



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

There is just over a week left until the end of the school year. In the time left there are a number of House activities for the students to look forward to. These activities will provide an opportunity to showcase our God given talents and come together as a school community. As always, we are keen to reward our young people and are acutely aware that they have faced the challenges of Covid restrictions, with resilience and maturity. As a staff, we are incredibly proud of them. In preparation for these activities, please continue to check our social media feeds for relevant information especially in relation to uniform.

This week we have been avidly following the football and are on increasing tenterhooks as the England Team creeps ever closer to finally bringing football home. In amongst this excitement, we have also been reminded of the ever present risk of Covid- 19. Having worked closely with the Local Authority and Public Health England we have had to cautiously move Year 10 students to remote learning. As always we are dedicated to providing a high quality learning experience as well as ensuring that we keep our community safe and well. Please speak with your child and encourage them to keep up to date with their work which will be posted in Google Classroom. If you need any assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

On a final note, I'd like to share a poignant line in our School's Value's Prayer,

“Grant me the resilience to overcome adversity.”

I wish you a restful weekend and fingers crossed that by Monday morning and the beginning of the new week that we will have brought football finally home!

God Bless

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# Under the Stars

## Year 11 Prom 2021



On the evening of Friday 2 July, Cardinal Wiseman welcomed back Year 11 students for the first ever “in house” prom. The event saw 150 pupils and 40 members of staff arrive, looking very glamorous, for an evening of celebration, reward and, of course, lots and lots of dancing.

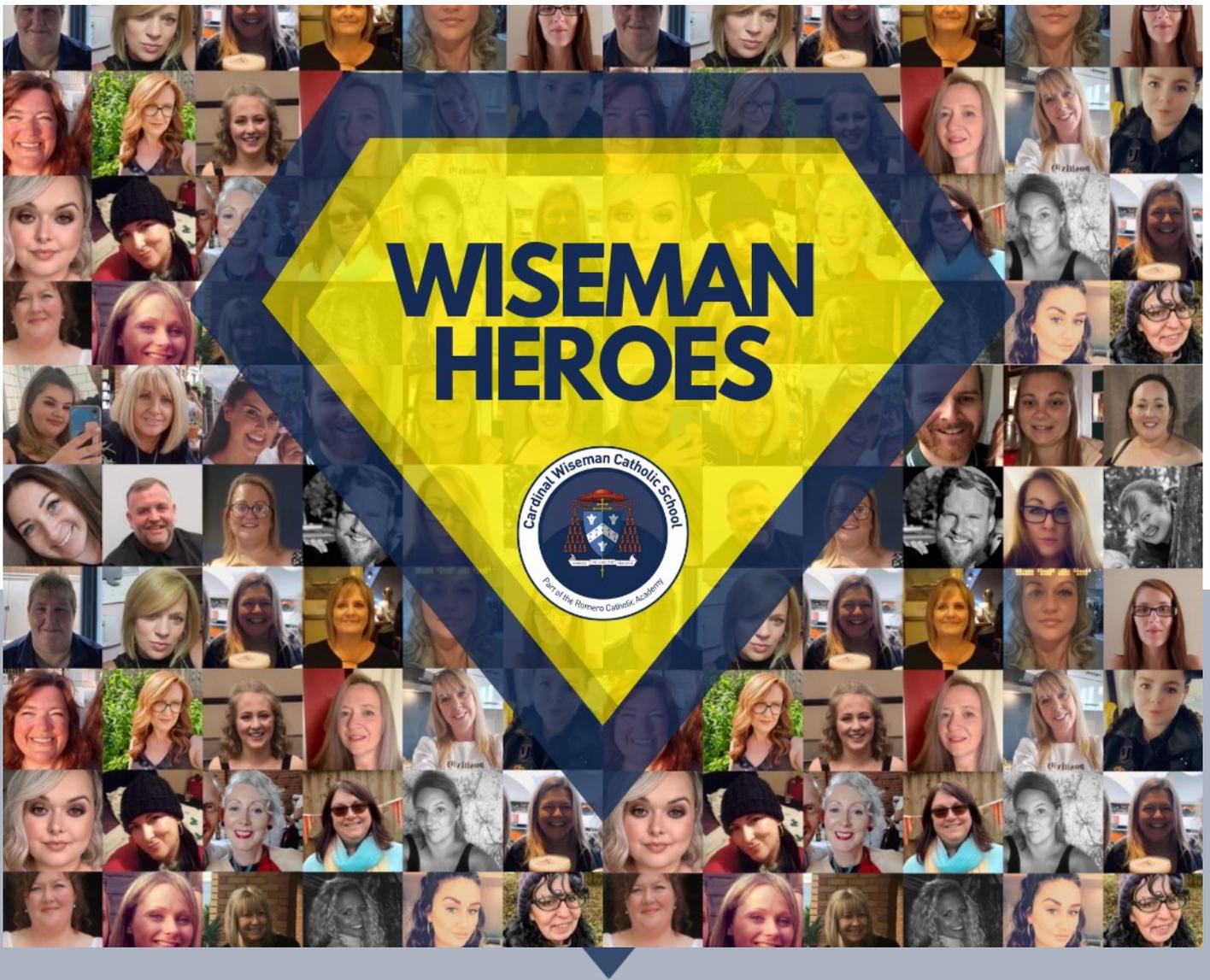
The event came together thanks to the hard work, passion and dedication of Cardinal Wiseman staff, including Miss Seth (Operations Manager) and Mrs Taylor (Head of Year 11) – but also members of the local community. The weeks leading up to the event saw a number of NHS Heroes, Coventry College beauty specialists and owners of local businesses coming together to create the most spectacular and memorable event possible.

