



Newsletter Issue 147

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was a great privilege to host the premiere of the *Guardian Ballers* documentary 'Rebound' this week. This is a documentary filmed predominantly at Cardinal Wiseman and about the impact that *Guardian Ballers* has had on our students and their mental health. We also welcomed huge numbers of representatives from Coventry Local Authority, as well as Deputy Lord Mayor, Kevin Maton. It was incredible, and our young people did themselves, their families, and the school proud.

The founder of *Guardian Ballers*, Kieran Joseph, has been a familiar face around our school for a while, as well as much of his team, including Marisha and American basketballer, Scott Neely. This mission is Kieron's calling, and he is driven by his belief in God's plan for him. We are delighted that our values and visions are so aligned.

The team's discussions with our students around mental health, coping mechanisms, physical health and making opportunities for themselves to be better, have transformed the lives of some of our students. I cannot wait for them to continue to work with our school and our students in their future projects.

Cardinal Wiseman was the first school in Coventry to say 'yes' to this venture and to be able to host the premiere was extremely special and quite emotional for all involved. One of the overwhelming feelings from the visitors to our school was that there must have been a special atmosphere in the school and a supportive culture of 'no fear' for our students to take part in filming a documentary that shows the deepest parts of their inner emotions. This, I know, is true and I am proud of every single student that has contributed to a community that is accepting, caring, and devoted to making sure that everyone has the opportunity to be incredible. We will be showing the documentary to all of our students in the coming weeks as part of our focus on mental health and to share how successful the project has been.

We have had information from the NHS regarding Covid vaccinations for students aged 12-15 on page 2 of this week's newsletter. Please read it carefully and use the hyperlinked documents for the consent form and FAQs.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless

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Important Information—COVID-19 Vaccinations for Students Aged 12-15 Years

Students at Cardinal Wiseman are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination, in school, if they are aged between 12 – 15 years. The vaccinations are to take place on Wednesday 20 October.

- The link below gives access to a letter from the NHS which includes an electronic consent form.
- It is crucial that a form is completed for every child.
- If you do not wish to give consent you must declare this on the form and return it.
- The closing date for submitting the consent form is: **Thursday 14 October at 12 noon.**

[Electronic Consent Form](#)

Please click on the link below to a link to a document answering common questions about the procedure:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

This information is also available on the school website.





Worshipping Together at last



On Tuesday, 28 September, the Chaplaincy Team took three students to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham to join with other secondary schools from across the diocese, for a service marking the new academic year.

Bishop Stephen Wright celebrated the Mass and it was so joyful to be able to be gathered together in worship again!

On Wednesday 7B celebrated Mass in the school Chapel for the first time. The service was celebrated by our new school chaplain, Father Des.

Each Year 7 form will get the opportunity to celebrate Mass as a group over the coming weeks!

