



Parents' Newsletter

May 2018

Cardinal Pole
Catholic School



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finished what was another busy half term, with the start of our exam period for years 11 & 13. They are almost at the end of all the hard work — I wish the best of luck to all those students over the next few weeks! Our thoughts and prayers are with them. I know that I speak for all of you when I thank the staff for all their efforts in ensuring that our children are prepared for these exams. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for working with us and providing the students and our community with your support. As our time with Year 11 & 13 draws to a close, we start afresh with the new Year 7s for September. We held the

Welcome meeting for the new intake recently to which we had excellent attendance and received positive feedback from parents on how useful the new style carousel evening was.

I am delighted to advise you that a new Interim Board has been established at St Aloysius' College and our Chair of Governors, Father David Evans will be heading up that Board. I am looking forward to sharing best practice across both schools.

Some of you may recall, Philippa Toomey, Cardinal Pole's ex-Chair of Governors. She sadly passed away just before Easter. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.

Please see below some key dates for your information.

DATES	EVENT
Friday 25 th May 2018	School closes for May Half Term
Monday 4 th June 2018	Return to School

Cardinal Pole Wins Debate Mate at the House of Lords!

I am delighted to announce that the Year 10 debating team won a national 'Debate Mate' competition recently (Monday 14th May) with over 240 schools involved (156 secondary schools/6,000 pupils) across the country. The school beat 16 other teams in the final round alone to win the trophy. The grand final was in the House of Lords where we faced Sydenham School. The debate was chaired by the Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords – Lord McFall. Congratulations to our fabulous debating team: Alec Lau, Taiwo Olajojo, Edward Ntalindwa Badege, Philip Webb, Katie Lowbridge and Boran Sis. What a fantastic achievement!



J. Heffernan

We hope you have a relaxing Bank Holiday and half term!

Ms J Heffernan - Executive Headteacher



CATHOLIC LIFE

Year 9 Trip to the Jewish Museum

Year 9 recently visited the Jewish Museum where they learnt about the Jewish Community and life in the Holocaust. There were a number of workshops all of which involved holding and looking at items from people's possessions as well as learning the stories behind them. The students were also very privileged to hear from a Holocaust survivor. Over the three days there were different speakers, from Auschwitz, Bergan Belsen and the Kindertransport, explaining the horrific life they lived and testifying how it must never happen again.



The Daughters of Divine Charity

The school is very lucky when it comes to visitors to the school and in May we were blessed with Sister Linda and Sister Anna from The Daughters of Divine Charity. They are most recognisable from the television programme 'Holy Orders, Bad Habits' shown on Channel 5. Their mission when they came to the school was to meet as many students as they could and live out their vocation of spreading the Good News. Both Sisters gave a witness of their vocation and what life was like in a convent whilst also having a time of prayer and worship together. The Sisters made a huge impact to the school bringing laughter and cheer between the students which, resonated with the Year 11's right before their GCSEs. The Sisters also led them in prayer and put their mind at ease before their exams begin. It really was a wonderful day for the school and we continue to pray for their work in the community and with everyone they meet.



Mr J Ryan — Chaplain

CATHOLIC LIFE, continued

Charities

On the 22nd April 2018, I took to the streets and completed the London Marathon in a time of 3hours 58minutes, raising money for Barnardo's, a Children's Charity who work with the most vulnerable children in society. The staff of the school really got behind the fundraising and a total of £1,400 was raised for this cause.

Along the way, family, friends and Cardinal Pole staff lined the streets and I was cheered along by Mr Malyon, Mr Edwards and Mr Foley, at miles 25 and 26, a push that was much needed. It was an amazing day and a great cause to fundraise for. Thank you all for your support, here's to the London Marathon 2019!



