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Cardinal Pole Catholic School

July 2013

Cardinal Pole Catholic School Parents Newsletter

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Headteachers Message

Dear Parents/Carers

The external exam season has now been completed and we now focus on internal assessments.

Staff and students have worked hard to secure the best they can and we are on task to meet targets.

Students continue to benefit from a range of extra-curricular activities and support for learning.

We are pleased to have accessed funding for summer schools for 120 Year 6 students joining us in September. The focus on these will include support in numeracy, literacy and science, including stretch and challenge for some of our more able students.

Much fun was to be shared on recent Year Trips. Year 8 visited London Zoo, Year 7 the London Dungeon, and Year 9 to the Tate and London museums. Year 10 combined fun with their studies on a visit to the Tower of London.

We were delighted to watch the Year 7 students in the London Cup final – a hard fought for match against Woolwich Polytechnic in which we held our ground, coming to a 1:1 draw. The boys were a credit to the school. Our Year 7 girls were also regional cup winners for dance.

Our focus on charity continues and we have consulted with the School Council regarding the allocation of remaining funds.

We do hope that you enjoy reading our news and look forward to seeing you at the Music Concert on Thursday

Mrs Freear

Ms Heffernan

Executive Headteacher

Associate Headteacher

‘How Do We Encourage A Greater Sense of Ownership?’



On Tuesday 25th June 2013, Students from the 6th Form with Steve Reed MP in Parliament participated in a debate on ‘How do we encourage a greater sense of ownership?’ with Stephen Twigg MP Shadow Secretary of State for Education, Liz Kendall MP Shadow Minister for Care and Older People, Cllr Lib Peck Leader of Lambeth Council, Kevin Rowan Head of Organisation and Services, TUC and Chair: Steve Reed MP Croydon North.

The debate was about public services facing near unprecedented challenges and change. The event asked how Labour can give more emphasis to people’s relationships within their organisations and encourage a greater sense of ownership by users, staff and local communities, while ensuring efficiency and value for money?

Fritz asked Stephen Twigg MP a question about empowering students in response to his speech which included citizenship and greater empowerment in schools.

The students are: (from left to right on the top) Jesse William, Steve Reed MP, Emmanuel Farinre, Fritz Vignon, Patricia Acheampong, AlfienCarroll, Christabel Oteng, Desire Kasasira, Sibel Acar, Fatimah Saccoh and Keitra Brobby-Damte.

Patsy Cummings - CARJ

Year 11 Football Team

End of a Journey



The Year 11 football team finished their time together this year with a 2-5 loss in the inner London semi-final against Harris Bromley. They were beaten by the better team in this game but still worked hard until the end. The boys have finished school being only the second team to have won a London final (last year), and have played some terrific stylish football in the past two years.

It is also noteworthy that Reece Stoyles joins his older brother and former pupil (Ricky) who won the London Cup in 2005, the only brothers in Cardinal Pole history who have managed to do so.

The journey from year 7 has been an interesting one led by Mr Hanna who has worked tirelessly to help them achieve their potential.

They arrived as a group of individuals who undoubtedly had potential but often underachieved initially as they did not recognise the need to work for the benefit of the team.

Over time, and with hard work they gradually become a very good team who learnt the importance of playing fairly, not complaining, and to accept any decisions. I have always believed this has been an essential part of the 'Cardinal Pole way'.

I hope this group will look back and have only good memories of their time together as one of the highest achieving teams in Cardinal Pole history.

I would like to wish them all the best for the future and hope they continue to play football for enjoyment whatever level that may be.

Good luck to Shayon Harrison (Tottenham FC) and Gradi Milenge (Brentford FC) who will both continue to pursue a career in football next year. A former member of this squad (Miche Efete) continues to make good progress at Norwich FC.

Mr Purcell - Head of PE

Sports Day

Just a reminder that Sports Day is on Tuesday 16th July 2013.

Your son/daughter will already have had a letter on this. More news on this day will be in the next parents newsletter!

Mr Purcell - Head of PE

Speak Out Hackney Borough Final, Urswick School Wednesday 22nd May 2013



Despite their credible performance on the night Deborah and Andrew did not walk away with any Speak Out accolades, however, there is no question that they definitely did our school proud.

