

# NEXT STEPS

*The official Cardinal Wiseman Transition Newsletter*

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# Welcome from our Vice Principal Ms Burtonwood

It is hard to believe that the Easter holiday is fast approaching and what a strange experience we have all had since January. I hope you are all well and have settled back into school life. We have loved having all our students back in school, we missed them greatly and I am sure your teachers share this sentiment.

Looking ahead we are hoping that next term will allow us to be able to open our door for students from our partner primary schools to come and visit and experience what it feels like to be a Cardinal Wiseman student. We have a lot planned from now until the Summer holiday and we hope to meet you all in person very soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and everyone of you who worked so hard on the Peculiar Pets Poetry Competition. In fact 62 of you have shown how talented you are and your work will soon be published - what an amazing achievement! Well done!

Remember to keep looking on our media sites to keep up to day with news and competitions!

Some journeys take us far from home. Some lead us to our destiny.

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. C.S.Lewis



# Reflection



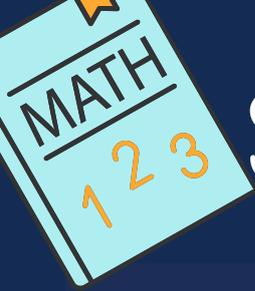
This week sees us entering into Holy Week. Holy week is most certainly the busiest week of the Churches year. A week where we see Jesus; enter town on a donkey, be greeted as a king and saviour with palms, dined with Mary and Lazarus, have dinner with those closest to him, wash their feet, predict that one would betray him, pray, be arrested, face condemnation, be tortured, stripped, beaten, paraded through the streets, crucified, buried in a tomb and ultimately return to life. Quite the week indeed!

Often our lives can seem just as busy, whether it's racing from class to class or meeting to meeting there are constant demands on our time and life can seem so full on and almost none stop! This last few weeks has seen the joyful return of students to our schools, our ghostly quiet corridors are now full of life and energy - which is brilliant! Yet with it comes more busyness, more things to do and more things to stretch our time.

Yet Jesus shows us the perfect example that even in the midst of all this busyness we must still find time to stop, to be still and to pray. Throughout the Gospels there are examples of Jesus stepping back from his ministry to talk to his father in Heaven. We must do the same. Whenever we feel overwhelmed, take a step back and breathe and whenever we have the chance to turn to God in prayer, these two things really do make a world of difference.

By Tom Machin  
Cardinal Wiseman's Lay Chaplain





# Subject Spotlight Maths

My name is Mr Wheat and I'm the Head of maths at Cardinal Wiseman and I absolutely love maths!

The maths teachers and myself are really looking forward to seeing lots of you in September, so I just wanted to tell you a little bit about our maths lessons in Year 7.

We follow a course called White Rose Maths throughout Key Stage 3. We start the year by developing your algebraic thinking skills through the study of sequences as this topic will be relatively new to you. It is really important to be able to make links between different parts of maths and different ways of representing information, so for example when we work on sequences we look at diagrams, number patterns, tables, graphs and then algebra.

A lot of our time in year 7 is spent making sure you have really strong number skills, particularly in the areas of fractions, percentages and ratio. These are some of the most important topics in maths and are the key to you developing a deeper understanding of many other areas of maths.

Some of the other topics in Year 7 include measuring and constructing shapes, solving complex angle problems, Venn diagrams, probability and using prime numbers to find Highest common Factors and lowest common multiples.

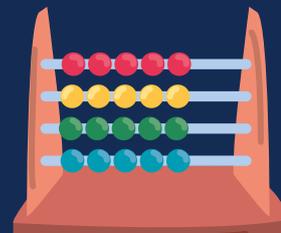
Our aim throughout is to help you demonstrate a strong understanding of maths and one of the great things about the course is that there are lots of opportunities for you to explain your reasoning and understanding to others. In class, you will not only use your exercise books, but you will use mini-whiteboards to help you refine your thinking and show your understanding of each step of problem solving.

I love a good number problem, so to finish off here is one for you!



## 24 Game Challenge

- Make the number 24 from the four numbers shown. You can add, subtract, multiply and divide.
- Use all four numbers on the card, but use each number only once.
- You do not have to use all four operations.
- There can be more than one solution.





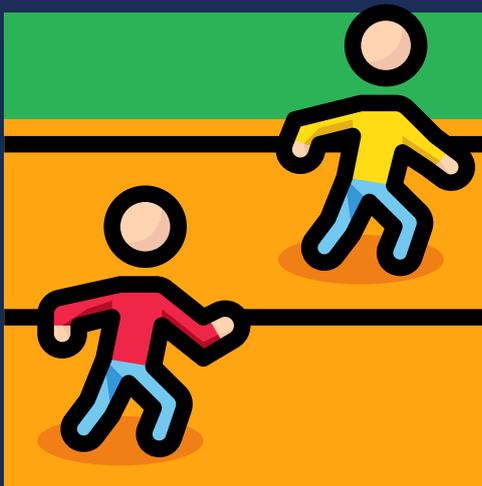
# Subject Spotlight PE



Welcome to the Cardinal Wiseman PE department. We offer a variety of sports and activities for boys and girls including Outdoor adventurous Activities, Football, Rugby, Netball, Basketball, Athletics, Trampolining, Tennis, Badminton, Handball, Swimming and Rounders. In our enrichment clubs after school you have the opportunity to pursue these sports further as well as receive coaching from professional coaches including Wasps Rugby Club and Guardian Ballers Basketball programme as well as other coaches in sports as interesting and diverse such as the Japanese martial art of Judo.