It was a really busy start to the new term after Easter, during our Lenten observances there was a considerable amount raised for charity by both students, parents/carers and staff. The school has always been generous when it comes to supporting our Charities and the students are always right behind the fundraising activities to make sure everybody is involved. Over the Lenten Season a total of £3,370 was raised and this is where the students and staff's outstanding fundraising contributions will be donated to:

Year	Charity	
7	Catholic Children's Society	£510.00
8	SVP	£350.00
9	CAFOD/SOHK	£514.00
10	St Joseph's Hospice	£216.00
11	CARITAS	£200.00
12	Mary's Meals	£118.00
13	The Passage	£62.00
Staff	Barnardo's London Marathon	£1,400.00
	TOTAL	£3,370.00

They types of activities undertook included:

Year 7 Raising over £80 in their cake sales which were run by Ms Russell, Pastoral Support Manager and the students. 7MORE baked cakes and Ms Ashraf, their form tutor had some lovely brownies from her Form.

Year 8 Have had some really good collections, Mr Fisher's Form has done the "Change Challenge" with 8ARW where they have donated their small change.

Year 9 Have now raised over £100 on their Easter raffle.

Year 10 and **Sixth Form** helped collect the non-uniform monies from the tutor groups which was an amazing team effort and great community service.

Year 11 Have excelled at their raffle, being present at break and lunchtimes to promote their charity.

Well done to all—a great community spirit!

Mr J Ryan — Chaplain

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We are delighted that a number of students are taking instrumental exams this term and wish them well with their practising and every success in the exams.

The Summer Concert will take place on Wednesday 20th June 2018. Look out for posters nearer the time for more details. This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear our students show off their musical talents.

A Year 7 Keyboard Club, run by our new piano teacher, Mr Kent, has been launched on Thursday lunchtimes and is being enjoyed by a number of students who are keen to build on the skills they have developed in their music lessons. Anyone else interested in joining should speak to Dr Maxim.

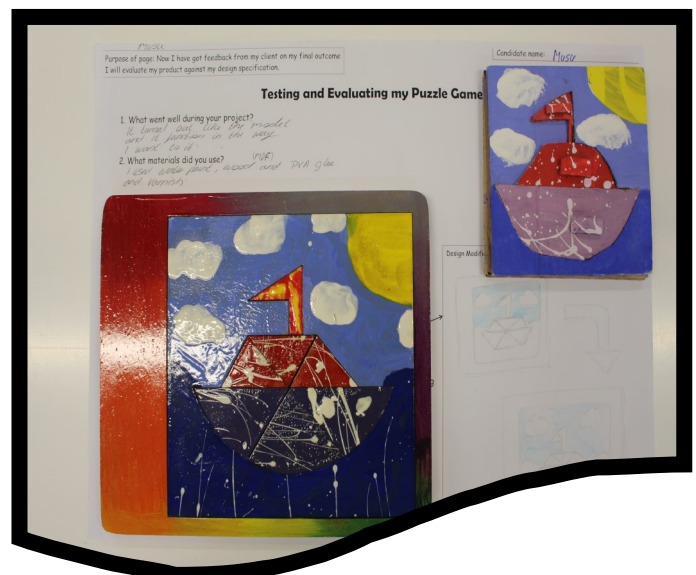
Many of the opportunities to take singing/instrumental lessons that became available when the Year 11 music students complete their GCSE performances have been taken up by Year 7 students. This is very pleasing! We still have a little more room for students to take singing/instrumental lessons. Anyone interested should speak to **Dr Maxim**.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Year 10 Product Design students have just finished their mini mock coursework project.

The theme was to design and make a puzzle game for toddlers. Students created designs, cardboard models, planned and created on a 2D Design software package. All this work led to their work being cut on the Laser Cutter before students constructed, glued, painted and varnished. Please have a look at some of the results of their hard work. (Pictured works are by Sigfreda, Musu, Lillian and Umut).

