



# Cardinal Pole News

Cardinal Pole Catholic School Parents Newsletter

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## Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all your support this year in helping us to move our school forward. We anticipate good examination results in August and we are now making final preparations for the new academic year in September. There have been many successes already this year, some of which you can read about in this newsletter. We hope you agree that we are providing a positive and supportive environment for your child where he or she feels guided and cared for. This has been confirmed recently in our successful inspection by the Diocese of Westminster. We achieved a good report with outstanding features. There is a summary extract below. For the full report, please go to our website: [www.cardinalpole.co.uk](http://www.cardinalpole.co.uk)

I wish you all a good summer break and we thank God for the privilege of helping and guiding our young people

Katherine Hartigan

## Olympic Concert Launch Event



Cardinal Pole pupils attended an event at the Hackney Empire to launch a concert that will take place in June 2012 as part of the Olympics. The pupils took part in a live broadcast on BBC Radio1 and 1Xtra where they were able to participate fully in the show and Mary Areoye and Jesse Williams also interviewed the celebrities. The concert will be held on Hackney Marshes and 100,000 people, including many school children will be able to participate free of charge. As usual, Cardinal Pole pupils conducted themselves admirably and were a credit to the school.

## Good Schools Guide

This is our second good schools award (previous one was for AS ICT)

## Westminster Diocese Inspection

The Catholic life of the school benefits from the clear vision of the Headteacher, the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body; this results in an effective Catholic community which serves pupils, parents and staff well. There is a culture where every pupil is expected to fulfil their potential. This leads to a clear strategy for improving teaching and learning, coherence within the departments and good pastoral care. Pupils enjoy being at the school and enjoy being part of this community – they feel they will succeed and recognise the efforts the school goes to help them to grow spiritually and be prepared for adult life. There is a strong sense of mutual respect across the whole community. Behaviour is good on the whole and pupils are given every opportunity to exercise self-discipline. Pupils are enthusiastic in their enjoyment of religious education lessons and in playing their part in the wider world – both in the local and international communities. Prayer and liturgy are central to the school ethos and pupils appreciate the opportunities offered for prayer and worship. They are comfortable with their own faith and are happy to share their faiths with each other.

## Important Dates

### End of Term Arrangements

Inset Day	Mon 18 July
Normal School Day	Tues 19 July
Sports Day	Wed 20 July
Normal School Day	Thur 21 July
End of Term	Fri 22 July
On Fri 22 July, school finishes @ 11.50	

### Results

AS/A2 Results	Thur 18 Aug
GCSE Results	Thur 25 Aug

### Term Dates for 2011-12

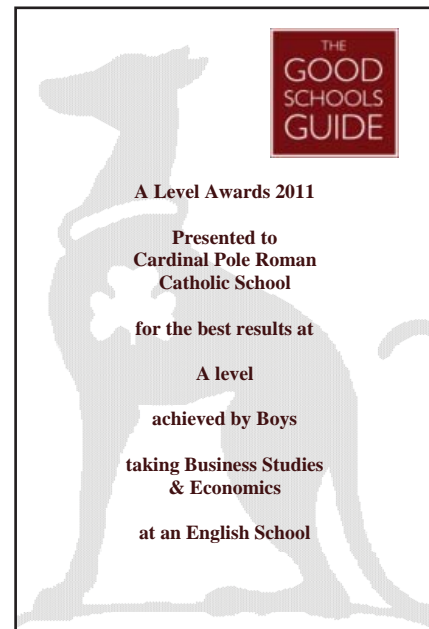
Autumn Term	5 Sept – 21 Oct
Half Term	24 Oct – 28 Oct
Term Restarts	31 Oct – 21 Dec
Christmas	22 Dec – 6 Jan

### Next Term Important Dates:

Inset Day	Mon 5 Sept
Open Day	Sat 17 Sept
Open Mornings	19-23 Sept
Ten Bridges Walk	Sun 25 Sept