If successful to be selected you also have the opportunity to represent the school and receive club colours that you can wear on your blazer with pride for Football, Basketball, Netball, Rugby and Athletics.

At Cardinal Wiseman we have a proven track record of success in Sport across the City and region. The current year 10 football team won the Coventry cup in the 2019/20 season. We have had success in other sports including Netball, Basketball, Indoor Athletic and Rowing to name but a few.



Have a go at Mr Page's Rugby challenge!



RESPECT



KNOWLEDGE

# Compass for Life



RESILIENCE



AMBITION

At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we have a Compass for Life embedded in school life. It is intended to prepare students for the world of work but also their future personal lives for the rest of their lives. The compass has four values being Respect, Ambition, Resilience and lastly Knowledge.

## Respect

We respect ourselves as well as our peers. We do not believe respect equates with fear, but rather as a positive interaction with others. We believe that we are created in the image of God and therefore when we treat ourselves and others with respect, we are celebrating his creation.

## Ambition

We strive for the best and to be the best that we can be. We set ourselves challenging goals that enable us to develop both mentally and spiritually. We do not strive for things for their own sake, but for those prizes that enrich others as well as ourselves.

## Resilience

We know that life is not always easy, but we learn from our error and misfortune. Inspired by Christ, we are guided by our faith and become stronger through our experiences. We believe that all people are measured by their compassion for others, their self dignity and not by simply what they possess.

## Knowledge

We are a knowledge rich school and seek to build our comprehension of not only academic disciplines but the greater world. We aim to equip our students with a deep understanding of subjects and with the means to discover what they do not yet know.

# Perfect Poet Competition

Thank you so much to all of the students across our Romero Academy who sent in their entries for the Peculiar Pets poetry competition before half term! Mrs Alton and I have loved reading every one of them and are so excited to welcome all of you budding young poets to our Cardinal Wiseman family when you reach us. We are also thrilled to announce that on top of our Romero winners who have received prize bags, 62 of you have also been selected by Young Writers UK to have your wonderful poetry published in an anthology. We are so proud of every single entrant and are excited to see what you can all do next.

- Miss Mullen  
Tutor of 7A  
English Teacher



# Wiseman Alumni

I started my school life at St Patrick's RC Primary School, I remember being very proud and excited that I was finally old enough to wear one of the bright green jumpers. When I see the jumpers on our Romero children now, it brings back the fond memories I had of making my First Holy Communion and My Confirmation. I had lots of great opportunities in Primary School, including two trips to Plas Dol-y-moch and one trip to the Catholic Youth Retreat Centre at Alton Castle, where I still have embarrassing photos doing Karaoke in the evening.

I then moved to Cardinal Wiseman Secondary School and was absolutely terrified when I was placed into a form group with none of my friends.



I quickly made new friends, many I am still very close with today and I settled in to 7A with the best form tutor, Mrs Frost. I have many stories of my time as a pupil at Cardinal Wiseman and I had an amazing experience, both academically and socially.



I also had the cultural experiences of going to Disneyland Paris and Berlin on school trips, these amazing opportunities saw me venture outside of the UK for the first time. Wiseman is also where I fostered my passion for history. I had 3 amazing history teachers who showed me how important the subject was to both our present and future, they were extremely enthusiastic about the subject and this is something I try to promote within my own classroom now. I feel incredibly lucky to have had such great and supportive teachers, particularly our very own Mr Kingshot who was actually my favourite teacher and Mr Keane who's patience I must have regularly wore thin in Sixth-Form.

Without their dedication and fantastic teaching, I would not have gone on to complete my A-Levels, History Degree, or be the teacher I am today.

Returning to Wiseman did feel very strange when I first began, but now, as Head of Year 9, I see the value and impact of having a similar journey to many of our amazing students and want to promote the value of a Romero Legacy. I will give one last message to all students out there as a Wiseman Veteran, please just be grateful you never had to wear a bright red jumper for your uniform.

By Charlotte Lindsay  
Attended Saint Patricks:  
1998- 2004

Attended Cardinal Wiseman:  
2004-2011



# Upcoming Transition Projects



## Historical writing Competition



Calling all historical knights in years 5 and 6! We want you to take part in CWCS History department's Historical Writing Competition in conjunction with the Historical Association. There will be more details to follow after the Easter Holidays from Mr Bench but in the meantime we want you to be thinking about the following

- Historical accuracy – even down to the choice of names characters are given and any props additional to the historical setting
- A riveting read with a good plot!
- A convincing story - i.e. is it plausible that these events and/or this character could have existed at the time?
- Use of historical knowledge to feed the plot, context and character
- Effective use of historical vocabulary and literary conventions, including where dialogue is included in the story
- Creative and interesting perspectives of story-telling. In the past we have received an entry telling the story of a siege from the perspective of the castle!



We can't wait to read your historical creations