The John Paul II Sports Hall received its own makeover with the installation of a new drapes system, which transformed the space into a marquee, giving a ‘wow factor’ that left students and staff astounded as they arrived for the evening.

Guests were treated to a splendid two course menu, which had been designed in collaboration with two of the Year 11 students, and served by the school’s in-house catering team, led by the evening’s “Master of Ceremonies”, Mr O’Reilly (Head of Catering).



Mrs Taylor said, “It was truly wonderful to see the smiles of happiness on the students’ faces. The last 16 months has not been easy on any of the students, particularly Year 11. As their Head of Year, it was fantastic to be able to give them something that they will remember for years to come and to celebrate their successes at Cardinal Wiseman School”.



**A big thank you to all of our amazing community who helped out with the prom. We had over 60 dresses and suits donated, the talent of local hairdressers and beauticians and the room was beautifully decorated with drapes from ceiling to floor. The students had the most amazing time and we are all so grateful to you as a community.**

## **ONCE AGAIN A BIG THANK YOU!**

**Simone Clempson, Sally Morrin, Sharlene Jacques, Thomas Jackson, Tammy Griffith, Tom Brown, Karen Parsons, Samm Fisher, Colette Harris, Christine Saunders, Jemma Poole, Kelly Birks, Sharon Hobbs, Naomi Boss, Emma Hatt, Tracey King, Marianna Dawn, Kelly Sercombe, Kirstie McGurk, Hayley Dumbleton, Martina Irwin, Tracy Cooke, Jessica Watson, Sally Pike, Bee Rin, Shannon Burns, Kim Arnold, Kieron Mcguigan, Sharron Murray, Belinda Taylor, Kyra Bielakowski, Lena Prescott, Shaz Scott, Charleene Jefferson, Ria Toal, Stayce Jones**

Going somewhere exciting this summer? Take a book with you and enter...

## The Library **EXTREME READING** Competition!

You could be reading prose at the park, a biography on a boat, literature at Legoland, a murder mystery at a museum or a crime drama at Coombe. Wherever you are, photograph yourself reading in an unusual place (with a parent's permission) and you could win a £10 Amazon voucher.

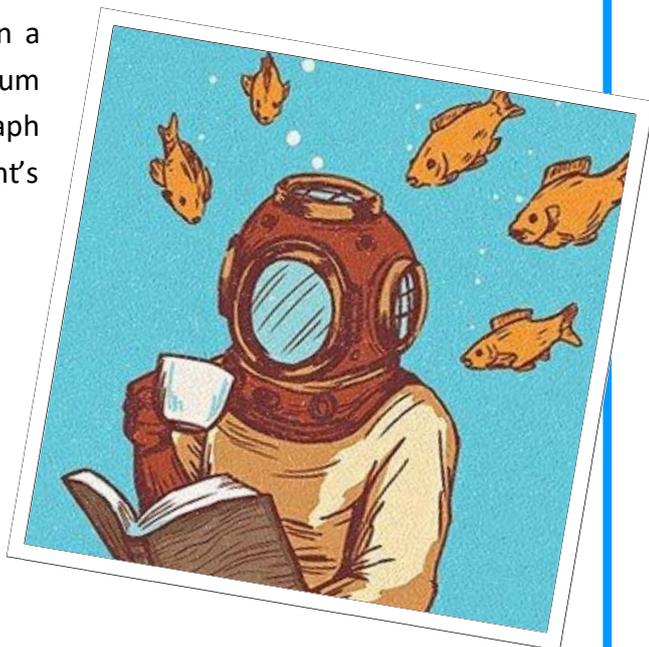
This is open to staff and pupils and the closing date is:

**Friday 17 September**

Email your photos to:

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

Have a great summer of reading!



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Camp

Seven students undertaking the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, attended a practice camp at Cardinal Wiseman on Wednesday 30 June to ensure their "camp-craft" skills are up to scratch in advance of their final expedition on 13-16 July in the Yorkshire Dales.



They all brushed up on skills and learned a few things about packing and setting up tents for the final. A few students unearthed hidden talents when playing "Ultimate Frisbee" in the evening. Mr Angus needs a special mention for introducing the sport to the group.

Ms Jefferson

## Community Cook Out - Free Family Cooking Sessions

The Moat Family Hub  
Deedmore Road, CV2 1EQ

Starts Wednesday 28th July for 6 weeks  
10:30 - 12:30

- A free, 6 week course for the whole family
- All food will be provided
- Learn new skills & how to grow your own vegetables
- Help to create a community vegetable garden

If you would like to take part in the sessions please visit The Moat Family Hub on Tuesday 13th July, 1-3pm to sign up  
Sessions are funded, with thanks to Optivo Housing.



# FUN FOODIES

STOKE PARK YOUTH CENTRE  
SHAKESPEARE STREET CV2 4JZ

TUES - WEDS - THURS  
11-3PM  
27TH JULY - 27TH AUGUST

Summer of  
JULY 2021

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## Sports Festival



We are pleased to announce the following details of our upcoming Sports Festival (restrictions allowing):

- 14 July - Year 12 House Rounders
- 16 July - Sports Qualifiers
- 20 July - Sports Days Finals

Students taking part should please arrive in PE kit and House t-shirt.

Which House will be triumphant?





# Van Gogh Alive

Birmingham Hippodrome

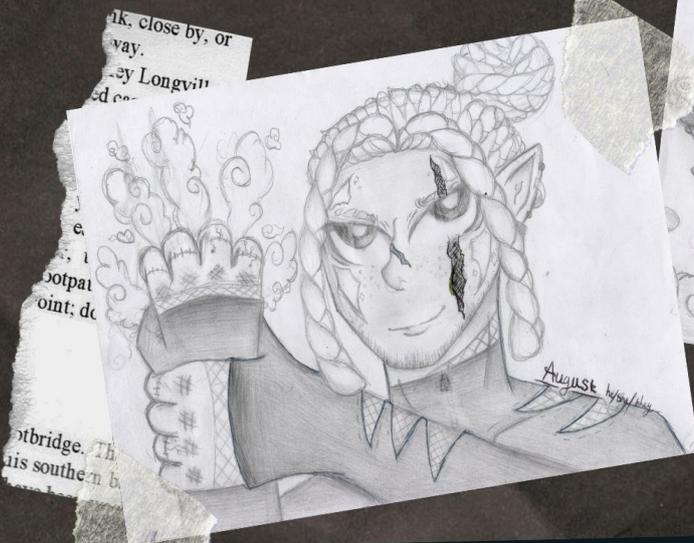


This is no ordinary art exhibition. Van Gogh's works have been exhibited and admired for over a century – but never like this. Created by Grande Experiences, *Van Gogh Alive*, a digital art experience using stunning projections and classical music, gave our students the unique opportunity to step on to the Hippodrome's main stage and truly venture into Van Gogh's world.

The Year 10 Art and Photography students had the opportunity to experience this, viewing the timeline of Van Gogh's many works on the large digital screens, being able to become part of the painting in the recreation of 'Bedroom in Arles'; as well as taking part in a live drawing session.



## Artist of the Week



**David N 8E**

David is one of our budding artists. He is interested in anime and illustration. He likes to develop his skills by creating a portfolio of work.

Keep up the good work, David.

