



Year 7 and Year 8 pupils at the 'Celebration of Achievement Luncheon'

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THE WISEMAN REVIEW

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

This Sunday's Gospel, has two of the most memorable pieces of scripture in it regarding being calm. We are told: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you' and 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.' It is often very difficult for schools to be calm places, especially when we desire a buzz or thrill for learning, when we have so many activities to participate in, trips to go on, or teams to represent. Being calm is often extremely difficult when someone does something that you disagree with or situations are highly pressured. The words from the Gospel this week are particularly pertinent because of the calmness and maturity that students from three different year groups have approached their examinations with this week, as well as Year 7 who have undergone some of their knowledge assessments too. After such a long build up, the whole of Year 11 began their GCSEs; the first externally assessed examinations since the summer of 2019. They have been exemplary in their conduct and many of our invigilators have commented on how well prepared and focused they are as they enter the hall. By the time you read this, they will all have sat papers in RE, Biology, English Language and Mathematics, with others having sat Computer Science, German and History too. Although this week has been abuzz with nerves, apprehension and worry, there has been joy, relief, catharsis and that sense of calm and peace that we hear from John's Gospel.

Please take time to read the attached letter, also published inside, regarding proposals for slight adjustments for the school day. The recent Government White Paper stipulates that the school day must be 6.5 hours long, and whilst we are open for much longer than that, the time in the school day between registration and Period 5 falls short by 5 minutes.

Next week, Thursday 26 May, is a Holy Day of Obligation for The Feast of the Ascension. As such, we will welcome Father Des to celebrate Mass with Year 8 in the theatre, with the rest of the school watching via a live stream.

Have a happy and holy weekend.

Mr Everett
Principal



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NOTICES



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May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to consult with all our parents and carers to understand your views about the proposal for the school day to finish at 3.25pm rather than 3.20pm as it is currently. It is important that we have your views about this proposal and this letter explains the reasons why we would like this to happen:

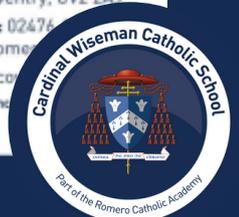
- The recent Government White Paper details that all schools must be open for 32.5 hours a week, which we are. Currently, we ask that all students are on site for 8:50am, although tutor time or line up begins at 8:55am.
- A sizeable enough minority of students have been impacted by reduced bus services in the city, particularly those who need to take two buses, meaning that they struggle to be in school for 8:55am.
- Some children find that the changeover period between lessons 4 and 5 is too rushed because of wanting to go to the toilet after lunch and so end up being 'late' to lessons or not making the most of learning time.

The proposed adjustment to the timings of the day are as follows:

08.55am	Tutor Session / Line Up
09.00am	Period 1
10.00am	Period 2
11.00am	Morning Break
11.20am	Period 3
12.20am	Tutor Session / Lunch
12.50am	Lunch / Tutor Session
13.20am	Period 4
14.20am	Lesson Transition (New)
14.25am	Period 5
15.25am	End of School Day

The benefits of this minor change are as follow:

- Students' well-being is considered, as some children struggle in the afternoons and can feel lethargic.
- Traffic around the local community would be eased.
- More productive lessons, as a transition time between lessons ensures a full hour of learning in each of periods 4 and 5.
- Clarity around lateness for lessons so that all students have had the opportunity to arrive at lessons promptly with sufficient time for a movement break.



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Ultimately, the Governing board is responsible for setting the length of the school day. The process is:

- Responses/views from parents would be analysed and collated.
- Information from the staff, children and parents would be forwarded to the governors for them to consider and make a final decision.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONSULTATION FORM [HERE](#)

Thank you for your continued co-operation, support and understanding.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Everett
Principal

**Please use the following link to
complete the survey:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/tm9KzMWpvW>



NOTICES

We have had a report of a white car approaching a student in the local area. Please reinforce to your child that, even in secondary school, they should not engage with, or respond to, strangers and should contact the police as soon as possible if they feel that there is a threat.

Also, we have had one reported case of headlice in one year group. Parents have been notified but it is always worth being vigilant and checking for lice and eggs if your child's scalp is itchy.

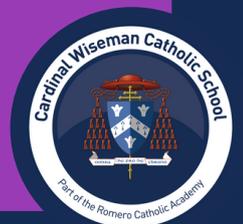
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Message from Imagineer Productions

We will be rehearsing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant at Cardinal Wiseman school grounds on Sunday 22 May.

On this date, we will be playing music through our sound systems between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. We aim to limit the use of sound as much as possible to not disturb local residents.

We appreciate your support and understanding.



CELEBRATIONS

Celebration of Achievement Luncheon

On Wednesday 18 May, Mr Everett and members of the Senior Leadership Team held a Celebration of Achievement Luncheon for a selection of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. This was in recognition of their hard work and commitment to their studies throughout the year.

