



The Year 11 Class of 2022 celebrating the end of their exams and last day at CWCS

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# THE WISEMAN REVIEW

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are nearing the end of the exam season as well as the academic year.

Because of the pandemic, these are the first public examinations that we have been able to hold in 2 years and therefore we approached them with a little trepidation. This was unnecessary because the vast majority of our students rose to the occasion and have sat their exams in a calm, controlled and exemplary manner. Whatever their final outcomes, they have passed this particular challenge with flying colours. There is an inevitable approach to school life that perceives exam results as being the entire object of students attending school in the first place. We cannot underestimate the importance of exam results to the future of student's next steps but as a Catholic school they are not the be all and end all of our mission. This has recently been written as follows:

"Our mission is to contribute to our school, our broader community, and our world by following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. We donate to charitable causes, we care for the vulnerable, and we celebrate the achievements of our students. We are a universal and welcoming family, that is Catholic in nature, generous in spirit, and dedicated to the betterment of ourselves and our futures. We aim to equip our students with a moral guide for their lives entitled 'A Compass for Life', which is a Christ-centric framework incorporating Knowledge, Ambition, Resilience and Respect. "

This is what we are about. It is intended to summarise what we are here to do and whilst it does not discuss exams specifically, they are contained within that ambition about 'betterment of ourselves and our futures'. My personal ambition is that all of our students and our staff, irrespective of the job that they do whether they are teachers, cleaners, site staff, or in administrative roles, benefit from their time in Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School and leave enriched and better for it.

Have a great weekend and God bless.

Mr Beesley  
Assistant Principal

**We look forward to welcoming our students and their families of the Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts to various celebratory leavers' events on Thursday 7 July and Friday 8 July 2022.**

**Please ensure you register your child's attendance to these events by Thursday 30 June 2022 via the links below.**

[Year 11 Survey Link](#)

[Year 13 Survey Link](#)



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# YEAR 11 LEAVERS



Yesterday we celebrated the last full cohort exam for our Year 11 students, following the exam pupils gathered along with their teachers in the beautiful sunshine in our newly refurbished garden to say their goodbyes and take part in the tradition of shirt signing.

This year has seen us return to our normal examinations following the turbulence of the pandemic, naturally, our pupils found this stressful at times but they have conducted themselves with grace and maturity.

The exam season ran extremely smoothly and that is thanks to the joint efforts of pupils, staff, and parents.

We now look forward to our formal goodbye celebrations with Mass on the 7th of July in which we are also inviting parents to join us for the first time and then the eagerly anticipated prom on the 8th of July.

We wish each and every one of you the best of luck with your future plans, see you all on results day.

Miss Greenway, Head of Key Stage 4



# YEAR 11 LEAVERS



It is with mixed emotions that I bid you farewell Year 11.

Naturally, I am sad to see you leave as I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of your journey over the past 5 years. However, witnessing your growth has made me incredibly proud as you take the next steps in your journey.

Cardinal Wiseman will not feel the same without you.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Mr Lambert, Assistant Principal (previously Head of Year 2018-2021)

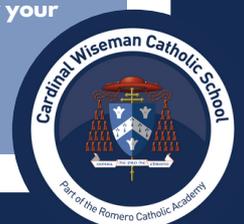


Year 11 - watching you learn and develop over the last year has been a pleasure.

I have loved seeing you grow into young, mature adults and I have cherished the relationships that have been built between many of you and I. To be told that I can take a break when I appear at your lesson door, will always make me laugh!

Wishing you all the best for the future, please keep me updated on how your journey's continue!

Mrs Woods, Head of Year



# FAREWELL

## Farewell message from Miss Gould

I joined the staff at Cardinal Wiseman in 1988. Back then, there were still nuns teaching, there was no perimeter fence, no internet, no mobile phones, teachers still used chalk and there was a whole other part of the school (where housing now stands). The library was in a first floor link, on stilts, between the St Peter and St Francis blocks. Things have changed a lot, and mainly for the better (the nuns were lovely, obviously!). Mr Everett is my seventh head teacher.

Over the years, I have always claimed to have the best job in the school, and I really believe that. I have been introduced to hundreds of brilliant books through a golden age of children's literature, allowing me to pass my enthusiasm on to each new generation; I have never tired of finding just the right book to set a child off on a reading adventure. I have taken scores of students to meet lots of authors and had enormous fun with my wonderful book clubs, winning, and losing, many competitions against other schools. Best of all, I spent time talking to students about reading, sharing their curiosity with research and trying to keep up with their latest discoveries in books – a true privilege!

I would like to thank you all for your support, friendship and the very kind words, cards and hugs I have received today. I have always been very proud to work at Cardinal Wiseman – it has been a joy. You all do an amazing job and I am sure that the school has a very positive future.

Cathy Gould (Former Librarian)



# CHAPLAINCY



## Saint of the Week



This week's 'Saint of the Week' is St Alban. He was converted whilst hiding a priest, before taking the place of the priest and was executed as a result. His execution inspired many to convert - including one of the soldiers tasked with killing him. St Alban was the first martyr to die for his faith in Britain.

Find out more about his remarkable story in this week's video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UySKrOP4LEk>

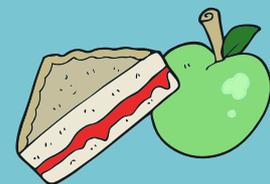


# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## Is your child entitled to free school meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **the guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**



**If you are entitled and currently are not on receipt to this, you can apply HERE.**



# CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT



The last of the external moderation in GCSE and A-Level Art and Photography is now complete. Well done to all the students involved!

Amandeep, Daria and Lynn used a combination of experiments by hand, in the dark room, as well as digital manipulation to create their outcomes which are displayed with their work.

Below are pictures of the digital portfolios which explored their individual, personal investigations.



# CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

## Drama

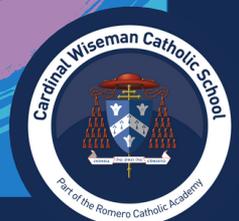


This term Drama students have been carrying out their end-of-year assessments and the work on display has been so diverse and incredible to be part of.

We have seen Key Stage 4 pieces of comedy work from John Godbers 'Teachers', 'Stags and Hens' by Willy Russell, chilling storylines from Stephanie Pearce's 'How long is Forever' and 'Girls like that' by Evan Placey, sensitive work from Diane Samuels 'Kindertransport' and emotive work from Samuel Anderson 'Frank and Ferdinand'

Key stage 3 has also been performing on stage showing us their devised pieces of Murder mystery 'Who killed Simon Peters' and the Melodrama of Bella and Sir Jasper. Year 7 has also created pieces for the camera showing us their best villain characters and the calamities of a school trip to the zoo.

All students have embraced these performances and have grown in confidence throughout the year, if you would like to see some the talents of our pupils please join us on the 14th July at our summer showcase.



# CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

On Tuesday 21 June, Year 12 pupils alongside Ms Garcha, Ms Duffy and Mrs Campbell, attended the UCAS exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham.

This was a day to raise student awareness of the many opportunities available to study at university and connect with major apprenticeship providers.

Well done to our students for travelling to the exhibition independently and navigating public transport on a day national rail strikes!



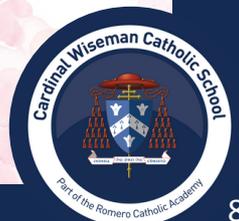
# PROM

Once Upon  
a Time...

Prom 2022

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Tickets for Prom *must* be purchased by  
Thursday 30 June via Parent Mail.  
Please call if you need support.



