



'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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

End of school year and it is a very busy time. End of term letter to be sent out shortly with details of the first week back. Education has a recruitment crisis currently but not Cardinal Pole, we are fully staffed for September.

Year 7 have had a number of retreats this year which has included visiting the final resting place of Cardinal Pole in Canterbury and St Dominic's Church more recently. Year 12 have also been on their retreats this week to Frampton Baptist Church.

Primary workshops have continued since January we have had approx. 650 students from our local primaries visit our school. Very successful exercise, working in partnership with the local community.

Last of Parent workshops takes place today at 11am on PSHE, giving a greater insight for parents. This was a suggested subject by one of our parents on this forum. Other workshops we have already conducted this year were on sleep habits and exam preparations/success.

Reward trips are taking place today and next week, every young person gets to attend if they have reached the behaviour criteria. Today is the Year 10 Southend trip and the other year groups continue next week. Lots of work experience workshops have taken place in school this week for Years 10 & 12 and some students are out on formal work experience placements.

Sports Day takes place on Monday with a slightly later start from 9.20am. If that poses a problem for anyone please let us know. The rest of the day will run as normal.

End of term celebrations take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. Official term date finish is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Only selected students in years 8-10 are in this week along with the whole of Year 7. Culture Day is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Cardinal Pole Carnival where cultural dress is allowed. This has replaced non-uniform days to encourage people to share their family stories.

Thank you for your attendance at this year's parent forums, have a good summer!

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

What time should Year 10 arrive to Sports Day? AHA: Year 10 are expected to be at Mabley Green – by 10am.

Parent 1: Thanks to you and your teachers for the work you have done and the support you have been given our children all year. Ms Braithwaite in particular for her support to my son and Mr Wilson his Head of Year.

Thanks, from other parents were shared.

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**