



Years 8, 9, and 10 at the Birmingham Peace Garden, as part of the Commonwealth celebrations

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Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we welcomed the families of our Year 7 pupils onto site for progress meetings and I would like to thank all involved for a huge turnout for what was a lovely evening. Along with huge numbers, there was a great feeling of positivity and wonderful feedback for our young people, who will very shortly be excellent role models for our new cohort of Year 7's, who will be visiting the school at the beginning of July. Thank you as well for the 100 or so responses to our [survey](#) which has also generated wonderful and constructive feedback. Please fill it in if you haven't already.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Year's 11 and 13 who are midway through examination season and coping most admirably. We are delighted that some have been offered apprenticeships to begin shortly and some Year 13's have received unconditional offers from their universities of choice. We look forward to celebrating with both year groups at their leavers Masses and recognition events in the coming weeks. In the meantime, parents and carers of those children will be receiving a letter regarding when students need to be in for examinations and revision sessions from Monday 13 June, now that most of their core examinations are coming to an end.

As we head into the final part of the year, we are excited for the number of on-site events and trips coming up for our students to celebrate and enjoy. These include the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, House competitions – leading up to the House cup presentation at the end of the year - and various academy wide events that we are thrilled to be hosting at the school. We are also looking forward to our whole-school Mass, which will be the first since the summer of 2019, as well as the return of the Romero Sports Awards, which will be held in the Saint Charles Lwanga Theatre towards the end of June.

Amongst other celebrations, Sunday was the Feast of Pentecost and we recognised the birthday of the Church. Pentecost remembers when the Holy Spirit was sent to guide and strengthen Jesus' disciples during a time of fear and uncertainty. As our students start to prepare for their next steps, we are encouraged by the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit, which continues to protect our community and will enable our students to approach their future aspirations confidently.

Thank you and God bless.

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ARMED FORCES DAY

Councillor Kevin Maton, Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry, would like to remind parents and students of this year's Armed Forces Day Service and Parade on Saturday, 25 June 2022, in Broadgate, Coventry. There will be a church service, open to the public, commencing at 10.30am in Holy Trinity Church followed by a short parade around Broadgate, which commences at 11.30am.

Cardinal Wiseman School already supports the work of the Royal British Legion through the wearing of poppies during the time of Remembrance, but Armed Forces Day is equally as important to support those who have made, and continue to make, such an important contribution to our country. The Lord Mayor would like to encourage families to attend and show their appreciation for the veterans, those currently serving in the armed forces and the cadets of Coventry.



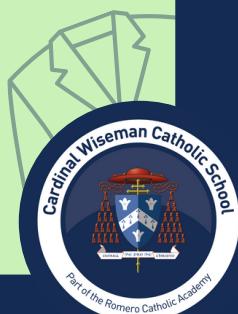
NOTICES

Uniform Appeal

Could we please ask parents of current Year 11 students to consider donating their child's uniform to the school.

Any uniform, including PE kit, which you no longer use but is still in good condition, will be gratefully received and passed on to students in need.

Please leave donations at Main Reception for the attention of Miss Jones. Thank you.



CHAPLAINCY

Pentecost and the Month of June

Sunday 5 June was the Feast of Pentecost when Christians celebrate the birthday of the Church and rejoice that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide and protect us.

The entire of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart and, in response, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for families this month.

Find out more about June's devotions in the following video:

https://youtu.be/Ak9hY_sOy2k

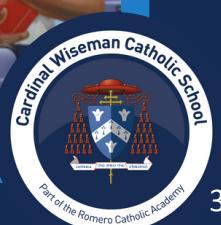
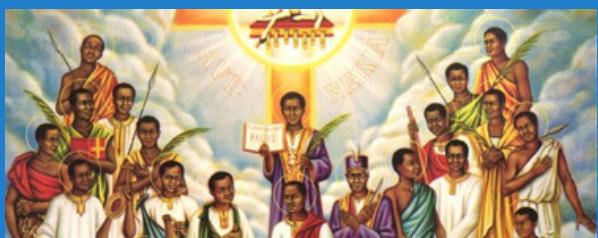


Saint of the Week



There is no Saint of the Week this week - however, Friday 3 June was the feast day of St Charles Lwanga who is the patron of our school theatre. If you missed the video we made in October about him, you can check it out here!

