



11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### END OF TERM

Advent is a special time of quiet anticipation and reflection. As part of our Advent preparations, we continue with our charity drives supporting the Catholic Children's Society and The Passage. If you are able to, we are also donating to the Hackney Foodbank. The contents of our collections will be delivered at the end of term and will serve those in need in our community.



#### School of the Year Award – Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cardinal Pole staff and students for winning the National Schools Award 2024 at the House of Lords last week. We were praised 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.

#### Thank you and Goodbye

We say farewell this term to Oliver Hayes, English Teacher, we wish him well and thank him for their service.

#### Carol Service

Our Year 7 Carol Service at St Dominic's RC Church takes place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. The students have been practising for very hard and we warmly invite all Year 7 parents/carers to attend.

#### Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch for students takes place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December as a set meal of Roast Turkey dinner, dessert and a drink. **The cost of this meal will be paid for by the school.** Please note a vegan option will also be available.

#### School Meal Price Increase

I also write to remind parents/carers that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, the cost of a school meal will be increased to **£3.00 per day**. Prices have remained at their current level since April 2023 but due to the increased cost of food prices, unfortunately we are unable to keep it at this rate any longer. ParentPay will continue to be the system we use to top up meal accounts. Please ensure that your child's account is topped up before we return to school after Christmas.

#### Christmas Cards

Congratulations goes to the winner of the art competition; Zoe Adamek 8WARD and runner up Ryan Rodriguez 11ARW. Zoe's design will be made into the school Christmas card and sent out into the local community.

#### Term Dates 2025/26

Governors have agreed the next academic year's term dates (2025/26) see [here](#)

### School Coats

As the colder weather is upon us, a reminder that all students are only permitted to wear a plain black coat with no logos. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like some assistance in the purchasing of a coat, please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss further.

### Key Dates:

Please see below details of other important dates for your information. Please note the early finish at 12.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Workshop (details to be provided)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Rewards Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 7 Carol Service at St Dominic's RC Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Student Christmas Lunch (fully funded)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 charity donation)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	End of Term – School finishes at <b>12.30pm</b> .
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Select Year 11 & 13 Students only (to arrive at 10.15am for registration).
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Whole School Returns 8.30am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall

**EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**