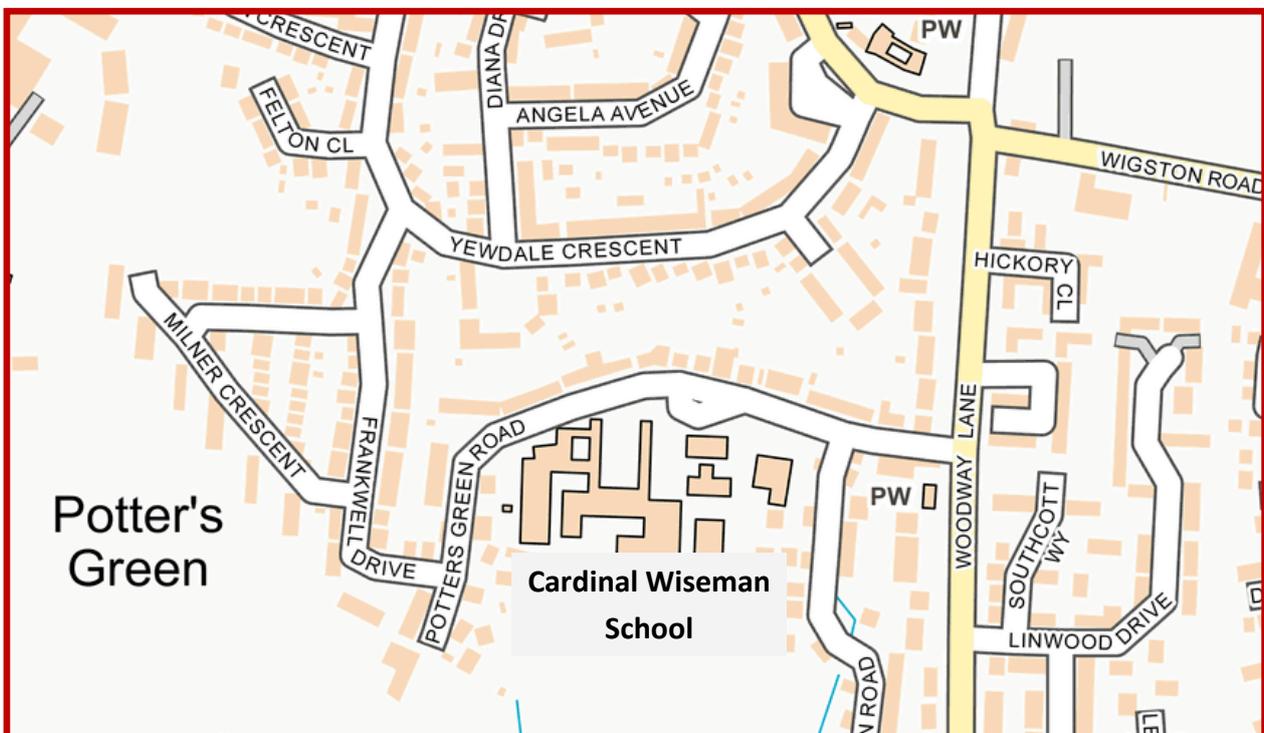


Important—Students and Residents at Risk from Traffic Congestion at 3.20pm

Residents and staff have recently witnessed parents trying to turn around in the road immediately in front of school while picking up their children. This has led to several students being in near misses with vehicles and we are extremely concerned that an accident could easily happen.

We therefore request parents not to attempt a U-turn in Potters Green Road but to continue onto Frankwell Drive and then into Yewdale Crescent, which will bring you out at Ringwood Highway allowing access back onto Woodway Lane—see map below.

Please take care, we all want to keep our children safe.



Your child's risk of being injured on foot or on a bicycle increases as they gain independence. Far more teens are knocked down and hurt than younger children. Peer pressure can also cause young people to behave in unsafe ways near the road. This group are at further risk due to longer journeys to and from school with friends or on their own.

Please ensure that your children understand the importance of walking directly to their destination, without stops or diversions. Even as your child approaches adolescence, you should keep talking about road safety with them, and ensure that they know the importance of continuing to take great care when crossing the road, including putting away their phone and taking out any earphones.

Remind them that they will be unable to hear traffic if they are listening to music through their earphones or see it properly if they are wearing a hood.



Former Sixth Form Student Wins Scholarship Award

Cardinal Wiseman is unique in the city; we run a foundation programme for those students who are new to Coventry and whose education has been disrupted through relocation.

Crisna is a graduate of this programme. In her Foundation year, as well as passing much needed GCSE's in English and Maths, she also proved that she had the determination and academic ability to excel and achieve her goal of going on to study at a Russell Group University.

Crisna is the deserving recipient of the Reading List Foundation Award this year, which gives a nominated student support in the form of a Blackwell's Bookshop e-voucher for £250, in recognition of her achievements in Years 12 and 13. We hope that the £250 will go some way to ensuring she has the required books she will need to study for her chosen degree in Psychology with Law at the University of Southampton.



Exam Invigilators Required – Cardinal Wiseman School

Casual contract - £9.77 per hour plus holiday pay

Cardinal Wiseman School are seeking to appoint exam invigilators to support the school in the smooth running of all examinations in accordance with exam regulations. This is a casual post and the hours worked will be predominately during peak exam seasons.