<https://youtu.be/l6ZBvspT-I0>



ENRICHMENT

The Commonwealth Games are being held in Birmingham this year. On 7 June 2022, pupils in Years 8, 9, and 10 joined "Roots to Fruits" and went to Birmingham Peace Garden, as part of the Commonwealth celebrations. As well as learning about the history of the Peace Garden and the church, pupils participated in group session activities.

Our contribution to the Peace Garden were some mosaics. The main area that we were working on had a giant circle made from stone to represent the world and around it, we put bricks down with all the different Commonwealth countries imprinted on them. Six concrete planting boxes, representing the continents, will be used to grow different foods from each of the continents.

In another area, our school joined other schools to make mosaics. We worked in groups. Two groups mixed concrete in the ratio of 8:2 whilst another group levelled the ground, so the bricks were flat against the circle.

When we got there, we were taught about the history of the church. This church was bombed during the blitz and hasn't been rebuilt. This links to Coventry Cathedral and both stand for peace and reconciliation. Although Coventry Cathedral was also never rebuilt, a new one was erected alongside the ruins. Birmingham's church was so prestigious, and you could see where the chandelier used to be in the entrance of it. The last time it was used for services was 1943. Also around the ruins was a fence depicting the bombs turning into doves to represent peace.

In 1998, the G8 summit met in Birmingham and eight trees were planted as a living symbol of peace. There is also an area where people have planted packets of seeds, with mementos, that grow in memory of people who have died from Covid-19.

Grace C (Year 10)



ENRICHMENT

YEAR 10



CYBERFIRST DEFENDERS VIRTUAL SUMMER COURSE

Course availability: all places are full, accepting reserve applications

This fully funded online course is aimed at attracting a diverse range of students, typically between 14 and 15-years-old, with a real passion and interest in technology. It is open to students currently in Year 10 (England and Wales), S4 (Scotland) and Year 11 (Northern Ireland) in the 2021/22 academic year. Places are limited so sign up now and secure your spot.

CyberFirst Defenders gives you a valuable introduction to the process of building and protecting small networks and personal devices. It helps increase your awareness of cyber security, whilst also equipping you with a set of relevant practical skills you can apply in your own life. These skills will help you and your friends and family stay safe online. Then, we go a step further to help you visualise yourself in a cyber security career, guiding you to the technology-related qualifications you'll need.

This event includes the following:

- Identifying the sources and impacts of common cyber security threats
- Defining and applying first-line cyber defences
- Constructing, configuring and securing a home network
- Taking steps to manage personal digital footprints

WHEN

25 Jul - 05 Aug 2022

Start time: 00:00 hrs

Finish time: 00:00 hrs

WHERE

Online

COST

FREE

[Book this course](#)



1,262,798!

Coventry reached its "One Million Reads" target for the City of Culture and Cardinal Wiseman readers really helped. Thank you to everyone who took part in the library's Book Bingo and to the brilliant Book Club members who have tried lots of different and challenging reads.



ENRICHMENT



SUMMER CAREER FAIR 2022

Wednesday 27th July

11am - 2pm



Coventry College is inviting businesses to showcase work placements, apprenticeships, traineeships or employment opportunities available, at a Summer Career Fair on 27 July.

Coventry College will have its own stand along with a variety of employers including the NHS, the Army, Balfour Beatty, CV Life, Nursery Stars, Severn Trent, Hunter Selection and many more.

If you would like to attend, please click on the following link to book your provisional space:
BOOK HERE



ENRICHMENT

The national organisers of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards have sent Cardinal Wiseman this certificate in recognition of all the time our students have given volunteering in our community.

We are very proud of them.



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

who spent

429 hours

volunteering between
1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community

The social value of these hours is

£1981.98

A handwritten signature in black ink.

RUTH MARVEL CEO

REVISION

Tips to reduce exam & revision stress



Reach out

These are unusual times! Often talking things through with a loved one will help



You time

Schedule downtime to do something you enjoy



Plan

Create a revision schedule but remember to include breaks!



Eat & drink well

Go for healthy food and stay hydrated



Shh!

Work somewhere where you can concentrate and put your phone down to avoid distractions



Zzz...

Try to get enough sleep and don't stay up too late!