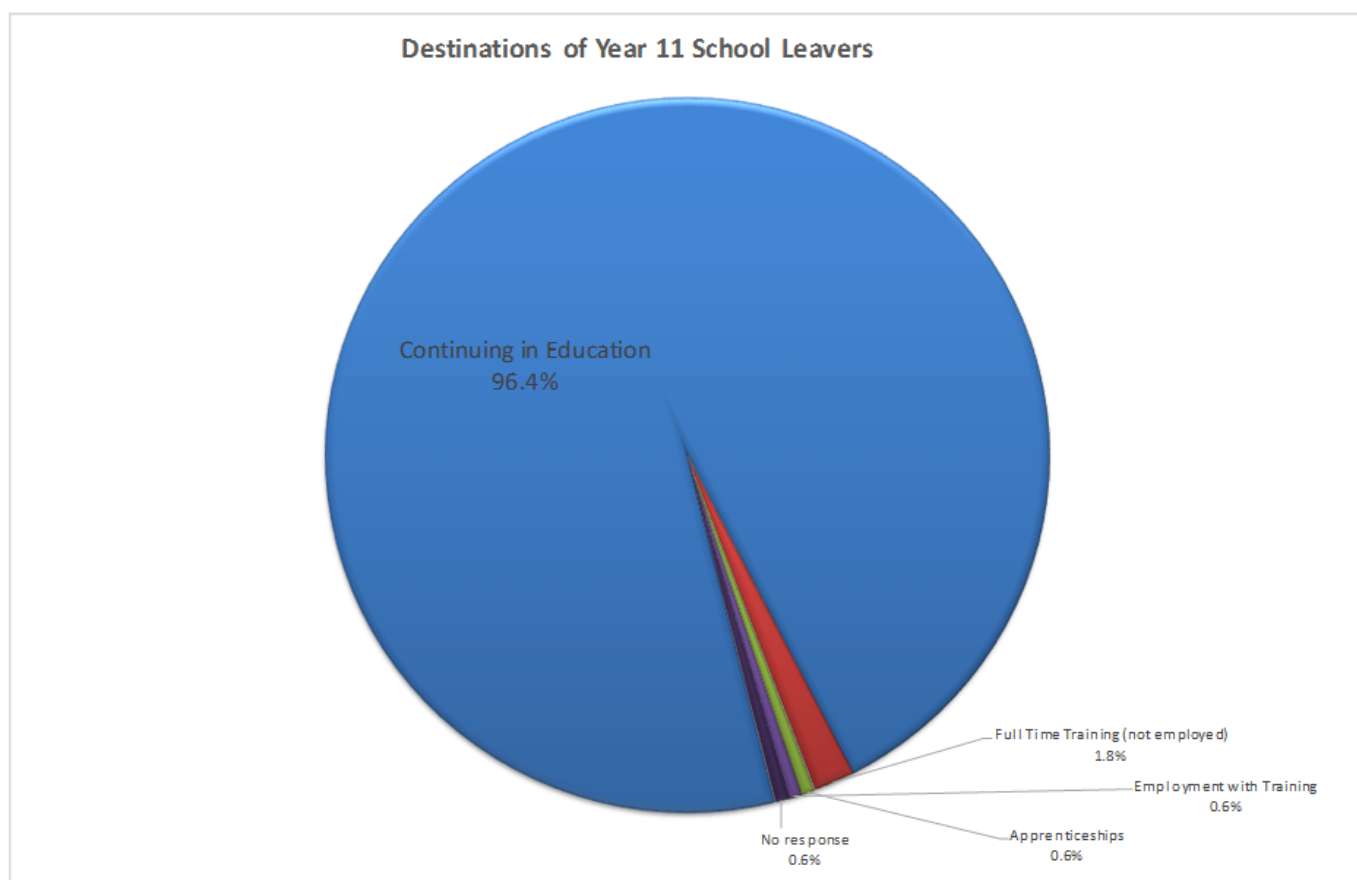
Ms B Stern—Design & Technology Teacher



CAREERS, ENRICHMENT & STUDENT WELFARE

2017 Leavers' Destinations

Congratulations to Mr Egan, our Careers Guidance Manager in ensuring that 98.2% of Cardinal Pole Catholic School students went either into full time education or training at the end of year 11.



