



24<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

We said goodbye to our Year 11 students last week as they came to an end of their exams. They have worked hard and I ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers as we await their results.

At the Mass of Transition we celebrated their time at the school and bid a fond farewell to Ms O'Connor, their Pastoral Support Manager, who takes a sabbatical this year. I am sure you will join with me in our thanks to the staff for all the support and encouragement, the additional sessions after school, on Saturdays and in the holidays to ensure that each child has the chance to succeed and excel.

There has been much good news this week. Not only did our students win the Hackney Carnegie Award but our poet in residence, Raymond Antrobus, has been shortlisted for the London Poet Laureate. We have been fortunate to have Raymond working with us at the school. Raymond takes up a new post at the end of this term, leaving a lasting legacy with us in our approach to the spoken word. We wish him well.

There are some important dates coming up in the remaining weeks of the term which are noted here for your reference:

<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - 2.30pm:</b>	Year 13 Mass. We are joined by Bishop Hudson.
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015:</b>	Sports Day – Mile End Stadium
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015:</b>	New Year 7 Induction Day. The school will be closed to all other students on this day. Hackney Music Festival: Instrumental Day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015:</b>	Barbican Box
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 4.30pm – 7pm</b>	Art and Drama showcase
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 - 6pm-7.30pm:</b>	Summer Concert
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 - 2pm at Round Chapel:</b>	Hackney Music Festival
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015</b>	Year 10/Sixth Form Work Experience all week
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 - 3.30pm</b>	Retirement Mass for Mr Cairns, Mrs McBride and Ms Fagan
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015:</b>	Last Day of School Term – School closes early
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015:</b>	Summer School

You are warmly invited to our Mass of Retirement, Sixth Form Leavers Mass and our performances and exhibitions.

Finally, as we come to the end of the term, we are also preparing for the new year. Please note there are some important changes to uniform which are detailed below. I ask that you familiarise yourself with these changes in readiness for the new term.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J. Heffernan  
**Headteacher**

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## School Uniform

### **Boy's School Uniform:**

- Grey Pinstripe Blazer with school logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey long sleeve or sleeveless pullover with "V" neck with a red stripe
- School tie - **not clip on version**
- Plain white school shirt with long sleeves (Short sleeve shirt may be worn in summer)
- Black or grey socks
- Plain low heel black leather shoes worn below the ankle - **not suede or patent**
- No ankle boots, including Kickers boots. No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only
- Black school outdoor jacket (compulsory) with the school logo
- Plain black bag/rucksack large enough to hold text- and exercise books
- Male students should be clean shaven: (Years 7-11)
- Markings or symbols which have been cut into the scalp or eyebrows are not allowed
- Any haircut shorter than a No.1 is not allowed

### **P.E. Kit:**

- Compulsory
- Long sleeve black t-shirt with Cardinal Pole School logo, only available from the school uniform shop
- Waterproof suit with Cardinal Pole School logo, only available from the School uniform shop.
- Black shorts (plain, no logo's). Available from any good sports shop.
- White socks (plain, no logo's) available from any good sports shop

### **Girl's School Uniform:**

- Grey Pinstripe Blazer with school logo
  - Grey pleated skirt **worn below the knee**
  - Grey long sleeve or sleeveless pullover with "V" neck with a red stripe
  - School tie - **not clip on version**
  - Plain white shirt with long sleeves (not blouse type) Short sleeve shirt may be worn in summer
  - Black or grey tights, or plain knee high grey or black socks
  - Plain low heel black leather shoes worn below the ankle - **not suede or patent**
  - No ankle boots, including Kickers boots. No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only
  - Black school outdoor jacket (compulsory) with the school logo
  - Plain black bag/rucksack large enough to hold text- and exercise books
  - For health and safety reasons long hair must be tied back at all times
  - Extensions or hair dye which are not natural colours are not allowed: Tints and highlights of unnatural colour (yellow, orange, red, purple, etc) are not allowed
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- Trainers - required for all lessons (not Converse, Vans or similar fashion footwear)
  - Football boots/shin pads required only during football lessons and inter school matches.
  - Optional extra and recommended for cold weather: Cardinal Pole sweat top with Cardinal Pole logo - only available from the School uniform shop.



## Appearance – Sixth Form Students Only

Students should dress in accordance with the Year 12 and Year 13 Dress Code.

The Sixth Form dress code is designed to promote a positive image of the school. All sixth-formers are expected to adhere to the code. This dress code allows considerable freedom whilst ensuring that everyone's appearance is **smart and business** like.

### The expectations are:

- Knee-length skirt (girls) / full length trousers (boys/girls) - Black
- Shirt with collar/Blouse - White or plain block colour
- Ties should be worn by male students on formal occasions
- V-necked Cardigan/jumper and/or smart jacket - Black
- Polishable dark shoes - not Vans, Converse, trainers or pumps
- All the above items are available from your local high street chains such as Asda, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Peacocks, etc.

### You are not permitted to wear:

- Any outdoor coat around the building. A tailored jacket is permitted
- Sports clothing
- Trainers/Flip-flops/canvas shoes/shoes containing any logo
- Jeans\*/denim/skinny jeans or skinny trousers
- Strappy/revealing tops or bare midriffs/shoulders
- Leggings/jeggings/leather or leather-look trousers/skirts
- Skirts that are overly tight or short
- Hooded tops
- You are expected to wear clean, safe and functional clothing, which is always appropriate to the study you are undertaking.

### Under no circumstances will denim, baseball caps, hats, hoodies or shorts be deemed acceptable dress.

Failure to adhere to the above dress code will lead to the student being sent home to change. Students who persistently disregard the Dress Code will be referred to the Deputy Headteacher for Behaviour.

\* Please note that trousers with back pockets and rivets, even if they are not denim, count as jeans and should not be worn.