### Start of Term:

Yr 7, 9, 10 & 11	Tues 6 Sept
Yr 8	Wed 7 Sept
Yr 12 late enrolment	Tues 6 Sept
Yr 13 enrolment	Wed 7 Sept
Yr 13 enrolment	Thur 8 Sept
Yr 12 Induction Day	Fri 9 Sept
6th Form start of term	Mon 12 Sept



# English



## Ask The Author Hackney Pupils Celebrate the 2011 Carnegie Medal

Cardinal Pole's enthusiastic team of readers from years 7, 8 and 9 prepared and acted out a presentation on one of the shortlisted books, 'White Crow' by Marcus Sedgewick, and they proved themselves up to the challenge of bringing out the suspense in this grim gothic tale. Three of the shortlisted authors – Jason Wallace, Meg Rosoff and Geraldine McCaughran – were able to join us for the day, answering questions, signing copies of their books, and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into debates and workshops with the pupils.

Our team, comprising Beulah Amponsa, Lessia Mbala, Deborah Imonikhe, Ceyda Erciyas, Hanah Abban, Dee-Anne O'Mahoney, Tiffany Ampiah, Princess Ashilokun, Verity Anipa, Kate O'Hehe and Luca Martini-Hynes, agreed that every aspect of the day was a success, appreciating the insights into successful writing. The team were a credit to the school.



## Year 7 Literacy Programme

Pupils attended the Short Novel Awards at the Hackney Town Hall. The pupils put a lot of hard work into preparing presentations on two books 'The Dying Photo' and 'The Uniform'. They had prepared speeches, power points and acted out scenes from the book in front of five other schools with judges from the Learning Trust and The Ministry of Stories. Our pupils came second in the competition. Well done!

# Sports

Year 7 pupils took part in the first Inter Borough Summer Netball Tournament. All pupils played some amazing netball, worked well as a team, and really impressed the teachers present! Our 'A' team did fantastically well, winning matches against some pretty tough teams.



Eight pupils competed in the Hackney Schools Trampolining Competition 2011. Monique George and Stephanie Estabillo in Year 8 achieved a bronze for their synchronized routine, with Monique also winning a gold medal for her individual routine. Well done everyone

Our athletes also competed at the Main London Schools athletics championship (representing Hackney) and produced some excellent performances.

Carlos Carrette  
James Arthurworrey  
Luke Roxston  
Naomi Soloman, and  
Krishawn Aiken who has been selected to represent  
London at the England Championships

## Ten Bridges Walk

Sunday,  
25th September 2011

In aid of St Joseph's Hospice, Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (GOSH), and other school charities  
All age groups are needed  
We need walkers, marshalls and of course, generous sponsors!

Please contact Mr Glover at the  
Lower School - 0208 985 5646

# Art

Our most talented artists in Year 8 attended workshops hosted by two artists as part of the Thames Festival. The pupils had a great time, worked hard and produced some wonderful artwork, building skills in art, literacy and numeracy. This work will be exhibited on banners along the Thames and in the OXO Tower Exhibition Centre during the Thames Festival in September, alongside the work of our partner school in Argentina, Sucundaria Basica no. 46. More information about the Rivers of the World Project and our partner school as well as poems and photographs uploaded by our pupils can be found on the website [www.rivers.thamesfestival.org](http://www.rivers.thamesfestival.org). Why not see if you can spot work by Cardinal Pole pupils by bringing your children to see the Thames Festival in September?



# Enterprise

Recently some Sixth Formers visited HSBC to gain experience in applying their knowledge of the syllabus 'ICT Professionals Skills and Careers' in writing a letter of application with accompanying CV for one of three ICT related jobs prepared by HSBCI.

### Charles Staples:

I am very privileged to have had the opportunity to visit HSBC. The mock interview practice that we carried out was extremely useful. I believe that the skills gained from this practise will be advantageously transferable into a real-life scenario. The tour of the building was enjoyable and the hospitality of the people from HSBC was very welcoming. Overall I felt I gained some valuable skills.