Destination	2017	%
Continuing in Education	159	96.4
Full Time Training (not employed)	3	1.8
Apprenticeships	1	0.6
Employment with Training	1	0.6
Jobs without Training	0	0.0
Part Time Learning & Employment	0	0.0
Not settled in a Full Time activity	0	0.0
Not Active/Not Available	0	0.0
Moved out of contact	0	0.0
No response	1	0.6
TOTAL	165	100.0

NCS — National Citizens' Service

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity for 15 to 17 year olds. NCS takes place after exams in the summer holidays and during the autumn half term. NCS is a great chance to meet new people, develop new skills and boost your CV or UCAS application. Students take part in challenging outdoor activities, engaging with their local community and creating their own social action campaign. Each NCS place is valued at over £1,000 but, thanks to government support, NCS only ask for a £50 administration fee with financial support available, if needed. If you are interested in securing a place sign up at www.ncsthechallenge.org.

Mr J Egan — Careers Guidance Manager

CAREERS, ENRICHMENT & STUDENT WELFARE, continued

Exam season normally represents a period of quiet as students put a lot of energy into preparing for these exams. However, there is still plenty of interesting careers work going on throughout the school to report on, with a busy final half-term of the academic year coming up.

Year 12 Post-18 Options

Next half-term represents an important term for the year 12 students. Not only will they undertake crucial exams, but they will also start to plan their futures by having many contacts with different universities and employers. This will include having sessions about "Studying at university in a campus outside of London" and the "Degree Apprenticeship Programme at Queen Mary University London". Students will then visit the University of Kent to find out what a university campus is like.

As ever, our students have been pro-active in securing a wide range of summer school opportunities across the country. Students will visit top universities such as Bristol, Cambridge, UCL, Oxford, Newcastle, Queens Belfast, Surrey, Queen Mary University London, Exeter and Southampton.

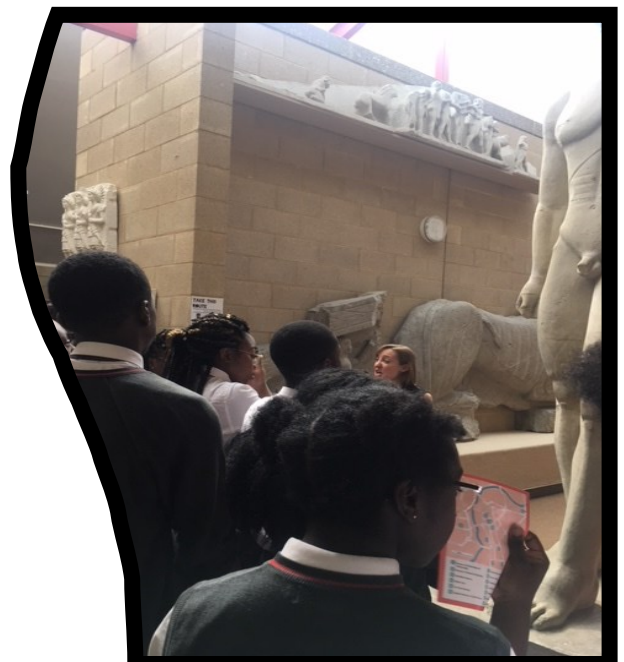
Work Experience

Amoyah Morris in year 12 spent a week of her Easter Holiday working at Department of International Trade via the Civil Service work experience programme. As part of her placement, Amoyah was also filmed as part of a promotional shoot promoting the Civil Service work experience scheme to senior members of the Government. Amoyah said about the placement "It was a very insightful week. I met the Secretary for the Department of Trade and the experience gave me insight into how important the work the department do is across the world." During the summer, Amoyah has lined up a placement work in the Engineering department at Imperial College London. Her long-term plans are to study Biomedical Engineering.

Year 10 students will undertake placements at a wide range of different businesses at the end of July. This includes Honour Okroji and Eugene Amponsah at the Bank of England and a number of students working at UCL Hospital.