Further information can be found on the Romero website at:

www.romeromac.com



ENRICHMENT

PE Faculty Activities

Guardian Ballers Basketball (**Years 8, 9 Girls**) Tuesday 3.30-4.30
Football Club (**Year 8 Boys**) Tuesday 3.30-4.30
Football Club (**Year 9 Boys**) Tuesday 3.30-4.30
Fitness Club (**Years 8, 9**) Wednesday 3.30-4.15
Football Club (**Years 10, 11**) Wednesday 3.30-4.30
Rugby Club (**Year 7**) Wednesday 3.30-4.30
Wasps Netball (**Years 9, 10**) Wednesday 3.30-4.30
Guardian Ballers Basketball (**Years 8, 9 Boys**) Thursday 3.30-4.30
Football Club (**Year 7 Boys**) Thursday 3.30-4.30
Football Club (**Key Stage 3 Girls**) Thursday 3.30-4.30
Netball (**Years 7, 8**) Thursday 3.30-4.30

Performing Arts Activities

Glee Club (**All Years**) Tuesday 3.30-4.20 **Theatre**
Drama Club (**Key Stage 3**) Wednesday 3.30-4.20 **Theatre**
Choir Club (**All Years**) Thursday 3.30-4.20 **CC10**
DJ Club (**Years 8, 9**) Thursday 3.30-4.30 **Theatre**

English Faculty Activities

Rising Writers (**Years 7, 8, 9, 10**) Tuesday 3.30-4.20 **FR05**
Newspaper Ninjas (**All Years**)

Languages Faculty Activities

Latin For Life (**Years 8, 9, 10**) Thursday 3.30-4.20 **AQ06**
The Language Club (**All Years**) Thursday 3.30-4.30 **RM03**

History Faculty Activity

Ye-Olde History Club (**Key Stage 3**) Wednesday 3.30-4.00 **AQ09**

Science Faculty Activity

Rocket Club (**Years 7, 8, 9, 10**) Contact Mr Hermitage for more details.

<p>the allergy & free from show winter</p>		<p>6-7 Nov NEC Birmingham</p>
<p>Free Tickets for Schools and Parents</p>		
		<p>Shopping Cooking demos Learning Theatre</p>

Use the link below for more information and to get your free tickets:

<https://www.allergyshow.co.uk/>

Key Stage 3 students are invited to join...

De Olde History Club

Dig deeper into the past every Wednesday

3.30 - 4.00pm in AQ09

For more details contact Miss Elliott on:

aelliott@cwcscoventry.co.uk



Make your mark
on history!



Welcome to the House of Fun!

At Cardinal Wiseman the House system was introduced eight years ago and is an integral part of our ethos and values system. We saw a re-emergence of the House system in July 2021, following the return to school for all students and enjoyed some competitive events. Moving forward, the challenge is to instil a new sense of pride and ambition now that House events can take place more regularly .

The House system allows every student and member of staff to feel a sense of belonging by becoming a member of **Caritas**, **Camino**, **Gaudete** or **Veritas** House.

By being a member of the House family, students and staff are encouraged to show team spirit as all the Houses thrive on the ethos of “playing your part”. Each student has a coloured tie that represents the House that they are in and a House T-shirt for representing their House in sporting events.

The House system aims to reflect the values of the school. You have probably seen the ‘Compass for Life’ displaying the values Ambition, Knowledge, Resilience and Respect. We try to develop this by fostering a sense of healthy competition, awareness of each other and a sense of being part of a team. A fantastic side effect of participation often sees increased confidence, which can positively show itself in a student’s whole school life in the classroom and beyond.

Students should aspire to succeed and learn from every experience. Each tutor group should look to contribute as much as possible in the aim of winning the House Cup.

