



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

HEAD OF SCHOOL ONLINE PARENT FORUM Tuesday 8th October 2024

I am now Head of School with oversight on a daily basis, I have been here for now 13 years and a teacher for over 20 years. Mr Hall is the Executive Headteacher of Cardinal Pole and Bishop Challoner.

Tuesday last week was the start of Black History Monday which is run by Mr Rahman. Thanks to all the parents who are involved in various different workshops. Lots of trips are going out and opportunities for all students across all key stages. It finishes on Friday 25th October with cultural dress day and a quiz - students versus staff.

Year 12 have a trip to an Escape Room on Thursday. This is mixed with a half day conference on site and helps as a team building exercise with their new tutors/classmates. Sixth Form is mixed internal and external students so it is a good chance for them to bond.

Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th October. Really important that you attend. This is the first full Parents' Evening and then in December there will be a week of exams (Assessment Point 1) and then early in 2025 there will a full range of GCSE mock examinations taking place. Please ensure you are on site to attend the Parents' Evening, as these are split into three groups starting at 4pm/5pm and 6pm in alphabetical order. If you cannot attend your slot, please call us to re-arrange.

New Bromcom App: New system will be starting soon, training taking place for staff currently. It should be starting after half term. Login details to be sent out during the last week of half term.

ParentPay difficulties: Some discrepancies with Year 7. Logins should have been distributed. Will endeavour to ensure that no one goes hungry which these issues are corrected. Will re-share the login details.

Early lunches: These are carried out on rotation, Year 7 may not have sandwich options at the end of the service as a consequence but will ensure that more sandwiches are put out. The kitchen have been asked that with popular serving options they have bigger quantities. The school has invested a lot of time and money in ensuring that the quality of meals are better and that there have been no price rises for school lunches. Will also ensure that more drinks are available.

Recent evacuation: As a consequence, there was an extended lunchtime, no one is ever denied food. Students need to speak to myself or Mr Rahman if there are any concerns during lunchtimes.

Year 7 Parents Workshop takes place on Friday 18th October at 11am, where they will review Evolve, ParentPay and the new Bromcom App. Please register your interest on Evolve to attend. Invites to be re-sent.


Open Evening for UCAS for Sixth form: Was told that the slides/PowerPoint would be emailed to parents. This has not happened. We will arrange for this to happen.

Reminder half term two weeks: Ends Friday 25th October at 3pm and returns on Monday 11th November 2024.

Parent Points/Questions:

Christian Marcelo: Year 11 – when does my child apply to sixth form? AOD: Two events coming up one in November and then a taster day later on. Sixth Form application deadline is not until December/January but an Open Evening takes place in November for you to attend. Details will be sent out shortly.

Yours in service,



Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL