



10th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR – 2018/19

Welcome back. I do hope that you enjoyed the summer break.

Over the summer, Cardinal Pole Catholic School community celebrated another set of outstanding A Level and vocational results and a very pleasing set of GCSE results. A Level students were delighted with their achievements, ensuring that they secured their places at university, including almost 22% of A Level students securing prestigious Russell Group Universities such as Oxford, UCL, Warwick, Kings' College London, Liverpool and Birmingham and a total of 88% secured a university place. Consistently in the top 10% of sixth forms in the country, the school maintained this impressive achievement this year. Despite the significant changes to A Level assessment and curriculum content and a dip in achievements elsewhere, over 57% of grades were A*- B and 90% of grades were at A*- C, continuing the impressive practice in the sixth form that OFSTED 2017 described as 'outstanding'.

Results included A*, A*, A* - Jedidiah Ubaldo, A*, A, A - Onder Kilinc, A*, A*, B - Joshua Williams, A*, A, B - Johnny Maughan and Juan Jimenez, Joshua Best and Temi Oyebode – A, A, B.

Our vocational results also continue to be outstanding with 95% securing a Distinction or above and 51% achieving a Distinction*, which represents far above the national average.

I was delighted to see that the hard work of all involved; students, parents and staff, has been rewarded with such positive outcomes, preparing them well for the next phase of their lives, especially in the face of all the curriculum and assessment changes. As these students become Cardinal Pole Alumni, I look forward to the future, so they can share their stories of success with others.

You will have read in the news the concerns frequently expressed regarding the new GCSE grading system and changes to the assessment processes. I am delighted to report that the students and staff rose to the challenge, producing excellent value added. The GCSE Maths results at 71% C grade equivalent and above was in line with last year's and well above national results and English at 76% C grade equivalent and above was significantly higher than last year and higher than those expected nationally this year. Fr David, Chair of Governors stated: 'These results are a well-deserved reward for all of the hard work by staff and students.' Other subjects secured continued success, exceptionally with History, French, Drama, Computer Science, Business Studies, Art, PE, RE and Sociology all securing over 70% grades 9-4 (equivalent to A*-C). There were some outstanding individual student results also, Savannah Pham - nine grades 9-7 (equivalent to A**/A), Helen Wei - eight grades 9-7, Serena Berko eight grades 9-7, Aaron Quidley eight grades 9-7, Helen Boateng seven grades 9-7 and Daniela Narkaj seven grades 9-7.

These 2018 A Level and GCSE results show significant gains, making Cardinal Pole the most improved school at GCSE and Post 16 in the borough!

As we start the new year, can I remind students and parents of our new school day (see attached) and I ask parents to remind their children that all Cardinal Pole students should leave site at the end of the day and make their way straight home after school.

Yours sincerely

Ms P Whyte
ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER

CARDINAL POLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL DAY – SEPTEMBER 2018

Monday

TIME	PERIOD
8.35am – 9.05am	Registration, Assembly/Prep or PHSE
9.05am – 9.55am	Period 1
9.55am – 10.45am	Period 2
10.45am – 11.05am	Break
11.05am – 11.55am	Period 3
11.55am – 12.45pm	Period 4 (year 7 & 8 Lunch)
12.45pm - 1.35pm	Period 5 (years 9, 10 & 11 Lunch)
1.35pm – 2.25pm	Period 6
2.25pm – 2.40pm	Registration & Dismissal
2.40pm – 3.30pm	CPD & Marking

Tuesday - Friday

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8.35am – 9.05am	Registration, Assembly or Prep
9.05am – 9.55am	Period 1
9.55am – 10.45am	Period 2
10.45am – 11.05am	Break
11.05am – 11.55am	Period 3
11.55am – 12.45pm	Period 4
12.45pm - 1.35pm	Period 5 (year 7 & 8 Lunch)
1.35pm – 2.25pm	Period 6 (years 9, 10 & 11 Lunch)
2.25pm – 3.15pm	Period 7
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Registration
3.30pm	Dismissal & Detentions