There will be House events this term for students to participate in, including:

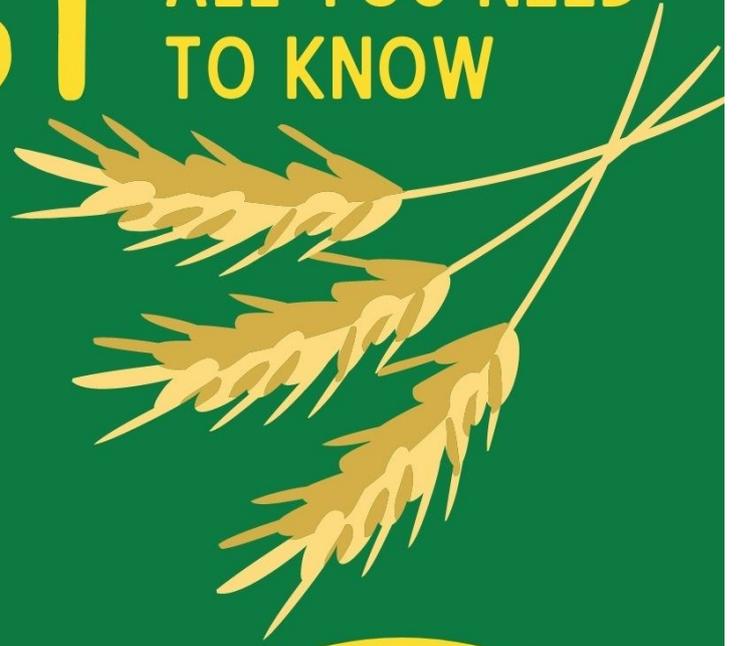
- Inter-house sporting competitions
- Inter-house quizzes
- A Biblical challenge
- Charity events - the Harvest collection and “The 12 Days of Christmas”



House teams taking part in Sports Day, July 2021

HARVEST

ALL YOU NEED
TO KNOW



WHY?

WE CELEBRATE HARVEST TO REMIND US OF ALL THE GOOD THINGS GOD HAS GIVEN TO US. TO CELEBRATE WE SHARE WITH OTHERS WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.



WHAT?

TO CELEBRATE WE ARE COLLECTING TINNED AND LONG LASTING FOODS TO DONATE TO THE EMMAUS CHARITY WHO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS IN COVENTRY.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP !

ANY DONATIONS SHOULD BE BOUGHT TO THE CHAPEL BY FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER. DONATIONS WILL BE SORTED INTO HOUSE PILES, THE HOUSE WITH THE MOST DONATIONS WINS!!

Dyslexia Week 2021

October 4 -10

Invisible Dyslexia

This year we are focusing on Invisible Dyslexia

Because dyslexia itself isn't visible, individuals with dyslexia often feel unsupported, unseen, **invisible**.

This dyslexia week we are focussing on Invisible Dyslexia, to explore the entire theme of visibility within our community. We'll highlight the importance of mental health, increasing the visibility of under represented groups and raising the serious issue of dyslexia being overlooked within education and the workplace.

Follow us on social media or visit our website for more information.



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PROFESSIONALS INFORMATION SESSION & LIVE DEMO

20th September, 12th October, 24th November & 16th December

A session for **professionals** working with young people in the West Midlands, providing information around the Kooth service and how to effectively signpost young people to Kooth

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kooth-professionals-information-session-live-kooth-demonstration-tickets-168403727081>

PARENT & CARER KOOOTH INFORMATION SESSION

30th September, 25th October & 26th November

A session for **parents and carers** living in the West Midlands, providing information around the Kooth service and how parents/carers can support their young people to access Kooth

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-for-parents-carers-west-midlands-tickets-169330994563>

KOOOTH SUPPORT FOR 18-25 YEAR OLDS

28th September, 26th October & 23rd November

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kooth-support-for-18-25-year-olds-across-the-west-midlands-tickets-169345544081>

A session for **18-25 year olds** living in the West Midlands, providing information around how Kooth can provide this age range with support around their mental wellbeing

