



'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 10th December 2024 -1.30pm

Congratulations to Cardinal Pole staff who were involved in the School of the Year Award which was given to us at the House of Lords last week. Having worked here for 12 years it was a tremendous validation for all the work that has gone on here over a long period of time. Thanks to the students and staff who make the school what it is. We will be celebrating with students in the Spring term where we will be running student assemblies. Details of this Award have been published in My London and the Hackney Gazette. We have also been nominated for the TES Award twice so it was nice to finally win the National School Award.

It has been a busy half term for the school, last week was API examinations and the students behaved exceptionally. It gets them prepared for their GCSE and A Level exams that they face later in the year. The students were calm in line ups, revising at break times and showed a real positive attitude. This data will be recorded soon and reports will be sent home after that. Their results will be given to the students this week in lessons, please ask them how they did. It was a real success for every year group, it showed a real academic culture of which they can be proud.

Our next parent workshop takes place this Friday from 11am and will be led by Assistant Headteacher, Ms Toma who is also our SENCo. This workshop is on dealing with anxiety, please sign up on Evolve to attend.

Year 7 parents: The Year 7 Carol Service takes place next week at St Dominic's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm, a letter will go out shortly. Students will be walked back to school and dismissed from there. If you do attend the service you are more than welcome to take your child home from there.

Christmas lunch next Wednesday 18th December and will be paid for by the school. On the same day is Christmas jumper day which a £1.00 donation is required to participate. School meals reminder that from the 1st January 2025, the cost of a meal will go up to £3.00. Prices at their current level have remained since April 2023. Please ensure that your child's accounts on ParentPay are topped up.

Term dates for 2025-26 will be released shortly if you are looking to book holidays please keep an eye on the school website.

Uniform reminders: No diamanté earrings and only plain black coats for the winter. Headphones and earphones are not allowed and should be kept in their bags.

End of term details: We finish at 12.30pm on Friday 20th December and there will be a range of Christmas liturgies run by the RE Department. It comes at the end of a busy week where there are at least five bowling trips taking place along with pizza parties and attendance rewards. Thanks to Mr Rahman and the Heads of Year for running these opportunities. Its important that we celebrate their success.

New Term: The New Year starts on Monday 6th January but only for selected Year 11 & 13 students to complete their coursework and there will be parent meetings also taking place for selected students. Normal return to school for the rest of students takes place on Tuesday 7th January at 8.30am.

Year 7 Parents' Evening letters go out today and it takes place on Thursday 9th January, please look out for this, if you are unable to attend please let the year team know or if you cannot make your timeslot we can make changes if you let us know.

An end of term letter from Mr Hall will be coming through soon which highlights these discussions/dates.

Next Parent Forum meeting takes place on the 14th January 2025.

Merry Christmas to all and have a restful holiday!!

Parent Points/Questions:

Update on the Lille trip: Parent Information Evening takes place tomorrow evening at 5.30pm-6pm.

Extra-curricular runs this week as normal but last week of term, they will not run as there will be a number of reward trips taking place. Extra-curricular resumes week commencing 13th January.

Attendance issues with Bromcom: Yes, unfortunately if a trip is taking place or medical appointments that appear in the future, this were being discounted on the system. We will be reviewing and cleansing the data to ensure that it is accurate by the end of term.

Please ensure that you all sign up to Bromcom so that you have an overview of your child's attendance and behaviour/rewards.

Yours in service,



Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL