

NEXT STEPS

The official Cardinal Wiseman Transition Newsletter

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Welcome from our Principal

Mr Everett

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the first edition of our transition newsletter!

I absolutely love Cardinal Wiseman School and I am very proud to be Principal here. I cannot wait for you to walk through our gates and become part of our own never-ending story and take part in all of our exciting clubs, trips and opportunities.

I am passionate about making sure that you have the chance to thrive and succeed, to learn as much as you can in the time that you have with us so that you can go on and have a life filled with excitement and joy.

I am excited to meet you (when it is safe to do so!) and looking forward to our journey together!

"Don't you worry, Harry. You'll learn fast enough.
Everyone starts at the beginning at Hogwarts, you'll be just fine."
Hagrid - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



Reflection



We will all have a memory in our minds of moments when we truly thought WOW! When we saw something, did something, went somewhere or met someone that was truly incredible. As we journey through life these moments leave a lasting impression on us, they inspire us and maybe even guide us as we hope for more moments of 'WOW'.

In this Sunday's (28th Feb) Gospel we hear about a moment when Jesus chose three of His closest followers to experience the greatest 'wow' moment. They saw Jesus transfigured - appearing in dazzling white, with the voice of God coming from the clouds proclaiming Jesus to be His Son. This moment confirmed for the disciples that Jesus was truly God, and that moment had a huge impact on their lives.

God wants us all to recognise that He is real, that He loves us and that He wants us to know Him better. Lent is a fabulous time to reflect on who God is and how we strengthen our relationship with Him.

For me, many of the 'WOW' moments in my life have helped me recognise God more clearly, whether it's seeing a beautiful sunrise, conquering a difficult challenge or experiencing something joyful with friends. These moments have helped me to know God is real and acting in my life. Recognising the presence of God in our lives is key to building a stronger relationship with Our Father in Heaven.

As we journey through Lent this year, take some time to reflect on the 'WOW' moments in your life and where God was in those memories. Try also to see God each day and to tell other people where you have seen God. By doing this we not only strengthen our own relationship with God but we also draw others into that relationship and help further God's mission to us of growing His kingdom on earth.

By Tom Machin
Cardinal Wiseman's Lay Chaplain

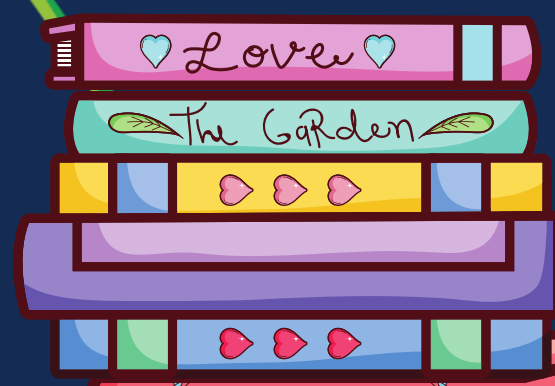


Subject Spotlight English

At Cardinal Wiseman, our Year 7 students study a rich variety of high quality texts that aim to provide them with a deeper understanding of significant cultural backgrounds and their continued relevance to the world of modern literature.

This literary path begins by taking them on an exciting journey through Ancient Greek and Norse times, via extracts from the epic poem, The Iliad, in conjunction with a collection of key mythological characters from both of these ancient civilisations. It's been a real eye opener for our Year 7's to explore the original story behind Thor and his hammer!

This leads into a variety of engaging texts, old and new, which illuminate the origins of some hard hitting current issues through the exploration of literature, such as child labour and the far reaching effects of this. Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' presents the opportunity to indulge in some old fashioned language, historical views and ideas, which our students are always shocked to find are still very relevant to modern life!