Princess shone as MC to the audience and organisations delight! As a school we should be proud of all three of our representatives as they clearly showed the amazing talent we have here at Cardinal Pole.

Speak Out will be back next year and so will Team CP!

Ms Norbal - Learning Mentor



What Is Your Child Eating On The Way To And From School?

Over the past month I have watched a number of children on the way to school eating a breakfast which consists of either a family size bag of crisps, fizzy drinks or sweets. A number of studies have proven that this is not only bad for health but reduces concentration and performance in the classroom.

It is important that parents try to make certain that pupils leave home after a decent breakfast and that they are not spending lunch money on junk food. Whilst all children will eat some junk food and sweets this needs to be in moderation and should be monitored carefully to avoid long term health problems associated with poor eating. Ideally any healthy eating should be done in conjunction with regular exercise each day, how much does your child get?

It was great to hear one parent tell me how his family were making a conscious effort to set the example of being more healthy at home and the positive affect this had on the children's health.

Mr Purcell - Head of PE

Year 7 Retreats

A Short Explanation and History about Retreat.

A retreat is a withdrawal from ordinary activities for a period of time to commune with God in prayer and reflection. Jesus spent forty days in the desert in prayer and fasting before entering his public ministry. In the early Christian era, the desert, mountains and other remote areas provided places for prayer. Later, people sought solitude in monasteries and convents. In the late 16th century, retreat houses were established and continue to operate today.

Our students

Each year group had an opportunity to engage in retreats this academic session and the Year 7 in the month of June for their first time in Cardinal Pole School. This time around the students were taken to The Kairos Retreat Centre Mt. Angelus Road, Roehampton, London SW15 4JA. The Kairos Retreat Centre is an urban oasis in south-west London situated within three acres of landscaped gardens and overlooking the historic Richmond Park. The centre is being managed by the Catholic Religious sisters of The Poor Servants of the Mother of God.

Activities

The activities were all geared toward the Year of Faith. Students had the opportunity to;

1. Watch short clips on faith stories told by catholic students from other schools
2. Participated in identifying who they (Year 7) are and what talents or qualities they possess.
3. Participate in the story of the life of saints and competed in a quiz
4. Participated in the prayer zones. The prayer zone had four points.
 - a. Prayers for their families and loved ones.
 - b. Prayers for countries in need on the world map,
 - c. Prayers of forgiveness to those who may have offended them by letting go.
 - d. Praying at the wall (Modelled after the praying wall in Jerusalem)
5. Participate at the Holy mass, in which we had servers and readers at mass

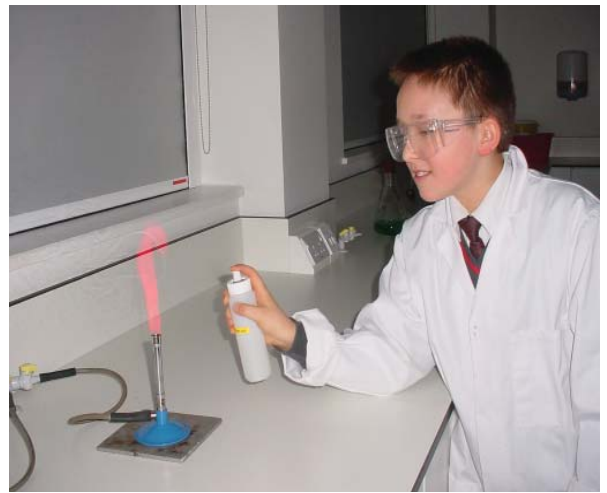
Tutors

The tutors who went with the students participated fully and were very helpful indeed and we are grateful to Ms Pasty Cummings who was very resourceful to the retreat. A great thank you for the school authorities who provided all that was needed.

Finally, there are a lot of write ups from the students that will be displayed later in the week in school.

Fr. Benedict - School Chaplin





Science Club & Support



This term at Cardinal Pole, we have been running a weekly science club (every Monday, 3:30-4:30 pm) aimed at Year 8 students.

The sessions all have a strong practical focus with students getting the chance to perform hands-on, fun and exciting experiments. So far the students have: set fire to methane bubbles held in their hands; made ice-cream using liquid nitrogen; dissected sheep's hearts; launched their own rockets and made bouncing slime balls!

Sessions to come during the remainder of this term include: making bath bombs and hand creams; a building bridges competition; separating out the colours in sweets and making volcanoes.



