



Enrichment Newsletter

February 2018

Cardinal Pole
Catholic School



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short half term, but we have fitted a great deal in. The Year 11/12/13 have had a full programme of revision and testing and further revision continues during half term in a wide range of subjects, building on their work this year to date. For our sixth form students, this has resulted in securing offers at many top universities, including Oxford.

Catholic life continues to be a key focus. Last term, the school raised over £2,200 for our nominated charities, we look forward to achieving a similar sum as we prepare for Easter through our Lenten journey, fasting, prayer and alms-giving. All staff and students will be offered the opportunity to participate in reconciliation services upon our return. These actions will enable us to live our mission and to prepare in a meaningful way for the feast of Easter.

School attendance has improved significantly here at Cardinal Pole School, a key aspect of securing success. I am delighted to share with you that 289 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 continues to take the lead at 96.62%.

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

336 students across year 7-11 have 100% punctuality to date – Year 8 takes the lead with 83 students with 100% punctuality. Further details are included below:-

Year Group	% Attendance September 2017 to date
Year 7	96.62%
Year 8	96.57%
Year 9	96.05%
Year 10	95.43%
Year 11	95.78%
Average:	96.09%

Year Group	No: of students with 100% punctuality
Year 7	72
Year 8	83
Year 9	78
Year 10	53
Year 11	50
Total	336

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

Finally, please see below some key dates for your information.

DATES	EVENT
Monday 12 th — Friday 16 th February 2018	Half Term
Thursday 22 nd February 2018	Parental Engagement Event 5.30pm-7pm
Thursday 1 st March 2018	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day
Thursday 8 th March 2018	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Year 8 Options Evening

Trips and visits continue to form part of life's rich tapestry and I hope you enjoy reading about these in our newsletter. I hope you have a relaxing half term break.

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan - Headteacher



CAREERS

The term may be short, but Careers and Enrichment has still been a big part of the students' curriculum. Here is a quick overview of what has happened and what will be taking place over the remainder of the academic year.

Year 13

Year 13 have been on their studies now and most students have applied to UCAS. Students who are not intending to attend university will be given support in preparation for obtaining a suitable apprenticeship. We are hopeful that some of our students will access paid internships through the Brokerage and Black Rock schemes.

Through our relationship with Volunteering Matters, Hackney, Year 13 students have been volunteering at St Joseph's Hospice, helping their staff with activities for residents and day visitors. The pictures below show the students working hard and enjoying themselves.

Ethan Richards will spend half-term on work experience at the Northern Irish Office. This should provide him with a great experience and his ambitions are to have a career within politics. We wish you well.



Year 12

The 16 Brilliant Club students have completed the programme and will graduate on the 7th February at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Make no mistake, this was a challenging task for the students and to have 16/16 pass the programme is a great achievement. In particular, credit must go to Prince Amponsah and Omar Jaiteh who received a first class grade for their submissions.

We were fortunate to gain 2 places at an Insight Day at Vogue magazine. Amy and Elle both spent the day there, where they got to meet the editor and chief executive of the magazine. Amy said "I enjoyed spending the day at the world's best-selling magazine. I learnt how dynamic and responsive you need to be to work in the media. We met the editor, Edward Enninful, he is an iconic and a generous man."

Davina, Cherish and Lisa have been successful in their applications for the Creative Mentoring Network. Davina is pictured here meeting her mentor from Havas advertising agency.

Next term year 12 students will start their preparation for their post-18 options. Many will access placements at top universities and companies. Students will hear the outcome of their applications for the Social Mobility Foundation and Sutton Trust US Scheme.



CAREERS, CONTINUED

Year 11

Students will be undertaking their interviews for Cardinal Pole Catholic School and other colleges/sixth forms that they have applied to. It is important that all students have a plan A and plan B for next year. Please get in touch with Mr Egan should there be any concerns. During National Apprenticeship week, there will be a presentation to students about Apprenticeships.

Year 10

Mentoring Works Programme

40 year 10 students commenced the mentoring works programme working with CMS law firm. They will have fortnightly mentoring sessions with the well qualified staff from the firm. It is a very exciting programme where they should build their networking and employability skills. Bellmani commented on how her mentor has been helping her to write a CV to support her with trying to find a suitable work experience placement.

CMS

Law . Tax

House of Commons Trip



30 students visited the Houses of Commons to learn about politics works alongside being given a tour of Parliament. This gave students a very aspirational day where they got to debate what new laws they would like to introduce. The students chose to debate whether the sale of acid goods should be prohibited.

Taiwo Olajao has been accepted on to the Envision programme at UCL which is a series of one-day-events for young black women interested in learning more about university and future career options. Well done to Taiwo. Chris Hew and Alec Lau who will spend half-term working at M&G

Investments. This should provide the boys with an insightful experience of working in financial services.

On 9th-13th July 2018, students have been asked to find their own work experience placement for that week. After half-term, support will be given to students on how to approach employers and find their own placement. Mr Egan will have placements which have been offered to the school, students will be asked to apply for these placements when they do become available.

For students, who do not find their own placement or don't feel ready to go out, the school will have a programme of work-related learning activities where they will visit different workplaces alongside work on CVs and Interview Skills with the top professional services firm KPMG.

Should you be able to assist the school with any placement for students, please get in touch with Mr Egan.



CAREERS, CONTINUED

Year 8

Rohan Thomas and Emmanuel Essilfie-Botchway travelled to Southampton to represent Arsenal in the Premier League Enterprise Challenge. On that day, they presented to a panel on how they would attract new fans to the club. Despite losing out on the main prize, it provided the boys with an insightful experience where they were able to build key employability skills.