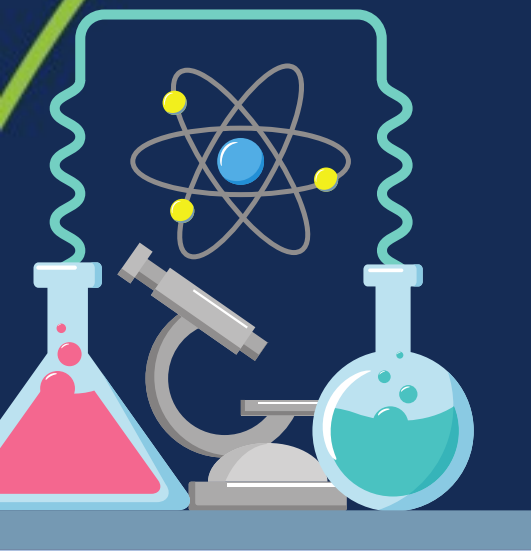


Subject Spotlight Science

Since September 2023 our Key Stage 3 students have had some exciting opportunities to explore the world around them through our Science curriculum. A wide range of topics have been covered from learning how fundamental particles interact with each other, to learning about how our bodies function. Each year students have the opportunity to explore these further and gain a deeper understanding. Learning about these key concepts will enable them to investigate and delve deeper into scientific phenomena through practical experiments in the near future. Sadly due to the coronavirus pandemic, laboratory work has been put on hold so far.

However, we are so excited about inviting our students back into the lab later in the year, enabling them to enhance their knowledge further, with the added support of new Science clubs and trips. We hope to engage and inspire our students to explore science further and consider pursuing this field to a higher level.

In the coming weeks Mr Palmer one of our Science teachers here at Cardinal Wiseman will be showing you some exciting Science experiments, some of which you will be able to do at home as well as launching our Science competition! Watch this space!



A day in the life of a Year 7 student

I think this school is amazing!

Naturally, I was nervous when I first started but the teachers really looked after me and made me feel so welcome. They always check to make sure that I understand all of my work which means I am not scared of asking for help.

I really like my form tutor, Miss Elliott, who is really kind. I have made lots of friends from lots of different schools! My favourite subject to study is Maths as I enjoy working out the different problems.

By Charlotte, 7D

Primary School: Ss Peter and Paul



STUDENT VOICE

At Cardinal Wiseman we value student leadership. Each year select students are able to apply to become part of the Pupil Leadership Group. These representatives are elected in September and, along with the Head Boy and Girl, act as the official voice of all the students.

In regular meetings, the PLG discusses all things related to school life. Whether it be discussing academic life or sporting events, charity work or exciting trip opportunities - the PLG provides a place for students to discuss what matters to them.

It allows students to shape their own Cardinal Wiseman journey and develop their own potential as young leaders. Cardinal Wiseman belongs to its students. Joining the PLG gives you the chance to speak about your passions, air your opinions and speak on behalf of the student body. The PLG is open to anyone who shows interest in becoming a leader of tomorrow because we believe every voice matters. How will you use yours?

Mr Bench

Student Voice Coordinator



WISEMAN ALUMNI

The Wiseman Connection represents former pupils of Cardinal Wiseman and gives us the opportunity of keeping in touch and also assisting former pupils to keep in touch with each other - which can prove invaluable. Current pupils are encouraged to develop a network of mutual support as their careers develop and mature.

Over the years, we have been fortunate to have welcomed members of our Alumni back to the school to work with our Sixth Form students. This has involved providing career talks during assemblies, offering skill sessions such as mock interview practice opportunities and offers of work experience placements for current pupils.

We are also incredibly lucky to have members of our own Alumni working at the school as staff across many different faculties. Below Miss Lindsay reflects on her journey at Cardinal Wiseman:



Miss C Lindsay

Head of Years 12 and 13 and former pupil of Cardinal Wiseman

"I have many stories of my time as a pupil at Cardinal Wiseman and I had an amazing experience, both academically and socially.

I also had the cultural experiences of going on school trips. These amazing opportunities saw me venture outside of the UK for the first time. Wiseman is also where I fostered my passion for History. I had three amazing History teachers who showed me how important the subject was to both our present and future.

They were extremely enthusiastic about the subject and this is something I try to promote within my own classroom now. I feel incredibly lucky to have had such great and supportive teachers, particularly our very own Mr Kingshott who was actually my favourite teacher and Mr Keane whose patience I must have regularly wore thin in Sixth-Form.

Without their dedication and fantastic teaching, I would not have gone on to complete my A-Levels, History Degree, or be the teacher I am today."