## Coventry's Wonderful War Memorial Park Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

This weekend there will be lots going on at the Visitor Centre in the War Memorial Park and "The Friends of the War Memorial Park" have a whole host of events planned for the 100th Anniversary and the City of Culture year. If you want to know more visit the website at: [www.fwmpcoventry.org.uk](http://www.fwmpcoventry.org.uk)

"The Friends of the War Memorial Park" also asked former Cardinal Wiseman staff member, Mrs Lockett, to write a poem for the anniversary which follows here:

*"In 1919, after the first World War  
An appeal was launched to create a park for all*

*Hundreds of lives the First World War had claimed  
And to honour these lost lives the park was aimed*

*A site of over 180 acres was found  
Which was beautiful, well-wooded with lots of trees around*

*Its use was going to be for many things  
There would be playing fields and shows and a playground with swings*

*On Saturday 9th July 1921 the park was opened  
And over 20,000 people did attend*

*In 1923 a main entrance to the park they decided to install  
Made up of ornamental gates and stone from the city wall*

*Families of the fallen could buy a tree and a plaque  
And commemorate the lives of those who did not come back*

*In 1924 sixty unemployed men were selected  
To build a War Memorial and by 1927 it was erected*

*The Chamber holds the names of those that died  
And is in the hearts of those that survived*

*Other features were gradually added to the park anew  
Bowling Greens, Tennis Courts and Pitches to name but a few*

*Then came World War II and the park did it's bit for the war  
It was used for anti-aircraft guns, barrage balloons and much more*

*The Memorial was re-dedicated in 1947  
To honour 2000 lost lives of those now in heaven*

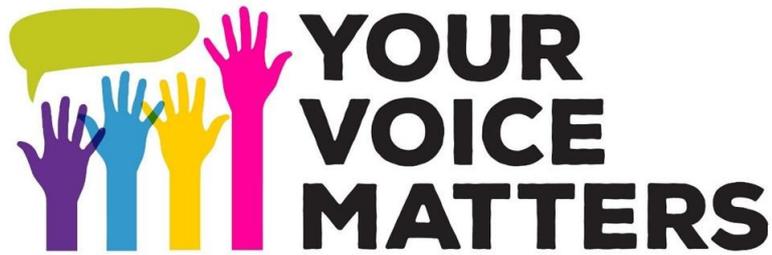
*Donkey Derbys and festivals and concerts and sports  
The park continues to be use for all sorts*

*Try out the skateboard park, go for a jog  
Ride round on your bicycle or walk your dog*

*Sit on a bench and 'Relax Awhile'  
And remember to do it all with a smile*

*For 100 years it has brought people pleasure  
So take the time to see the park at your leisure."*





At Cardinal Wiseman School we strive to provide high-quality education through which all our pupils reach their God-given potential. Your view is important, providing feedback on how well we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our fourth annual survey to parents and carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RomeroSurvey2021>

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have some additional aspects in light of the current climate and we thank you for your patience as we have navigated the last ten months. The survey takes approximately six minutes to complete and comments are optional. You can provide your details or you may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow and we would appreciate it if you would bring it directly to the attention of staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for completing our survey. As always, the survey will be analysed at school level and the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in autumn with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter. We will also include the FAQs on the website – [www.romeromac.com](http://www.romeromac.com)

**The survey will close soon - don't miss the chance to have your say!**



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# Twice weekly rapid Covid-19 testing

**Test at home**

**Report online**

**Keep life moving**

**GET YOUR TESTS  
FROM SCHOOL**



# SUMMER OF FUN 2021

## FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES & FOOD FOR COVENTRY YOUNG PEOPLE

### SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT VENUES ACROSS THE CITY EACH WEEK:

- **EDGEWICK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
DAYS: MONDAY & FRIDAY | TIME: 12PM - 4PM | AGE: 9 - 14
- **LYNG HALL SCHOOL (WYKEN)**  
DAYS: WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY | TIME: 10AM - 2PM | AGE: 11 - 17
- **THE CREZ YOUTH CLUB (RADFORD)**  
DAYS: MONDAY & THURSDAY | TIME: 4PM - 8PM | AGE: 11 - 17
- **PATHWAYS FAMILY HUB (RADFORD PRIMARY ACADEMY)**  
DAYS: WEDNESDAY | TIME: 3PM - 5PM | AGE: 9 - 14
- **THE MOAT FAMILY HUB (WOOD END)**  
DAYS: FRIDAY | TIME: 3PM - 5PM | AGE: 11 - 17