Year 8 students have started their preparations for selecting their GCSEs. They have had lessons during the PSHE programme and will all have a careers meeting with Mr Egan alongside a trip (see below). Students have been asked to list their preferences via Show My Homework, allocations for trips will be made and students will be notified on the first day back after half-term.



Year 8 GCSE Trips

TRIP	SUBJECT LINKS
Royal Institute of British Architecture	Art, Science, Design & Technology
City Centre, Urban Planning in the City	Geography, Science, Maths, English
City Centre, Engineering	STEM
SOAS	Humanities & Language focus
Centre of the Cell	STEM, but focus on Biomedicine
Brokerage Trip to Reed Smith Law Firm	Maths, English Business, Humanities
National Theatre	Drama, English, Music

Into University Partnership

IntoUniversity have been working with Cardinal Pole Catholic School since 2012, and sees just under 300 students from the school every year. Our aim is to provide students with the skills and opportunities to achieve success after they leave school, and to make sure that every student has the option of going to university should they wish to. We have a high rate of success, with students up to **56% more likely to go to university** if they complete our programme. Each year, we select around 30 students per year-group to take part in our workshops, which work on **key skills** (such as working independently, and public speaking); we also run a range of **trips to universities** (such as Oxford, City, and King's College) and our **corporate partners** (such as BlackRock, MetroBank, and Airbnb). If you are interested in your child benefitting from the **Into**University programme, please speak to Mr. Egan, Career Guidance Manager at the school: our programme is not only delivered in school! Even if your child is not in our cohort for their year-group, they can attend our **Academic Support** sessions after school at our centres (in Haggerston, Clapton Pond and Bow); here, they can receive **help with school work, advice about subject-choices, mentoring, and holiday programmes**. Alternatively, please ring 020 7812 9588 or email hackneysouth@intouniversity.org to find out more

Danny Hubbard (Into University)

Future Events:

Careers Week 5th-9th March 2018

National Apprenticeship Week: 12th-16th March 2018

Year 10 Work Experience 9th-13th July 2018

PE DEPARTMENT

Basketball

I am delighted to announce that our Year 7 girls have been invited to compete in the Junior NBA league. With only 30 schools in the entire UK being part of the basketball tournament, this is an enormous accomplishment. Basketball England even provided us with the Boston Celtics NBA team kit to represent. I have no doubt that their commitment and dedication will positively translate to success in the upcoming games.



Year 7 Netball Team

The Year 7 girls continue to develop and improve, evident in a formidable win against Jack Petchey School. With several more games to go, we hope that the Year 7 netball team dodge, mark and shoot their way to the top of the Hackney School League.

Basketball Hackney League Girls

A phenomenal performance against Mossbourne Victoria Park. Our Year 7 and Year 8 girls showed grit and determination to keep possession with fiery marking, skilful dribbling and outstanding rebounds. Although, MVP managed to get two extra baskets, I am extremely proud of the team. One match down. Many more to come!



Netball Year 7 Girls

A remarkable win against Stoke Newington School. Scoring double digits, our girls were determined to succeed. Intercepting passes and cutting the court drove the Year 7's to the hoop to score time and time again. Exceptional performance. Well done.



Ms D Grego - PE Teacher

PE DEPARTMENT, CONTINUED

Basketball—Year 7 Boys

The game against Skinners Academy was described by the players as “passionate”, “fearless” and “thrilling”. We beat the opposition 8-16 by tight marking and driven lay-ups. Brilliant win boys.

Ms D Grego



Cardinal Pole Dominate Hackney Rugby League Festival

Cardinal Pole fielded 3 teams in the tournament against two other Hackney schools in a multi-match festival. Such was our strength in depth that saw all of our teams win against both City Academy and Skinners. It caps a good first half of the season, which now sees our Year 7s and 8s enter the RFL London League, starting in March.

Mr N McDaid—Head of PE



CARDINAL POLE TWITTER FEED

 **Cardinal Pole** @CardinalPoleRC · Jan 26

Davina in year 12 meets her mentor from @havas as part of the @JoinTheCMN scheme



  2  2 

 **Cardinal Pole** @CardinalPoleRC · Jan 31

Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal" (Saint John Bosco). #Remembering his amazing work with #Young #People today on his #Feast day, Saint John Bosco ... Pray for us



   2 

 **Cardinal Pole** @CardinalPoleRC · Jan 31

Cardinal Pole Year 12 students listening to 'Suri's Story' in General RE from @LifeCharity #Pro-Life #Catholic



  5  7 

Don't Forget to follow us on
Twitter@CardinalPoleRC



CARDINAL POLE TWITTER FEED



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Feb 1

877 students with 100% attendance last week! Well done! Such an amazing achievement!



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Feb 2

My eyes have seen the salvation' Luke 2:30, #Adoration for the feast of The Presentation of the Lord in the #Chapel at lunch today



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Feb 2

Year 8 students will begin their GCSE options and career meetings next week #startyoung



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Feb 2

Year 10's Alec and Chris spend half-term working @MandGCareers Thanks to #SpeakersForSchools for organising #workexperience



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Feb 2

Congratulations to all of our @BrilliantClub scholars who passed the programme. Particularly Omar and Prince who achieved a 1st. They will graduate next week @CorpusSLO



Cardinal Pole @CardinalPoleRC · Feb 2

Ethan in year 13 will spend half-term at the Northern Ireland Office. Thanks to @faststreamuk for organising #workexperience



Don't Forget to follow us on
Twitter@CardinalPoleRC

