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Easter 2010

Cardinal Pole News

Cardinal Pole Catholic School Parents Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all your support this term. We have had a good term with some wonderful achievements as we continue to make progress as a school. Our Sixth Form in particular continues to thrive. Plans for our new school are well underway and the site in Morning Lane will become ours at the end of the month with building due to start in September/October 2010. The next term is an extremely important one for our Years 11, 12 and 13 as they sit public exams. Your sons and daughters will need all our support to ensure that they seriously study for these important exams. We have implemented a number of measures here in school to ensure they achieve their best and we look forward to good results. May I wish you a very happy and holy Easter.

Katherine Hartigan

Top Class Results



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 01 April Break up for Easter Holidays
- 19 April School reopens at 08.35 hrs
- 19 April 6th Form Applications Deadline
- 03 May Bank Holiday
- 04 May Yr 10 Work Experience starts
- 18 May GCSE / AS / A Level Exams
- 28 May Break up for Half Term
- 07 June School reopens at 08.35 hrs
- 23 July Break up for Summer Holidays

Easter Break:

Good Friday 2 April – Friday 16 April
 School re-opens on Monday 19 April
 at the normal time of 08.35 hrs

Cardinal Pole came among the top 5% of post-16 institutions in the country for adding value to students' education. We scored better than our main competitors outside the borough where many children go if they decide not to stay in Hackney. Cardinal Pole broke the 700 points per student barrier for the first time in Hackney, with an average score per student of 707.2, only half a grade below the national average of 721.1.

Richard Hardie, Chair of The Learning Trust Board wrote. "I am writing to you with the unanimous support of The Learning Trust Board to ask you to accept our warmest congratulations on your Level 3 results. Congratulations to the students and teachers. This year has seen a spectacular rise in your APS per student and your APS per entry is now well above the national average and your contextual value added score now stands at an impressive 1043.6."



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Science Club

In conjunction with Imperial College of Science and Technology a Science Club has been running every Friday after school for Year 7 pupils. The club gives pupils a chance to get more hands-on experience of activities and experiments from all corners of science. These are some of the activities they have taken part in:

- Creating Fog with Dry Ice: Pupils found out how film studios use Dry Ice
- Homemade Bouncy Balls
- 3D Glasses: Pupils learned how the latest 3D technology may transform our televisions in the next few years
- Making Coloured Beads



Best club I've been to!!

Lots of practical experiments!!

My favourite experiment was CO₂ cubes!!

Science Club is a fun club!!

Christmas Business Fair

The 2009 Business and Enterprise Christmas Fair was organised to showcase BTEC Business Year 10 pupils' enterprise skills. Pupils had to demonstrate team work from the start, organising themselves into groups and brainstorming business ideas. Each group had to raise their capital by many various means - some chose to fund their venture themselves while others convinced 'dragons' to invest in their businesses. A lot of time and effort was pumped into their businesses and their work was rewarded by acquiring and developing useful enterprise skills such as team work, innovation, communication, financial capability, negotiation and time management to name but a few. Well done everyone

Charities



Michael Kerin, Chief Executive of St Joseph's Hospice accepting a cheque from Xavier Da'Cunha on behalf of Cardinal Pole students. He said "Thank you all so much for supporting St Joseph's once again. Your most generous donation of £400 is very gratefully received and will be put to good use in our patient services"

" A real strength of the school is its happy, caring ethos and emphasis on nurturing positive relationships. Students talk warmly about the 'caring atmosphere' in the school and the way they find all the staff very approachable "

Ofsted 2008



“ Students are positive about their experience in the sixth form. They talk of its togetherness and value the way they are treated as individuals ”

Ofsted 2008

Society, Health & Development students take on the Metropolitan Police! As part of the SHD Diploma, Year 10 students recently attended a day of workshops at the MET Police Training Centre, Hendon. The day included workshops on managing conflict, problem solving and a presentation by the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Our students participated alongside young people from Newham and Tower Hamlets.



There was also a chance for Mr Thompson (teacher) to put questions to Iain Wright MP, Minister for 14-19 Reform. Our students are in the privileged position of being some of the first in the country to study the new Diploma. Diplomas are a completely new way of studying which changes the emphasis onto future employability skills and cover a much broader range of topics than other qualifications. Students' views were very positive and many felt that their communication skills had benefitted from talking with the Police and students from other areas.

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Arrested Development!



Banking Collapse



Sixth Form Business & Economics students entered an essay writing competition organised by The Worshipful Company of International Bankers about 'The Banking Collapse'. The prize was a mouth watering £100 and a runner up prize of £50. The students relished the challenge

and gave it their all. The research they conducted was both enjoyable and beneficial. Gerald Davis from The Worshipful Company presented the awards. He spoke of the excellent standard of the work and announced a donation of an additional £150 to the school for all their good work. Thank You Mr Davis. The results were as follows:

Winner £100: Dylan Keaveney
Runner Up £50: Lydia Mark

Highly Commended Certificates:

Martin Kakaire Tyler Layton
Francel Piedra Herrera

Commended Certificates:

Victoria Bangu Shevon Corbett
Elorm Dzikunu Harris Nasim
Veronika Obuchoviciute Alissha Quammie
Igor Roslonski Luis Salinas Herrera
Sebastian Sroga Joab Williams

Well done everyone!

Golden Jubilee

The Quiz Night in January was very successful - 1st prize went to the Headteacher's table – of course! The annual St Patrick's Dance in March was enjoyed by all and many past pupils attended. There will be a Golf Tournament on 15th April at Epping Golf Club, Fluxs Lane, Epping (further details from Christine Thompson). The Caribbean Evening is being planned for 17th July. The arrangements for our end of Golden Jubilee year liturgical event still needs finalising and everyone will be kept informed.



We Are The Champions!!

Our weight lifting team had some outstanding results at the recent British Schools Championships. Omarie Mears and Kim Pham both won their categories, Delyce Joseph-Albert was second and Akinsoji Akinnawo was 3rd. Along with Rita Kitonyogo, they were involved from the start of the competition refereeing the junior competition alongside senior ref's. The pupils train twice a week at Cardinal Pole under the guidance of George Manners (Senior coach) and have made great progress this year through participation in regular London and South East Opens and representing Hackney in the London Youth Games. The School is hoping to build on this success and increase the number of participants at next year's competition and hopefully bring back more titles to Hackney.

Results:

Omarie Mears Total 170kg	1st Place
Akinsoji Akinnawo Total 173kg	3rd place
Kim Pham Total 87kg	1st Place
Delyce Joseph-Albert Total 80kg	2nd place

BBC Report



Many schools take part in an annual News Day. Mr McCrea said "This project has given our pupils an insight into the world of journalism and the challenges involved. The pupils have worked exceptionally hard and have thoroughly enjoyed bringing their voices and stories to a wider audience. They should all be congratulated for their endeavours and the way in which they've reported on issues which affect young people within Hackney."

Skiing 2010



"Absolutely amazing!" says the Notorious G.I.B.

"A trip worth every penny spent" exclaims the spokeswoman of the newly founded 'David Murray' fan group. The holiday was amazing and it goes without saying it was a once in a lifetime experience, the people, the scenery, the skiing and the great fun we all had. It sure won't be forgotten anytime soon, in fact I hear of groups being set up to make this an annual touring event. Our group would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to both teachers who took us to Italy. (I suppose it has to be somewhat formal) so THANK YOU Ms Cookson and Mr Gibson. You were awesome.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR !!!