We look forward to more students joining us each week!

Dr. Moss - Science Department



Connecting Classrooms

Visit from our partner school in Argentina.

As part of the Connecting Classrooms project funded by the British Cardinal Pole School has an on going partnership with a school near Buenos Aires in Argentina.

The Art department was delighted to host a visit from two teachers from our partner school, Escuela Secundaria 46. Ms. Vega, an English teacher and Ms Sorribes, an Art teacher visited our school from the 21st to the 24th of May. As part of their visit, pupils from our school took part in a number of exciting activities.

ART- SPANISH workshops.

7D who are currently learning Spanish as part of the key stage 3 curriculum worked with teachers from both schools to create 'Wanted' or 'Buscado' posters in Spanish, helping them build their language and painting skills over the course of a very fun day.

Year 10 Photography workshops.

Year 10 Art students have been studying the theme identity as part of their GCSE coursework this year. In a one day workshop, working with professional photographer Michael Bird pupils created a series of finished photographic poster which responds to similar work produced by pupils in our partner school.

10A Book Sale

10A had been working hard for weeks prior to the visit to collect books for a book sale. The Book Sale aimed to raise money to buy resources for our partner school. Through their hardwork and charismatic salesmanship they managed to raise a staggering £140 in one day. The students at Escuela Secundaria 46 have sent their thanks for the books and other resources which they were able to purchase with this money.

Ms. Vega and Ms. Sorribes enjoyed their visit hugely and were impressed with the enthusiastic welcome they received from our pupils. They also praised our students talent confidence and generosity.

Thank you to all staff and pupils who contributed to the huge success of their visit.

Ms Abbott - Head of Art



Pupils in Argentina saying Thank you for the new resources, bought through fundraising by 10A



Drama Department News

We have had a very busy Summer Term in Drama, with exam performances for Year 10, 11 and 12 GCSE and A Level groups, in addition to written exams for the Year 13 Theatre Studies group. A few photos below cannot do justice to the range and depth of work that the students created. We are sure that their results in August will reflect the commitment and energy that they put into their work.

We are also hoping to announce other extra-curricular drama productions for later in the year.



Year 11 GCSE exam performance of Children of Killers, by Katori Hall



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We still have two events forthcoming before the end of term:

Barbican Box:

A committed group of Year 9 students have been working with the Drama Department and with Chetna Pandya, an actress from Theatre de Complicité, to create a piece of drama which links psychology, history and ethics. This will be performed at the Barbican Centre, in The Pit Theatre, on July 9th and also at the school.

Donmar Warehouse Project:

Year 12 AS Level Theatre Studies students are working with the world-famous Donmar Warehouse Theatre, in Covent Garden, to learn approaches to devised theatre. This involves a trip to see Conor McPherson's new play, The Night Alive, and workshops leading to a student performance.

Next Year:

In September, we will be holding open auditions for the Lower School Shakespeare production: we will be performing Antony and Cleopatra both in school and at the Shaw Theatre, in Euston Road, in October.

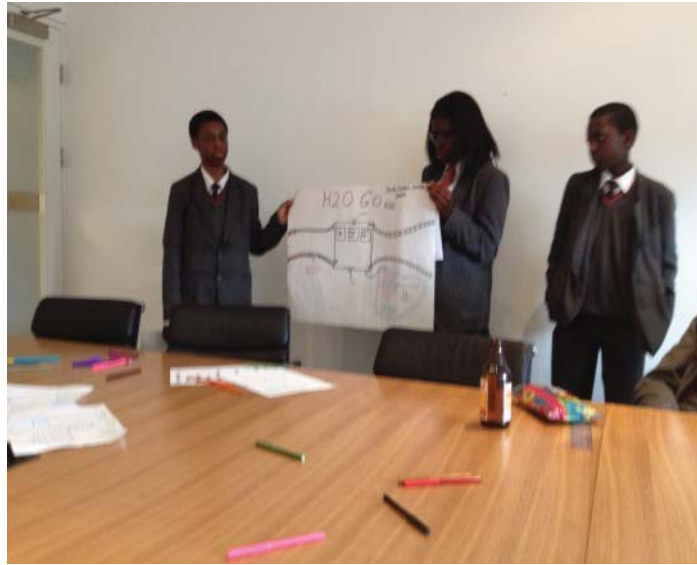
Mr Fonseca - Head of Drama



Year 11 GCSE exam performance of Scary Play, by Judith Johnson

Year 9 Challenge Day with Forward

13th June 2013



A group of Year 9 students were selected to attend a challenge day at Forward Internet group in Camden as part of their Enabling Enterprise Innovate IT programme.

