

# CARDINAL POLE GOOD NEWS

The Cardinal Pole community has once again made a spectacular start to the school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents, staff, governors and local primaries for their dedication and support. I hope you enjoy reading our Good News, a celebration of some of the best moments from this term. Please also take a moment to read our very first 'What We Do & Why' piece by Mr Tisi. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas, and I look forward to sharing even more success in the New Year! - **Mr Hall, Associate Headteacher**



The Headteacher's Reward Lunch celebrated six of our incredible Year 7 students: **Robert** - An excellent altar server who has supported in Mass for various year groups; **Ava** - 100+ achievement points and zero negative points - an incredible achievement; **Amari** - Captain of the boys' football team and an outstanding role model to the year; **Reena** - Captain of the girls' basketball team and an outstanding role model to the year; **Hamze** - 120 achievement points, the highest in the year group; **Miles** - 100% attendance and zero negative points - keep up the great effort!



Well done to Monique, Winette and Rozerin for winning our Christmas Card competition!



Henrietta, Robert and Siarra have made an amazing start as our Year 7 Altar Servers.



Thank you to our many visitors who have given such inspirational talks this term.

# What We Teach & Why

## *Catholic Social Teaching*

Mr M Tisi, Head of Religious Education, Cardinal Pole Catholic School



### **What is Catholic Social Teaching?**

Catholic Social Teaching is one of the most important guides for helping us to navigate through our world. The starting point of Catholic Social Teaching is that every single person on our planet was created by God and therefore each person has dignity and worth beyond measure. This key concept guides us to ensure that this is applied in our world.

Catholic Social Teaching has seven key principles, these include respecting the human rights of every person, and putting the needs of the poor first. Through this guide to life, it is hoped that we can help to build a fairer, more just society for everyone.

### **Why is it important for us to teach it?**

At Cardinal Pole, we nurture and build our young people to become engaged and conscientious citizens of the future. People might think that Catholic Social Teaching is just there to help Catholics, or even Christians, but we teach our students that love, charity and care are fundamental rights that everyone is entitled to.

This is a key part of our teaching in both Year 8 and Year 10, but in reality, these ideas underpin all that we teach within RE. As well as the Catholic viewpoint, we also teach how other religions echo the call to protect human life at all cost. For example, we explore the concepts of pikuach nefesh in Judaism and Zakat in Islam – both of which remind believers that they have a duty to preserve life and be charitable always.

Above all, our school is a diverse community made up of students of many different faiths, or none. Teaching the principles of Catholic Social Teaching helps them to know that they are loved and welcome in our community. No matter who you are, there is a place for you here with us.

### **How do we see it in action in our school community?**

One of the things I love about our school is that it is a place where Catholic Social Teaching is constantly in action. We see it in the small things: when our students share what they have with each other; but also through wider school initiatives, like the charity drives that our students always give so generously to.

Our regular work with the foodbank is always so well supported; Last year the school helped to provide over 1400 emergency food parcels through our donations and collections. We also have a number of clubs throughout the school that have been set up to live out these principles more fully. Miss Loughney, who leads our Year 8 Caritas Ambassadors, says, “We know that through our work we can truly make a difference throughout our school and local community.” In our Sixth Form, the Ignite Group is made up of students who volunteer their time each week to lead on charitable initiatives across the school. Vincent in Year 12 says, “I joined the Ignite Group to offer an example to others in our school. I think it’s so important that our charitable work helps those in our community who are in need”.

If you would like to support our charitable efforts or find out more about Catholic Social Teaching at Cardinal Pole, please contact the RE department or Chaplaincy team.



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Our students met to discuss climate change here at Cardinal Pole with the Mayor of Hackney, Phillip Glanville; Deputy Mayor of Hackney, Antoinette Bramble; and Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm, Mete Coban MBE. They spoke about the steps Hackney Council have been taking to continue to rebuild a greener Hackney.



Our Chair of Governors, Justin Madubuko was interviewed as part of our Alumni Network series. He spoke about his motivation to become a governor, his role at Barclays and gave students some invaluable advice.



It was an absolute pleasure to award Savannah, Mario, Caseyleigh and Deborah their Jack Petchey Award Winner certificates for Outstanding Achievement.



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Our wonderful students and staff showed off our amazing facilities at Year 7 and Sixth Form Open Evening.



Our Year 7 Gardening Club have been potting on the seedlings ready for the greenhouse and the terrace garden.



Year 8 students studied poems about refugees by black poets Benjamin Zephaniah and J J Bola and the novel, 'The Bone Sparrow' by Zana Fraillon. Using these texts as inspiration, they wrote their own poems as part of a Black History Month competition. Congratulations to Rosie for your thought provoking poem and Natalia, our runner up.



October is Black History Month, Daniel has been looking at chef, author, musician & businessman, Levi Roots.

During Black History Month students researched and made short video presentations about inspiring Black figures such as Levi Roots, Marcus Rashford, Kate Okikiolu and Stormzy.



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