Visit to Clare College, Cambridge

Year 10 students visited Clare College, Cambridge to gain an insight into what it takes to study at one of the world's most renowned universities. In the morning, students toured the college alongside being given a presentation on what is expected to gain admission to a top university. In the afternoon, students spent time at the Museum of Ancient History and Archaeology, where they learnt about different figures within this period of time.



CAREERS, ENRICHMENT & STUDENT WELFARE, continued

Sky Academy Year 9 Visit

A lively group of year 9 students came into school on their day off due to the feast of the ascension to visit Sky Academy. Always being a popular place to visit, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of filming their own news report based around celebrity culture. The highlight of the report was undoubtedly watching Noah Shenesse have to mediate a very animated Tracey Prempah and Michael Lawson-Falomo.

Thanks to Mr Ryan for supporting this trip.



Year 10 Exeter University Easter School

Due to the school's relationship with Exeter University, several year 10 girls were successful in their application for the Exeter University scholars programme. This programme will support students through to sixth form and has an incentive such as reduced offer from the university and a bursary, should they decide to study there. As part of this programme, the girls visited the campus in Exeter to find out what it was like studying at Higher Education.



ATTENDANCE

Please see below our recent student attendance and punctuality figures.

194 students across years 7-11 have 100% attendance so far this academic year – congratulations to you all!

The national average figure is 95% but we always strive to do better.

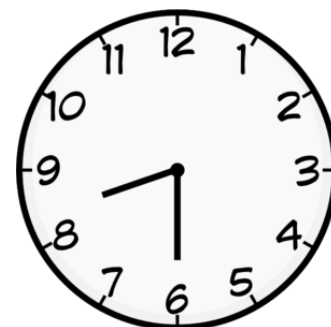
Congratulations to all our year groups who are above national average - **Year 7 takes the lead at 96.31%.**



Year Group	% Attendance September 2017 to date
Year 7	96.31%
Year 8	96.29%
Year 9	95.94%
Year 10	95.65%
Year 11	95.61%
Average:	95.96%

PUNCTUALITY

Although there is no official national figure for punctuality, we are always aiming as close to 100% as we can reach.



Year Group	No: of students with 100% punctuality
Year 7	59
Year 8	68
Year 9	66
Year 10	40
Year 11	32
TOTAL	265

Congratulations and many thanks to those students and their families for supporting Cardinal Pole in reaching these targets!

Mrs G Cakirlar — Attendance Officer

ENRICHMENT/REWARDS

Year 8 Reward Trip to Natural History Museum

Last term year 8 engaged in a form-on-form battle to get the fewest negative points over 2 weeks. 8 Ward and 8 Clitherow very nearly snatched the win, but a consistent and concerted effort from 8 Southwell won them the prize of a day trip to the iconic Natural History Museum.

Despite a rain-soaked sky we made it to the Museum without a hitch, and there we spent a day surrounded by the world's finest collection of specimens from the natural world.

As we entered the museum an imposing Stegosaurus skeleton set the theme of what was to come. We gasped and gawked at the massive skeleton of a Blue Whale suspended from the ceiling. We saw creepy crawlies, violent volcanoes, earth-shattering earthquakes, massive mammoths, and underdeveloped early humans (...and we don't mean the teachers!)

Before we knew it, it was time for lunch and our journey home to Cardinal Pole. We hope you enjoyed the day out and look forward to our next behaviour challenge!

Mr A Parker—Head of Year 8



PE DEPARTMENT

Junior NBA Basketball

The Year 7 girls were astonishing in the early rounds of the JR NBA Basketball League. The girls won a game and had a loss too, but even against a challenging team they had fight and determination to keep the score close. I am very proud of both performances.



The girls progressed to Round 4 having recently beat Greig City Academy after a tight loss in the previous round and won against Clapton Girls' too. The girls were strong and powerful, uniting to perform extraordinarily as a team. I have no doubt that the girls will play their best to secure more wins.