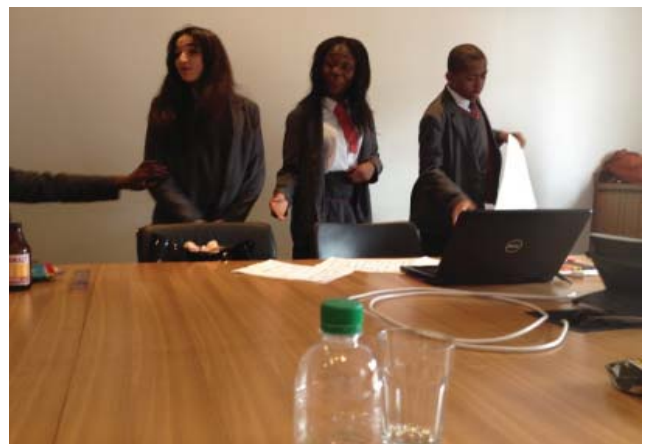
Forward is a top internet group with several successful web businesses across a variety of industries and territories. On this visit, students had the chance to meet some of the volunteers from across the company and work together with them to help them improve in areas such as team work skills, communication skills, presentation skills and interpersonal skills.

On the day, pupils had the opportunity to discuss with the volunteers their roles, job description and were able to gain experience of the professional world.

Pupils worked in group during the challenge giving them an opportunity to work with each other, share ideas together, take ownership of the activity, develop their decision making and problem solving.

Well done to team JSD2 whom the judges voted as overall challenge winners.

Ms Cookson - Head of CT



Meg Hillier MP

Visits School



We were delighted to have Meg Hillier visit the school last month. Meg was impressed with the facilities at the school .

We are grateful to her for the support provided to students, including placements and visits to the House of Commons.

Ms Heffernan - Associate Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 11th July 2013

Summer Concert

Tuesday 16th July 2013

SPORTS DAY

Friday 19th July 2013

Last day of Academic Year - students off site at 12noon

Monday 22nd July - Monday 2nd September 2013

Summer Holidays

Tuesday 3rd September 2013

First Day of New Term - arrangements to be confirmed

Lost Property To Be Collected

Over the past academic year we have collated a vast amount of lost property and items that have been confiscated but not yet collected.

We are giving students and parents the opportunity to come and collect the items on the following dates and time:

Date: Wednesday 17th July 2013

Time: 3pm-4pm

Location: School Hall

Any items that are not collected will be donated to charity.

Ms Heffernan - Associate Headteacher

School Uniform

Just a reminder that despite the warm weather, students are expected to wear their blazer to, from and in school.

Jumpers may be removed in the warm weather. Only water is allowed in school as a drink outside of break and lunch times, at the discretion of the class teacher and never in IT or science rooms.

A small number of children are dyeing their hair or adding extensions in 'unnatural' colours. This is not part of school uniform and students will be sent home until this can be addressed.

Can I also remind parents that earrings are plain gold or silver studs and that for girls tights or socks may be plain black or grey, socks knee high only.

This will remain the same when students return for the new academic year in September.

Ms laws - Deputy Headteacher





**Cardinal Pole Catholic School
Term Dates 2013/2014**

Autumn Term 2013

Start	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 2 September 2013	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2013	Friday 20 December 2013	75* days (40 first half term, 35 second half term)

Spring Term 2014

Start	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 6 January 2014	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2014	Friday 11th April 2014	65 (30 first half term, 35 second half term)

Summer Term 2014

Start	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 28 April 2014	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2014	Tuesday 22 July 2014	55 (20 first half term, 35 second half term)

Bank Holidays for 2013/14

25 and 26 December 2013	Christmas Bank Holidays
1 January 2014	New Year's Day Holiday
18 April 2014	Good Friday
21 April 2014	Easter Monday
5 May 2014	May Day Holiday
26 May 2014	Spring Bank Holiday
25 August 2014	Summer Bank Holiday