# SUMMER SHOWCASE



# CREATIVE ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE



A CELEBRATION OF ART, DANCE,  
DRAMA, MUSIC & PHOTOGRAPHY

THURSDAY 14 JULY 2022 @ 6PM  
SAINT CHARLES LWANGA THEATRE

Reserve your tickets for free via Parent Mail



# ENRICHMENT

## Romero build up to the International Children's Games



The PE department at Cardinal Wiseman have been instrumental in preparing our children for the opportunities that have arisen following Coventry's bid to host the International Children's games. Basketball and football have been our most successful activities in the last few years and we have strived to build on our success through intensive training and fixtures, helping us to strengthen our position as a formidable force in the city when competing in these sports.

It therefore came as no surprise that we have had several of our pupils chosen to participate in these events, representing Coventry at the ICG in the Summer. In Basketball two of our girls Helena and Deanna were chosen for the girls 3 v 3 team following a tournament that was attended by scouts. This comes off the back of several years of training here at Wiseman, where they have competed in both KS3 and KS4 competition. Deanna was most valuable baller in our recent victory in the KS3 girls Coventry Schools basketball league final. Helena also played a pivotal role in the KS4 Wiseman girls team who reached the final this year.

In the boys event, Josh was chosen to represent Coventry. Joshua again, has trained really hard in the last couple of months helping the KS4 boys team to reach the final of the Coventry Schools basketball leagues.

Following our success in Basketball, the girls football team decided that they couldn't be outdone. After the School Games girls football tournament two pupils were chosen to represent Coventry at the ICG. Olivia and Deanna were both key players in our teams over the last two years and their quality again shone through by being chosen from a very large field of players. Deanna therefore had a decision to make as logistically she cannot compete in both teams over the Summer. Deanna has chosen to represent the Coventry Girls football team at the ICG as this was her preferred sport.

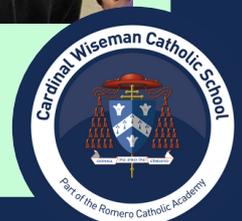
We are all extremely proud of the work that our pupils put in when training and representing Cardinal Wiseman. These four pupils have consistently shown our school values and it is an honour to put forward these pupils to represent our school and PE department at the ICG this Summer.



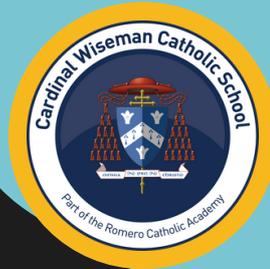
# ENRICHMENT

On Wednesday 22 June, Cardinal Wiseman pupils involved in the Guardian Ballers basketball team, visited the main hub for food banks across Coventry. The hub receives thousands of donations which are later packed and distributed to the 14 food banks across the city. 550 people use the food bank each week with 40% of these being children.

The students spent some time learning about the work the food bank does, as well as packing 50 food parcels which will be later distributed to people this week. The event was very eye opening and hugely impactful for the students, who said it really gave them a deeper understanding of the challenges so many people are facing each day.



# ENRICHMENT



## MUSIC LESSONS



WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
LEARN AN INSTRUMENT IN  
SCHOOL?

VOICE? PIANO? DRUMS?  
GUITAR?



**SEE MISS MYERS FOR DETAILS**



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP BOARD

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP BOARD



"My name is Amber, Year 10, and I am the 'Enrichment' representative for the Student Leadership Board.

I will be focusing on developing the enrichment clubs for each year group. My role will also include discussing future school trips and finding out what is important to students.

I am always open to any suggestions you have about the school."

## MEET THE REST OF THE TEAM



Madison S  
Student Principal



Kahlen B  
Vice Principal



Ciaran F  
Chaplaincy Lead



Kimberly R  
Student Wellbeing



Olivia U  
Social Responsibility



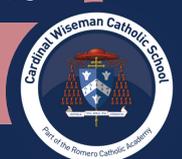
Ajoa B  
Social Voice



Aisha K  
Social Responsibility



Karene D  
Student Voice



# #ROMEROTHRIVES



## Sports Awards 2022

If there is one thing that COVID has taught us, it is how precious wellbeing, mental and physical health is to our core being.