### Harris Nasim:

The trip to HSBC was very valuable as it provided us with a chance to get some interview practice. This will be very helpful for the future when applying for jobs, and something that will affect me sooner - interviews for University. HSBC also gave us advice on how to improve our CV and this was very useful because it was from the perspective of people that have careers in the business world. I appreciated the trip as it was very insightful.



# The Great Debate cont...



In April the Sixth Form debate team worked with Year 7s to introduce them to debating and to support their work in English, writing to argue or persuade. The Year 7s and the Sixth Form students thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and due to the success of the day are now running a debating club at the lower school Fridays after school. This club is open to any Year 7 or 8 pupils interested in debating.

# Drama

In September the drama department will be auditioning for the school production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, which we will be performing as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, at the Unicorn Theatre



in November, as well as at the school. Kwame Kwei-Armah on the Shakespeare Schools Festival said "I saw young people of all backgrounds

and cultures use this poetic and sometimes difficult language almost as if it were a new fangled street slang, fresh and exclusive to them. It was thrilling beyond words. I only hope that every young person finds a way to tap into this, because I believe that, like me, they will never forget the experience."



[l to r] Francel, Mr Ravenscroft, Martin and Dylan

A team of Sixth Form students have won an award as Student Entrepreneur Team of the Year in a competition put together by UBS and Enabling Enterprise. The team was called 'Donut Kings', and the students involved were Martin Kakaire, Francel Piedra Herrera, and Dylan Keaveney who developed their business through enrichment sessions



The term has been a busy one for the department beginning as it did, with the school's section 48 OFSTED inspection which focuses on the Catholic life of the school with a particular emphasis on RE. The department was particularly praised for its work with the Catholic Association for Racial Justice and London Citizens.

Our Sixth Form has continued to campaign for workers in London to be paid the Living Wage. A group headed the procession of celebration at Westminster Central Hall which marked ten years of the campaign. One of our pupils, Rebecca Shepherd, had the privilege of delivering the opening speech.



The Erasmus Group enjoyed an action packed long weekend in Somerset with Mr Brokenshire and Ms Quaderi. They stayed at Downside Abbey and visited Glastonbury and Cheddar Gorge. The high point of these times away is when the group prepares and eats a meal together - a time to talk and enjoy each other's company.

The group also visited Westminster Abbey for a guided tour and were praised as being the best group they had had at the Abbey for years. At the start of July three Year 10 classes visited St Paul's Cathedral to learn about Church buildings and how they help us to worship.

The Bible Study group continues to meet every week and those attending now have difficulty in finding a seat. The Truthology group held a mission week during June and this sparked off some lively debate about religion and other contemporary issues. We are grateful to Rowina and her team who give up their time for free.

## Retreat

by Aaleeyah Simmons

In May, Year 9s went on retreat. The first game that we played was called the life game. I enjoyed the life game because it made me think about my future and whether I'd live it the way I did in the game. I think that I would because in the game I got a boyfriend, passed my GCSE's and my A levels and got a job and earned some money.

After the life game we had break time, which I enjoyed because the grounds had loads of grass and space for running around and playing football. Then we had a talk and this guy, Eric, told us about his Scottish girlfriend and how he came to England from America. It was quite a touching story. We had lunch time which was long and peaceful. We had time to relax in the sunshine with our friends. Then we got to choose the activities we did. The first activity I did was drama with Paige Williams, Paige Whyte, Camila and Sigourney. We had to do work on peer pressure which was a lot of fun to act out.

After our interesting drama session, we wanted to relax and decided to do meditation. It was fun, although SOMEBODY kept tickling my feet.

## Cardinal Pole Catholic School

### Open Day

Saturday, 17th September  
10 am - 4 pm

At the Upper School, Kenworthy Road, London E9 5RB

### Drop in Week

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd  
September 9 am - 10.30 am

At both the Lower School, Victoria Pk Rd, London E97HD  
and the Upper School, Kenworthy Rd, London E9 5RB