Round 5 of the JR NBA League, we faced Greig City for a third time and the team work tirelessly to keep the score at 8 - 8. Although, they dominated each quarter with their rapid movement and driven dribbling, Greig City had a strong defence and blocked our shots. Outstanding performance yet again. Heartland High School next!

The team continues to make vast improvements! For example, lightning fast interceptions and powerful lay-ups resulted in a fantastic win against Lammas 24 - 8. It was the girls' last game in the JR NBA League run by Basketball England, the other teams' performances will decide whether we make it to the finals in June. Fingers crossed for the results. A gigantic congratulations to the team!



Year 7 Sports Hall Athletics

The Year 7 girls and boys and Year 8 girls represented Hackney in the London Youth Games Sports Hall Athletics. Fantastic individual and team performances from many of our athletes in track and field events. So good that both our Year 7 teams secured an impressive 3rd place, just missing out qualifying for the semi finals. Excellent work teams.

Ms D Grego — PE Teacher

PE DEPARTMENT, continued

Year 9 & 10 Athletics

The Year 9-10 girls' athletics teams had an amazing event at the recent athletics tournament. The Year 9s finished 3rd overall and the Year 10s finished a fantastic 2nd place! Brooke Rowe in year 9 had a good day herself getting gold in discus and bronze in 200m. The Year 10 girls had a really good day: Fatima Pereira won gold in javelin, Chyna Grey won gold in discus, Jessica Ugori won gold in triple jump, Deborah Mubobo won silver in hurdles and silver in high jump. The relay team consisted of Deborah Mubobo, Jessica Ugori, Barbara Maranzu and Honour Okoroji. Stand out performer of the day went to our very own Honour Okoroji who was part of the winning relay team, won gold in long jump and gold in 100m. The whole crowd was impressed with Honour's efforts!!



Women's FA Cup Final

30 girls attended the women's FA cup final at Wembley recently where Chelsea beat Arsenal 3-1. The girls had a fantastic and inspiring day.



PE DEPARTMENT, continued

Boys' Football Season Summary 2017-18

Another fantastic of season of football is now finished. This year the Hackney Saturday football league folded and went to a mid-week friendly format instead. This is the first year of the new league and unfortunately not all schools fulfilled all of the fixtures. The Saturday league was traditionally used as training games for us to prepare the teams for the mid-week cup games. We were not as successful as we usually are in the cups this year and I have no doubt it was due to the lack of Saturday football. The boys still did fantastically well with some great team and individual performances and importantly their conduct on the pitch was exemplary throughout the cup campaigns. Below is a summary of the Cup competitions from this season. A special thank you to Mr Tavares and Mr McDaid for all their help with training and managing teams this season. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Team Managed by Mr Tavares

Inner London cup round 1 vs Prendergast Ladywell - lost on pens after 3-3

London cup round 1 vs Bishop Challoner - lost 6-0

Year 8 Team Managed by Mr Hanna

Inner London cup round 1 vs Petchey Academy - lost 4-0

London cup round 1 vs Kingston Academy - won 4-0

London cup round 2 vs Fulham Acadmey - lost 4-2

Year 9 Team Managed by Mr McDaid

Inner London cup round 1 vs City of London boys - lost on pens after 3-3

London cup round 1 – bye to round 2

London cup round 2 vs Brampton Manor lost 3-1

Year 10 Team Managed by Mr Tavares

Inner London cup round 1 vs Highbury grove - lost 2-1

London cup round 1 vs Barking abbey - won 5-2

London cup round 2 vs St Alloysuis - lost 4-2

Year 11 Team Managed by Mr Hanna

Inner London cup round 1 vs Hackney New School - won 9-0

Inner London cup round 2 vs city academy Islington - lost 2-1

London cup vs Forest hill - won on pens after 2-2

Year 12/13 Team Managed by Mr Tavares

Inner London cup round 1 vs City of London boys - lost 10-1

London cup round 1 vs The Elmgreen school – lost 3-1

Mr Hanna — Acting Assistant Headteacher & PE Teacher

Year 9 & 10 Boys' Athletics

After many amazing performances, the Year 9 and Year 10 boys athletics teams finished with a strong haul of medals. There were some fantastic performances, most notable were gold medals for Anthony Sam, Antoine Marshall, Raymond Obe, Isiaih Hills, Dean Tennant, Bill Osei-Boamah and Jason Kalala. A special mention for Jason Kalala, who smashed the school record for the 200m, clocking 22.00 seconds!