Post pandemic, we have felt the overwhelming joy at returning to sport and ensuring our children engage and participate through PE, enrichment and competition. Thank you to those who organised, judged and spoke at our Sports Awards evening. It was inspiring as you can see in the our attached photograph of all pupils attending.

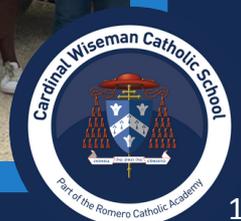
The event was a true showcase of all that has happened in the last year and we have been blessed with such talent in our pupils and staff. It was fitting that Chelsie Giles and Kieran Johnson, given their sporting success, were able to share their own story and also motivate the young children in our Romero family. To have a real Olympic medal before our very eyes was amazing!

Thank you to all PE Leads and staff who have ensured our children, through Romero Thrives and PE lessons, have flourished. Sincere thanks for training, transporting and organising all events, often after school or sometimes at weekends.

And finally, congratulations to all nominees and winners. Cardinal Wiseman provided the perfect place for hospitality; it was wonderful to celebrate the achievements of all individuals and teams. The children had all made such a wonderful effort to look smart as we celebrate their talent in the sporting arena.

Thank you again

Mrs Quinn



# T LEVELS



**Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP**  
Secretary of State

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## T Levels: Information for Students and Parents

I am writing to give you information about new T Level qualifications and why they might be right for you or, if you are a parent, for your child.

T Levels are high quality new qualifications that follow on from GCSEs and enable 16–19 year olds to move onto a job, a higher apprenticeship or further study at university.

From September 2022 the following T Level subjects will be available:

- Digital production, design and development
- Digital business services
- Digital support and services · Education and childcare
- Design and development for engineering and manufacturing
- Engineering, manufacturing, processing and control
- Maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing
- Building services engineering for construction
- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Onsite construction
- Health
- Science
- Healthcare science
- Management and administration
- Finance
- Accounting

T Levels have been designed with over 250 leading employers, so students can be confident that they will get the skills and knowledge that employers really want - and will be able to progress in their chosen career. All T Level students will complete a 45-day industry placement so they will spend 20% of the course getting on-the-job experience with a real employer.

T Levels also attract UCAS tariff points in line with three A levels. 125 higher education providers have so far said that they will accept them, including 84 universities, of which 12 are members of the Russell Group.

We know that young people and parents want information on all of the options available and how they compare. Clear and helpful information about all post-16 choices including T Levels can be found at [gov.uk/get-the-jump](http://gov.uk/get-the-jump).

There is also more detailed information on T Levels available at [tlevels.gov.uk/students](http://tlevels.gov.uk/students), including a search function where you can use your postcode to search for T Levels available in your area.

I hope that you will find this information useful, and that you will use the resources linked above to explore all the options available to you or to your child.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Zahawi'.

**Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP**  
Secretary of State for Education



# WELLBEING



## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

#### Caring

You may recognise the expression “it is better to give than receive”, but did you know this is backed up by research?

People who are kind and compassionate see clear benefits to their wellbeing and happiness. They may even live longer. Kindness and caring can also help reduce stress and improve our emotional wellbeing.

Caring and kindness is choosing to do something that helps others or yourself, motivated by genuine warm feelings. Being caring can also help others to feel less lonely. This week is Loneliness Awareness Week. With this in mind, we’re suggesting that we all try to help others once a day for a week and see if it makes a difference to how we feel.

**For every day this week (or even just on one day), do one of the following:**

- Ask a friend how they are
- Write someone a handwritten thank you note
- Help out at home with the chores
- Ask your class teacher if they need any help with school tasks

Key Dates this month:

Pride Month

Tourette’s Awareness Month

13th Cupcake Day for Alzheimer’s

15th-20th Learning Disability Week

15th – 29th Loneliness Awareness Week

18th Autistic Pride Day

#ThanksKids recognises the super efforts and kindness of young people and thanks them via personalised #NHSSStars 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](mailto: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.**

