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Dear Parents/Carers,

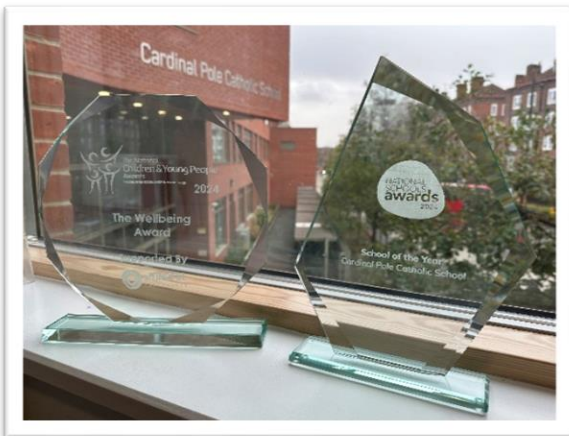
CARDINAL POLE WINS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD!

We are delighted to announce that Cardinal Pole Catholic School has been awarded the prestigious **School of the Year** award at the **National Schools Awards 2024!**

The National Schools Awards celebrate excellence across the education sector. Schools are shortlisted in one of eight categories, with a panel of industry experts selecting the winners. Judges from the National Governance Association and the Confederation of School Trusts use their expertise to recognise schools demonstrating outstanding achievement. This is following on from our Wellbeing Award which was given to us earlier this year at the National Children & Young People's Awards.



(Student council representatives - right to left: Olivia-Mae, Arianna and Olu)



This recent "School of the Year" award recognises schools that have significantly improved pupil outcomes, overcome challenges, or shown exceptional dedication to their communities. Judges agreed that Cardinal Pole Catholic School provides outstanding educational outcomes for their students, making them a deserving winner.

The announcement was made last night during a ceremony at the House of Lords. Baroness Berridge, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the School System, praised the awards for recognising the "skill, commitment, and hard work it takes to deliver the best possible education." These values are central to everything we do at Cardinal Pole.

Adam Hall, Executive Headteacher: *I would like to personally thank everyone who makes our school such a special place—from our students and their families to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to ensure each student has the opportunity to SOAR. This award is a testament to the collective effort of our community, and we remain focused on continuing to deliver an outstanding education for all our students."*

Alex O'Donoghue, Head of School: *"Every member of Cardinal Pole—students, staff, and families—has contributed to making our school an outstanding place of learning and growth. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together and excited about what lies ahead as we continue to strive for excellence."*

Shiphrah, Oyinlola, and Tommy, Head Students, shared:

"Cardinal Pole is more than a school; it's a family where everyone is supported to achieve their best. This award celebrates not just our achievements but also the sense of community and care that makes our school so unique. We are proud to represent such an inspiring place."

We would like to thank the whole of our Cardinal Pole community for supporting the school and we look forward to sharing our continued success and growth with you into the future.

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL