maths as I enjoy working out the different problems.

By Charlotte Hill 7D

Primary School: Ss Peter and Paul

STUDENT VOICE

At Cardinal Wiseman we value student leadership. Each year select students are able to apply to become part of the Pupil Leadership Group. These representatives are elected in September and, along with the Head Boy and Girl, act as the official voice of all the students.

In regular meetings, the PLG discusses all things related to school life. Whether it be discussing academic life or sporting events, charity work or exciting trip opportunities - the PLG provides a place for students to discuss what matters to them.

It allows students to shape their own Cardinal Wiseman journey and develop their own potential as young leaders. Cardinal Wiseman belongs to it's students. Joining the PLG gives you the chance to speak about your passions, air your opinions and speak on behalf of the student body. The PLG is open to anyone who shows interest in becoming a leader of tomorrow because we believe every voice matters.

How will you use yours?

Mr Bench

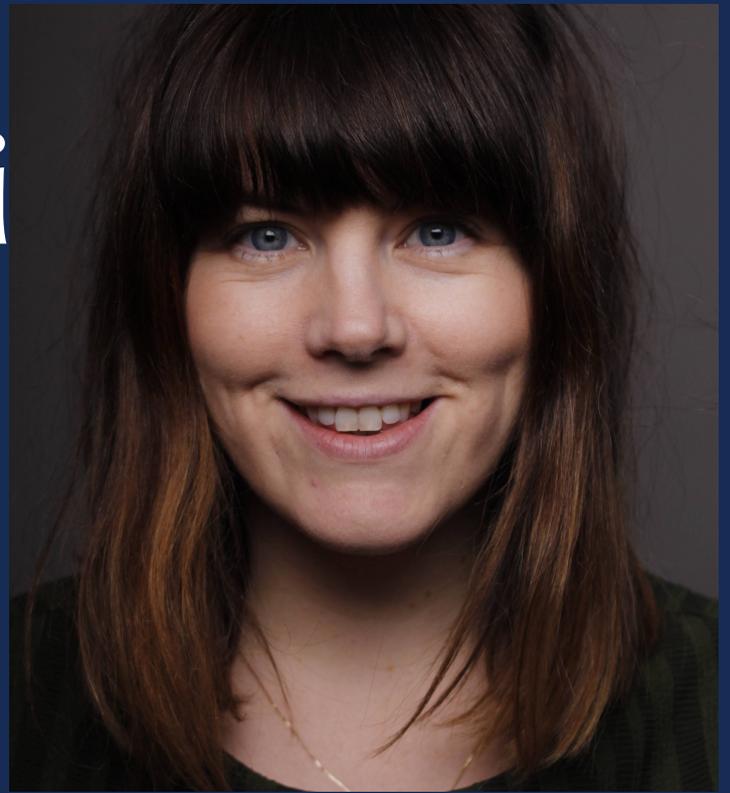
Student Voice Coordinator



Wiseman Alumni

My name is Aisling McClelland; I am Head of Creative Arts and Technology at Cardinal Wiseman. I have been part of the Romero Family from the age of 7 when I moved from Ireland to England and began attending St John Fisher Primary School. Like many of my students, moving country at a young age and settling in to completely new environments can be hard!

I only have the fondest memories of my primary school life, from making my First Holy Communion and Confirmation, to my first ever time away from home at Dol-y-moch and the feeling of always looking forward to going to school.



I then moved up to Cardinal Wiseman, where I made lots of new friends, from all our other partner schools - people I am still lucky enough to call close friends today.

I loved it here at Cardinal Wiseman, both the academic side to it and growing and learning social skills, something as a teacher I witness everyday. I loved it so much that I chose to work here!



I had really good teachers, from my form tutor Mr Cabera, to my year head Mrs Feeney, who years later became a work colleague, the same with Mr McKernan, my teacher, my mentor, my adviser, now, my friend, who introduced me to Photography, a passion I pass on to so many. He taught me the power a teacher can have in influencing a child and really getting them interested in learning and the importance of all subjects to be able to achieve any dreams you may have.

I always feel very grateful for the teachers I had, how hard they worked for me in realising my full potential, they taught me way beyond just what I needed to pass exams - something I hope I do for all my students.

When I returned to Cardinal Wiseman as a staff member, it really felt like I was back where I belonged, in JS02 - still my favourite classroom! When Jenny Luckett retired from our school after working here for 25 years, she described it as 'the Wiseman Family', and that's what it is, a real sense of belonging, from students to all our staff members. I was very lucky that my teachers still cared and supported me long after I left and it is something we still do now. Once a Wiseman Student forever part of the Wiseman Family.

By Aisling McClelland

Attended Saint John Fisher:
1990-1995

Attended Cardinal Wiseman:
1995-2002



Upcoming Transition Projects

British Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week we have a science taster lesson with our very own Mr Palmer and Cardinal Wiseman's 'Battle of the Bots'



History

Castles Project/
Historical writing