### Dates

26th July 2021

-  
20th Aug 2021

### ACTIVITIES:

- MULTI SPORTS DELIVERED BY APTITUDE YOUTH SPORTS COACHES - ULTIMATE FRISBEE, DODGEBALL, FOOTBALL, NETBALL, TOURNAMENTS, COMPETITIONS & MORE!
- MUSIC ACTIVITIES DELIVERED BY COVENTRY MUSIC SERVICE - SAMBA DRUMMING, UKULELE, DJ & DIGITAL BEATS MAKING.
- ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES - T-SHIRT DESIGN, CANVAS ART, GLASS PAINTING, GRAFFITI ART & MORE!
- FREE MEALS AT EACH SESSION FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON.
- HOME COOKING PACKS TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU EACH WEEK WITH HOW-TO-COOK YOUTUBE VIDEOS!
- TRIPS TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE - ZIP WIRE, TREE TREK, CLIMBING, GIANTS LADDER.

Book your child for **FREE** online: <https://aptitude-youth.class4kids.co.uk>

This holiday provision is only available for young people who are eligible for & receive benefits-related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**.

Parents/Guardians of eligible young people, please see your **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME POSTCARD** to use your **UNIQUE HAF BOOKING CODE** when booking activities.

For more info:  
[contact@aptitude.org.uk](mailto:contact@aptitude.org.uk)



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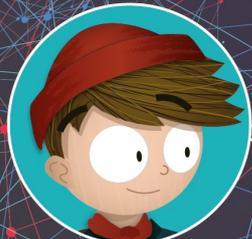
# What you need to know about... PEER-TO-PEER (P2P) SHARING



## What is it?

### 'Peer-to-Peer' (P2P) Sharing

Peer-to-peer (P2P) sharing is the process of transferring digital content, such as electronic books, music, or video clips from one computer to another. In a P2P network, each 'peer' is an end-users computer connected to the other 'peer' via the internet. Typically, this is done with the help of P2P software programmes, such as Napster or BitTorrent, where files are indexed on a central server, making them available for other users to find and download.



## Know the Risks

### Malware

The nature of P2P networks makes it possible for one file to be shared to millions of computers, which makes these files the perfect tool for hackers to spread malicious software. This could be in the form of spyware, viruses, or trojan horses which can sit quietly on your PC collecting information and modifying your security settings.

### Illegal downloads

Not only can malware be unintentionally downloaded onto your PC, it's also possible to mistakenly download copyrighted material. Doing so, and subsequently sharing this material with others, is against the law and could result in a significant financial penalty.

### Oversharing

P2P software itself can be risky, and many applications do not comply with privacy settings. Some applications automatically share folders that contain media so instead of sharing a few photos, you may end up sharing your entire photo library.



### Inappropriate content

P2P software could give users, including children, access to pornography. Some files containing pornography may be deliberately mislabelled to attract more downloads. Furthermore, the software may have built-in chat functionality, which could expose children to grooming, bullying or online abuse.

## Safety Tips

### Install security software

If your child is using P2P file-sharing software, it's important that you also have reputable security software installed which is up to date. This will alert you if any malware or viruses have been installed onto your machine and will often help you remove them once detected.

### Avoid chat functionality

As mentioned, one of the many dangers of P2P file-sharing is that it can often expose your child to strangers. Keep an eye on the software they're using and ensure it doesn't have built-in chat capabilities. If it does, it's worth downloading a more reputable alternative, such as BitTorrent.

### Explain the risks

Be sure to explain the risks of P2P file-sharing to your child, as this could help prevent any security or potential legal issues. Ensure that they are aware that seemingly innocent-looking content could potentially contain digital nasties, and that installing copyrighted material is against the law.

### Educate yourself

If your child is using P2P file-sharing, perhaps to download music or TV shows, it's important you're aware of the risks. Many file-sharing services offer parent's guides that explain the risks of their software, how it can be used safely and legally, and the level of parental controls they provide.

## Further Support

### Use safer options

Although P2P file-sharing is still popular with millions of users across the globe, there is now much safer software available at your child's disposal, particularly if they don't feel safe using P2P file-sharing. If your child is using P2P software to download music or films, perhaps it's worth signing them up to a streaming service such as Apple Music, Spotify, Netflix, or Amazon.

### Report and offer support

If your child feels at risk due to exposure to strangers or bullying, or due to exposure to harmful material, offer comfort and support. Encourage your child to avoid using P2P file-sharing websites and software. Keep proof of any messages they have received if you need to contact the police or local authorities.

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