Well done everybody!



CHAPLAINCY

Last Sunday Pope Francis formally recognised 10 new saints!

These people are inspirational, lived incredible lives and brought others closer to Jesus. More than this, they are people we believe are in Heaven praying for us! The new saints include an archer, a convert, a martyr, a monk who protected Jewish people from the Nazis, a woman who fearlessly crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times and the first person from Uruguay to be made a saint.

All of these people devoted their lives to the call that we all have - to be Holy. Pope Francis said that these saints were, "brilliant reflections of the Lord" and encouraged us all to strive to be the same!

Check out the video below!
<https://youtu.be/xJYwJ8RIQJw>



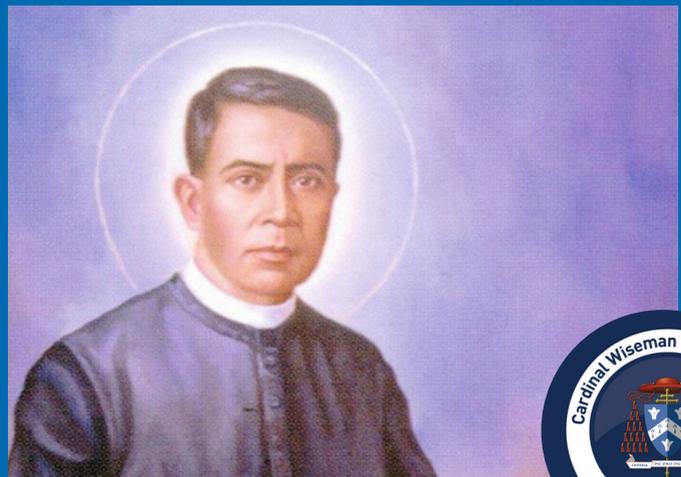
Saint of the Week



This week's Saint of the Week is St Christopher Magallanes who was a Mexican priest who was martyred for his faith. He is a great example of being strong in your faith and always remaining true to what you believe, even when it is really difficult.

This week's Saint of the Week video features students from Sacred Heart Primary School. These children are making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks so please keep them in your prayers:

<https://youtu.be/jJz9gXiDm-0>



ENRICHMENT

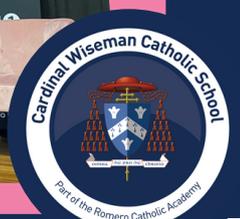
BBC RADIO 1 **BIG WEEKEND CONNECTS**
THE SESSIONS



PRESENTED BY
DANNI DISTON

On Wednesday 18 May, Cardinal Wiseman hosted a 'BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend Connects' session in the St Charles Lwanga Theatre for our Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. We were joined by Radio 1 presenter Danni Diston, alongside three industry panellists including two Cardinal Wiseman Alumni.

In the session, Amber Sandhu (Sports Broadcaster), Taylor James (Podcaster) and John Bernard (Rapper & Poet) discussed the ever-changing worlds of journalism, podcasting and music. Pupils also had the chance to submit any questions during a Q&A segment and take part in a career quiz. The session was also live streamed through the BBC website.



ENRICHMENT

Harmonise

LOVE SINGING?

Join us to sing a range of genres including pop, musical theatre, classical and folk music.

Band musicians welcome!



Thursday



CC01



3:30-4:20

Contact Miss Myers for more details:
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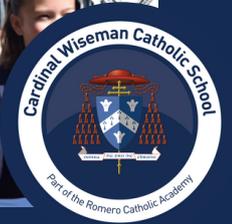
PE ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Guardian Ballers Basketball (Years 10, 11, 12, 13 Boys) Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm

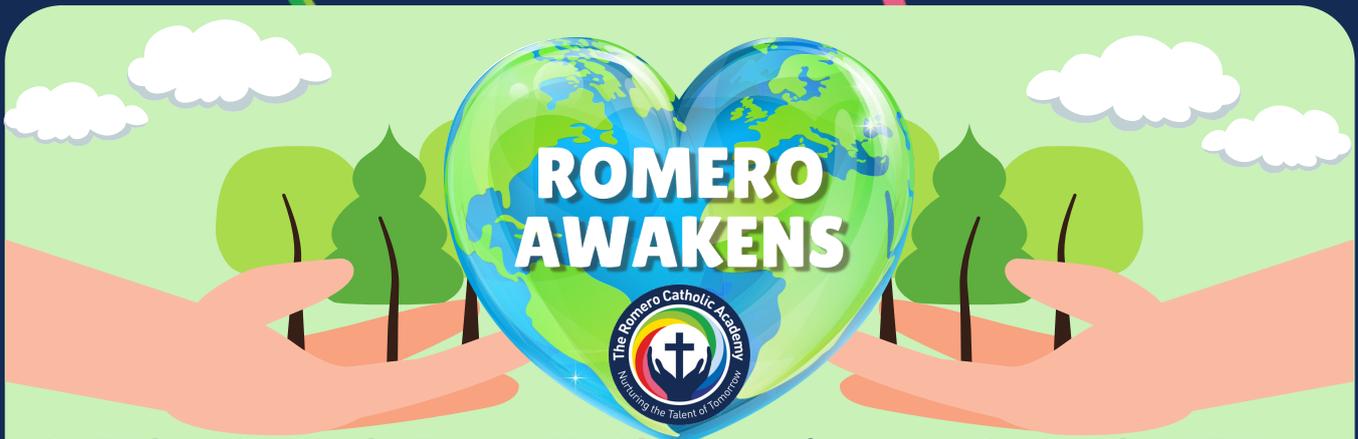
Guardian Ballers Basketball (All Years Girls) Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm
Football Club (Year 8) Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm

Athletics Club (All Years) Wednesday 3.30pm-4.15pm

Rounders (Key Stage 3 & 4 Girls) Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm
Basketball (Years 8 & 9 Boys) Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm
Cricket (Key Stage 3 Boys) Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm



ROMERO AWAKENS

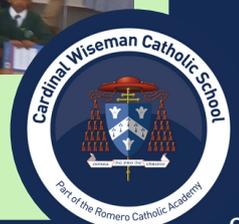


On Friday 20 May, the Romero MAC held a conference at Corpus Christi Primary School to inspire our community to live a greener life and encourage others, beyond Romero, to look after the planet. Pupils from all seven primary schools and Cardinal Wiseman joined together, alongside the Lord Mayor and Brett Willis from Coventry Council, to discuss what small changes we can do to help the planet. The conference also included an environment session from Severn Trent and a presentation from each school about what steps they are taking to make their school a greener place.

The Romero MAC responds to Pope Francis' call for, 'a renewed sense of shared responsibility for our world', furthermore, 'each of us - whoever, and wherever we may be - can play our own part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and the degradation of our common home'.



We look forward to sharing even more about the conference in next weeks Wiseman Review, including our Romero pledges from the day!



PARENT/CARER SURVEY

Parent/Carer Survey - Your Voice Matters!

Here at Cardinal Wiseman, we strive to provide a high-quality education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how well we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our fifth annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy. It will close on Friday July 15 2022.

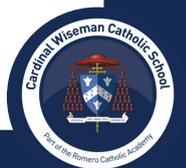
The link can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Romero2022>

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have included a question specifically on the recent Ofsted at Cardinal Wiseman as we are interested in your view in the school now confirmed as 'Good' in all areas. The survey takes approximately 6 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 you bringing 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 across Romero, as the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in the Autumn Term with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter. We will include the FAQs on the website – www.romeromac.com



STUDENT LEADERSHIP BOARD

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"I am Ciaran from Year 11 and I am the 'Student Chaplaincy Lead', part of the Student Leadership Board.

My role includes leading and organising prayer services, charity events and creating informative social media posts relative to the time period of the Church and much more.

I try to be an example to others, following in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

MEET THE REST OF THE TEAM



Madison S
Student Principal



Kahlen B
Vice Principal



Kimberly R
Student Wellbeing



Adjoa B
Student Voice



Amber G
Enrichment



Olivia U
Social Responsibility



Aisha K
Social Responsibility



Karene D
Student Voice

CANTEEN MENU

Queen Elizabeth II

Platinum Jubilee
1952 - 2022

FRIDAY 27 MAY



TRADITIONAL FISH & CHIPS,
MUSHY PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
& BREAD AND BUTTER

BRITISH LION CRESTED OMELETTE
SERVED WITH CHIPS,
BAKED BEANS OR PEAS
& BREAD AND BUTTER



VICTORIA SPONGE CAKE



NETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday 18 May, Cardinal Wiseman held a netball tournament for five primary schools. Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, Stoke Primary, Frederick Bird and St Laurence's Primary School all competed for the title of "Netball Champion".

Well done to Corpus Christi who won the tournament and thank you to our Sports Leaders for supporting the event. Great work everyone!

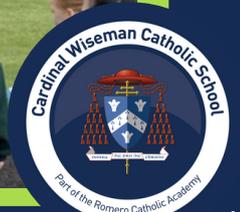
#ROMERO THRIVES



Corpus Christ celebrated National Numeracy Day in style with a range of activities in all year groups. They had treasure hunts with a pirate, online maths games, battleships, times tables games as well as an orienteering activity. Great work Team Corpus!



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SAFEGUARDING



For ages: **10-18**

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