



20th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

SUMMER TERM - WELCOME BACK!

I do hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and that your child has returned to school ready for the busy new term. I am delighted to share with you that I have been invited by the Director of Catholic Education, J P Morrison, at the Diocese of Westminster, to work with St Aloysius College in Highgate as Executive Headteacher, as an interim arrangement. I will remain at Cardinal Pole Catholic School in the position of Executive Headteacher being ably supported by my outstanding Senior Leadership Team and exceptional staff. Ms Whyte will take on the day to day leading of the school as Associate Headteacher. I remain committed to the wonderful school community that is Cardinal Pole.

Other staff changes include, the addition of Mr Moran as an additional member of the Geography Department and Mr Tavares, Pastoral Support Manager, has now commenced his teacher training at the school. We say thank you and goodbye to Ms Archibald, Head of English who is moving back to Scotland.

Years 11, 12 and 13 had a full programme of revision over the Easter break. I was delighted that so many took advantage of this offer which I am sure will assist their exam results. I am sure you will want to pass on your thanks also to the staff who gave up their break to come in and support your child.

The school works hard to maintain high standards in all areas of school life, enabling your child to do their best and feel safe and happy whilst they are at school. As we return to school, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our expectations:

Uniform and Equipment: Please note that we are very proud of our successful school and want to ensure that our uniform is worn with pride. This includes ensuring that your child has returned to school in the correct uniform and that the only outerwear worn is the approved school coat. All other outerwear will be confiscated. These expectations include ensuring your child brings their full equipment into lessons, leaving mobile phones at home, no inappropriate jewellery or piercings and only regulation hair styles and Cardinal Pole bags only. For clarification, please see the uniform list overleaf). As I am sure you will appreciate, it is time consuming and unnecessary for staff to have to issue constant reminders about those very clear school rules.

Safety: It has been very distressing to hear about so many knife attacks in London over the Easter period and as part of ensuring our children's safety and with your support, I would ask that you encourage your child to go straight home when they leave school, without stopping at the local shops and parks.

Go4Schools and My Ed App: The school works very hard to ensure that all students make at least their expected progress. You can continue to access progress information on Go 4 Schools. Please contact the office if you have problems in accessing this information.

My Ed is our school's new app which enables all parents/carers to receive letters and information about the school and your child and is also a good way of communicating with the school. Please can I encourage you all to download the app (free of charge) today.

Finally, in the time leading up to Easter, the school community followed the traditional Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and alms. All were invited to participate in services of reconciliation. I am delighted to share with you that the school raised almost £2,000, which is a tremendous accolade to the generosity of the school community. These funds will be shared between our key Lenten charities, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, CAFOD, School of Hard Knocks, St Joseph's Hospice, CARITAS Westminster, Mary's Meals and The Passage.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



Boys' Uniform

Grey Pinstripe Blazer with school logo

Grey Trousers

Grey long sleeve or sleeveless pullover with "V" neck with a red stripe

Plain White with long sleeves (short sleeves shirt may be worn in the summer)

School Tie: All boys must wear a school tie - not clip on version

Black or Grey socks

Black low heel leather shoes (Not suede or patent) worn below the ankle. No ankle boots / boots (including kicker boots) No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only

Black School Outdoor Jacket (compulsory) with 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 scalp or eyebrows are not allowed

Any haircut shorter than no.1 is not allowed

Girls' 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

Plain White with long sleeves (not blouse type) (short sleeves shirt may be worn in the summer)

School Tie: All girls must wear a school tie - not clip on version

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 / boots, including kicker boots. No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only

Black School Outdoor Jacket (compulsory) with 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

Compulsory P.E. Kit for All Pupils

Black shorts - Plain - no logos

Long sleeved Black T-shirt with school logo - only purchased from School Supplier (Rough Cuts)

White football shirt with Black trim

Waterproof suit with school logo -only purchased from School Supplier (Rough Cuts)

Long white football socks

Black/Red Tracksuits with School Logo

Football boots/trainers/shin pads (not converse, vans or similar fashion)

General Items

School scarf, hat and gloves only to be worn (which are purchased from Rough Cuts. No other variation allowed).

The school allows one small pair of earring studs to be worn (one in each earlobe) either Gold or Silver and a watch.

The following items are not permitted:

Any outdoor coat apart from the regulation Cardinal Pole Black Coat

Any jewellery apart from what is stated

Ankle boots, including Kickers.

Facial or multiple piercings

Hair - brightly coloured weaves / extensions / hair dye

Extreme fashion styles. The school reserves the right to decide whether a hairstyle meets requirements

Shaved patterns in hair or shaved eyebrows

Hair accessories, including bandanas and scarves

Nails - nail extensions and nail colour/varnish

Make Up - including false eyelashes

Baseball caps / Hoodies

Mobile phones, iPhones, all types of MP3 players, headphones are BANNED from the school building, its premises and the immediate area surrounding the school. These items will be confiscated if seen and will only be returned to a parent / carer only on a Friday. This includes before and after school.

Bags / rucksacks with logos are NOT permitted. Students should check with their Head of Year before purchasing a new school bag to ensure it complies with uniform regulations.

The school takes **NO RESPONSIBILITY** for loss of pupil's property.