PROM

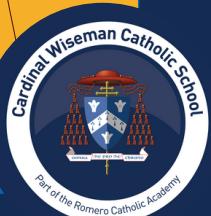
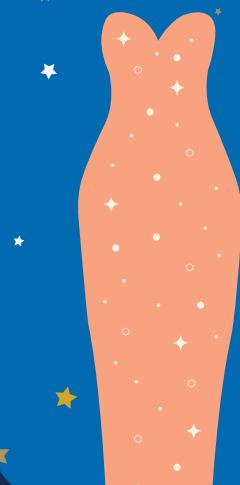
Prom Donations

If anyone knows of any businesses that are able to donate dresses/suits for students in need, for their Prom, please get in touch!

We have many students that would really appreciate the support in making the night magical!

If you would like to help, please email our Operations Manager Zoe Seth at:

z.seth@romeromac.com



STUDENT LEADERSHIP BOARD

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"My name is Adjoa and I'm one half of the 'Student Voice Lead' duo.

I cannot wait to start working in my role full time. I'm ready to help student voices be heard and I want to make the school a place where everyone feels safe, represented and heard.

I'll be working in unison with the rest of the Student Leadership Board to make sure Wiseman is a place where everyone is shown that their opinions matter."

MEET THE REST OF THE TEAM



Madison S
Student Principal



Kahlen B
Vice Principal



Ciaran F
Chaplaincy Lead



Kimberly R
Student Wellbeing



Amber G
Enrichment



Olivia U
Social Responsibility



Aisha K
Social Responsibility



Karene D
Student Voice

SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

SEND 'Drop In' Coffee Mornings

Years 9 & 10 - Tuesday 5 July 9.30am-12.00pm

Years 7 & 8 - Tuesday 12 July 9.30am-12.00pm

This is an opportunity for parents of our current Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students, with special educational needs or disabilities, to visit Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School. Refreshments will be available in the library where you can meet our Trinity Team and Mrs Oliver (SENCO). You will also be able to discuss interventions for your child for the next academic year.

Professionals from Coventry SEND support services will also be available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have around:

- Autism/ADHD
- Social and Emotional needs
- Communication
- Mental Health
- Learning



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

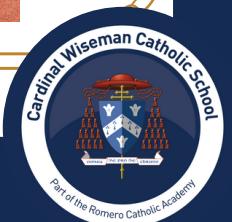


ROMERO THRIVES

First Holy Communion

On Thursday 9 June, Corpus Christi Primary School brought their Year 3 students to Cardinal Wiseman for a day retreat in preparation for their First Holy Communion. The students joined our Lay Chaplains, Tom and Beth, as well as several Cardinal Wiseman students in exploring how God calls us all to be superheroes and that the Eucharist helps us on this mission!

The Year 3 pupils had a great time and said they could not wait to come back!



TRANSITION

We look forward to welcoming our incoming Year 7 students onto site on **Wednesday 6 July 2022.**

We cannot wait to meet you all!



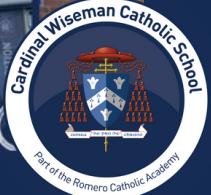
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#BeIncredible



WELLBEING



Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

Empathy

Empathy is the ability to step into the shoes of another person and understand what they are experiencing. Empathy is all about focusing on another person but it can also benefit you! Feeling and understanding the experiences of others bonds you to people in a deep and meaningful way, which nurtures our need for attachment and connection. When we empathise with others, we regulate our own emotions, which is a skill that allows us to de-stress. Research has even found that when we build our empathic abilities, we also build our skills at handling difficult situations, communicate more effectively and feel better understood.

Try one, or both, of the below activities throughout this week:

1. Think about an act of kindness you have done recently. How did it make you feel? How do you think it made the other person feel? How do you think you would feel if you had chosen to be unkind instead of kind?
2. Look out for someone who appears sad or worried, or just check in with someone anyway. Ask them how they are feeling and whether you can do anything to make them feel better.

Key dates this month:

Pride Month
Tourette's Awareness Month
8th National Best Friends Day
9th Empathy Day
10th Brake's Kids Walk

#ThanksKids recognises the super efforts and kindness of young people and thanks them via personalised #NHSStars certificates and pin badges. Please spread this message amongst your school community, all you need to do is let us know by nominating the young person using this email address: cwp-tr.thankskids@nhs.net and we'll do the rest!!

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