Mr N McDaid - Head of PE



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Year 7 & 8 Literacy Award Assemblies

Year 7 and 8 pupils celebrated their excellent progress in reading with special Awards Assemblies during Prep, to which parents were also invited. The awards were based on recent reading-age testing, but also for those who have made great progress and effort in the Accelerated Reader programme. Pupils received certificates and badges in honour of their efforts in improving their reading for a "Outstanding Achievement in Literacy". They were reminded that developing the habit of independent reading was the key to building their confidence and improving their attainment across all of their subjects and they should '*Read for Success: Read for 20 minutes a day.*'

Ms A Hartley — Lead Practitioner for Literacy



Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge 2018

Cardinal Pole School Speak Out Competition winners are first place Christie Gwanmesia and runner up Alec Lau.

Having competed against 28 other impressive speakers they were selected by a panel comprising of teachers and experienced Sixth Form debaters to represent Cardinal Pole Catholic School in the Regional Finals. Christie and Alec went on and did us proud. Their speeches were praised by the judges for their content and delivery. Both were given certificates. Christie spoke eloquently and poetically about the dangers of being judgemental, whereas Alec delivered an informative and engaging speech on climate change - War on Weather. Well done to both!

Ms A Gallagher - Lead Practitioner Gifted and Talented



CARDINAL POLE TWITTER FEED

Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · 24h
HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing debate team who won a national @Debate_Mate competition yesterday at @UKHouseofLords. 240+ schools and 6000+ students were involved. Alec, Boran, Katie, Taiwo, Edward and Phillip beat 15 other schools on the day to win the cup! 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 14
🏀 Our girls JR NBA Basketball team have shown grit and determination every game. Winning most of their matches with outstanding teamwork, uniting to defend and attacking with powerful layups and rebounds. Fingers crossed for the results...we want to be part of the finals! 🏆

Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 14
GCSE exams start this week for our hard working year 11s. We believe in you and wish you all the very best! Know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 10
Our Year 13 Drama students where they are meant to be - on a professional stage! We are so proud of their amazing performance of 'Want' performed at the Theatre Royal @stratfordeast. The perfect ending for our super talented group.

Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 10
Last week Year 8 Behaviour Challenge winners visited @NHM_London and saw creepy crawlies, violent volcanoes, earth-shattering earthquakes, massive mammoths, stupendous dinosaur skeletons and underdeveloped early humans (...and we don't mean the teachers!) A great day out 🤩👍😊

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CARDINAL POLE TWITTER FEED, continued



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 9
Our year 10 students spent the day learning about Higher Education at sunny @ClareCollege @Cambridge_Uni

Thanks for hosting!



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 4
A great lesson today with 7C bringing our summer term play, Mugged, to life including some fantastic performances! Well done 7C!



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 8
*@Sr_Linda_FDC Daughters of Divine Charity thank you for visiting @CardinalPoleRC a very #Spiritual day for the students. looking forward to seeing you on @channel5_tv soon, #BADhabitsholyorders God bless your work @RCWestminster



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · May 4
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Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Apr 24
Year 10 girls spent part of their Easter break at @UniofExeter on their scholars residential. Thanks to Jemimah for the picture!



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Apr 26
We are delighted to have been nominated as an Outstanding Provider for a St Mary's Award. The awards evening is on Wednesday 9th May 2018. We will keep you posted!



St Mary's
University
Twickenham
London
Voluntary Work
Placement Awards

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