



‘Cardinal Pole Catholic School is a community of *service* guiding young people on a path to *opportunity*, *aspiration*, and *reward*, founded on Catholic values.’

HEADTEACHERS ONLINE PARENT FORUM

Friday 17th May 2024

Exam season is upon us, Year 11 and Year 13 have had a positive start. Saturday morning interventions and study space remains open for Years 11 & 13, this will continue right through the exam season. Drop down days have also started for each subject and will continue throughout the exam period. These allow students to revise for that particular subject prior to the exam. Year 10 started their GCSE Drama exams last week. Their performances went extremely well.

Year 13 had their Leavers' Mass and Leavers' Assembly last week. Year 11's takes place on Friday 28th June at 2.15pm. Please let the office know if you wish to attend.

Year 8 Retreats commenced last week at Frampton Baptist church these will continue next week.

The new Year 7 1-2-1 parent and student meetings took place this week on Monday and Thursday. This was a chance for our new September students and parents to meet with a member of our senior team to discuss any concerns they have. As you will be aware there are falling roll numbers in Hackney with primary schools closing or amalgamating but I am pleased to say that we are full for September. The falling numbers will have an impact on secondary schools in the future but I would like to thank those of you who are speaking to other parents about the school as conversations with parents last night about their reasons for choosing Cardinal Pole were in the most due to the good reputation of the school.

Thanks to our staff who supported our Year 9 students during the Bank Holiday weekend attending the Ignite Festival Weekend in Bury St Edmunds.

Our next parent forum takes place on Friday 7th June. We finish for Half term on Friday 24th May and return on Monday 3rd June at the usual time.

Parent Points/Questions:

Inclusion: How can my child catch up with the missed curriculum? **Mr Hall:** Inclusion has its own dedicated curriculum of core subjects which run in line with the subjects studied so there is no need for them to catch up. Inclusion is only meant as a short-term sanction for those whose standards of behaviour do not meet our expectations and to avoid more serious sanctions of suspensions being issued.

Parents: Thank you to you and all your staff for supporting our children. **Mr Hall:** Thank you for supporting us with your child's education. As mentioned last night with the new Year 7s, it is a partnership that they are entering into.

Enjoy the Half Term and Bank Holiday when it arrives.

Mr A Hall
HEADTEACHER