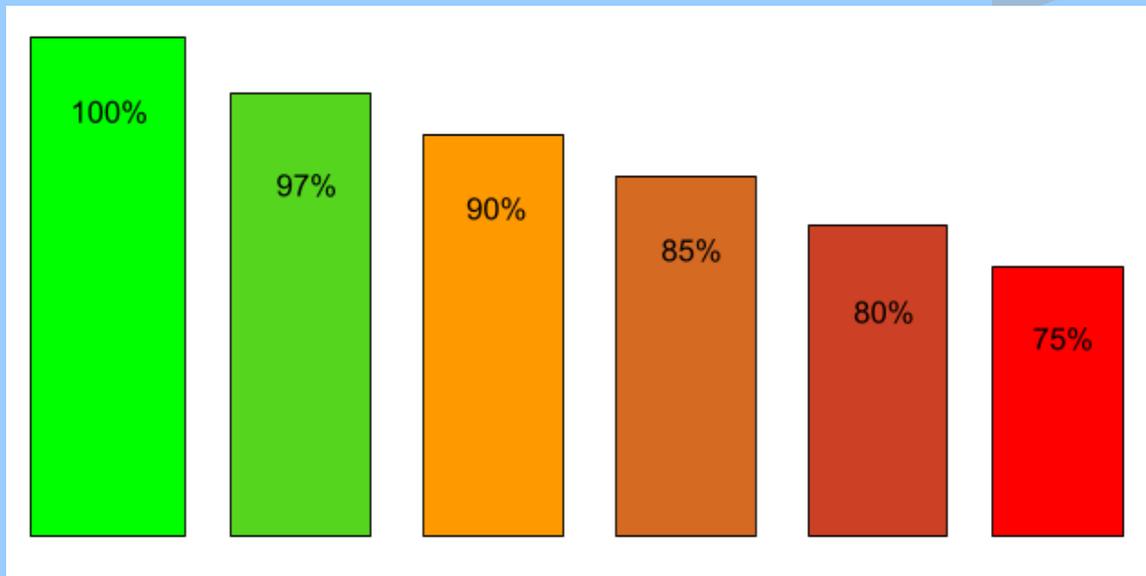




ATTENDANCE

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS...

Being in school at least 184 out of 190 days
or
97% or higher in a school year.



100% attendance - 190 days attended in an academic year with no days absence

97% attendance - 184 days attended with 6 days absence

90% attendance - 171 days attended with 19 days absence (persistent absentee)

85% attendance - 161 days attended with 28 days absence (cause for concern)

80% attendance - 152 days attended with 38 days absence (seriously worried)

75% attendance - 143 days attended with 47 days absence (seriously worried)

- There are 365 days in a calendar year
- 175 days are not spent at school — shopping, appointments and holidays can be made in this time

Did you know students who attend school:

- Are more likely to reach their full potential
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Make new friends
- Grow in confidence
- Have better career prospects
- Keep up with work and homework

Remember your education is important-don't miss out!



Introducing the Safeguarding Team

At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we recognise that safeguarding and child protection are an essential part of our duty of care to all students and all staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. We understand that safeguarding, child protection and promoting the welfare of all children is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing please contact the team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) - Mrs Hirons (Senior Assistant Vice Principal)

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) - Miss Jones

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) - Miss Gregory

Attendance and Staff/Student Wellbeing - Mrs Marshment

Email: safeguarding@cwcscoventry.co.uk

The Attendance Team

We need each child to attend school whenever they are well enough to do so, ideally 98% - 100% of the academic year. This means they make the best academic progress possible, socialise with other children and can join some of the clubs that are offered outside of lesson time.

Absence or lateness to school can be an indicator that something is wrong, so the Safeguarding and Attendance teams work closely together to offer any additional support with overcoming barriers to attendance.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please contact the team:

Attendance Officers - Miss Walsh / Mrs Shannon

Email: attendance@cwcscoventry.co.uk

For any other concerns please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year in the first instance:

Head of Year 7 - Mrs Taylor ltaylor@cwcscoventry.co.uk

Head of Year 8 - Mr Forinton hforinton@cwcscoventry.co.uk

Head of Year 9 - Mr Nagle lnagle@cwcscoventry.co.uk

Head of Year 10 - Miss Lindsay clindsay@cwcscoventry.co.uk

Head of Year 11 - Mr Lambert mlambert@cwcscoventry.co.uk

Head of Years 12 & 13 - Mr Palmer spalmer@cwcscoventry.co.uk

