



‘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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> July – Cardinal Pole will not be a polling station, we are running a Sports Day and also our new Year 7 transition day, these still go ahead as normal. The DfE goes into a period of purdah which means a pause on spending money etc and we have been asked if this will affect the process for academisation? This is not going to affect anything at the present time.

Half term break last week, but the majority of Year 11 & 13 students were in school for interventions. These will continue along with our Saturday morning study space. Drop down periods continue for students to focus on Spanish, Chemistry, Geography and Physics next week. Students are currently in Biology exams and will have RE this afternoon.

Year 10 writing workshops have been taking place this week with our author Ashley Hickson Lovence.

Year 7 have commenced their St Dominic’s Church retreats these will continue over the next few weeks.

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June AP2 will be taking place for Years 7-10 & 12 ending with an early finish on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 12.45pm. Students will be allowed to eat lunch before leaving site if they wish. This early finish is also to facilitate the preparations for the Year 11 Leavers’ assembly and Mass commencing at 2.15pm and the Year 13 Leavers’ BBQ at 3.30pm-7.30pm.

The Year 11 Prom will be taking place on site in the main hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 5pm-9pm.

Another parent workshop is upcoming shortly and will be focusing on our PSHE curriculum which covers a wide range of subjects including healthy living, relationships, Health & Safety etc. The date/time TBC. These workshops have been very well supported by parents so far, they have attending previous workshops on online safety, exam strategies, sleeping habits etc.

We are continuing with the offer of free and unlimited flavoured water in the canteen. All students need is a reusable bottle, which can be purchased from the school via ParentPay and they can refill these as many times as they want throughout the day. Plain water is also available.

Alumni: The Class of 94 is currently working on a reunion event. If you know someone who left during this year, please let them know. the event will take place in July. We are not organising this but it will take place in school.

### **Parent Points/Questions:**

Any Duke of Edinburgh Awards updates? AHA: I will be writing to you shortly there is a challenge with regards to staffing for this at present but it is my firm intention to put this back onto the curriculum.

Hot weather: Are students allowed to attend school with blazers/jumpers? AHA: Jumpers are and have always been optional, blazers are required to be worn to formal occasions and in between lessons but do not have to wear these in the classroom as a regular rule. We always review if we hit an unexpected heatwave.

Year 12 work experience how does it work this year is it one or two weeks? AHA: Futures Week is a one-week event taking place in school. If it is an organised placement we can release students for two weeks but these are increasingly difficult to find for students in organisations post Covid. Amongst your contacts, if you can find anyone who is willing to take any students on a placement please contact us. We are also seeking to utilise our partnership with PSG as they have a store in Oxford Street.

When are the Year 11 Results? AHA: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August for A Level results and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August for GCSE.

Thank you for your support today, the next meeting is two weeks today. Have a good weekend!

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hall', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**