

Cardinal Pole Catholic School Sixth Form 2011-2012

At Cardinal Pole, students receive the high quality education they deserve. We expect all of our students to proceed onto prestigious University degree courses or into further vocational training of the highest order.

There are two different routes to success at the school.

The academic route offers a range of AS and A level courses. Students are expected to take four AS courses in year twelve, continuing into year thirteen with at least three subjects at A2 level.

The vocational route offers a range of B.T.E.C. courses at Extended National Diploma Level which are studied in a series of units over two years.

We also offer G.C.S.E. retakes in English Language and Mathematics.

Details for admission

Cardinal Pole offers the following subjects to year 12 students

At AS / A2 Level

Chemistry
Drama & Theatre Studies
Economics & Business
English Literature
Geography
Government and Politics
History
Biology
Information & Communication Technology
Mathematics
Philosophy & Ethics
Physics
Psychology
Sociology

If you wish to study Further Maths, a Second Language or Music these should be indicated on the application form.

At BTEC National Extended Diploma Level (equivalent to three 'A' Levels)

BTEC National Diploma in Business
BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design

It is a requirement for most Universities for entrants to have at least a Grade C at G.C.S.E in English and Maths.

We therefore offer re-sits in English and Mathematics at G.C.S.E Level. Those students wishing to re-sit Maths or English at G.C.S.E must have already gained at last at least a grade D.

Minimum Qualifications for entry

- Those intending to study AS/A2 Level subjects must have gained at least 6 A* - C grade at G.C.S.E. including two B's.
- Those wishing to study Science AS/A2 level must have gained at least a B in the Science subjects they wish to study and a B in Mathematics.
- Those wishing to study Maths AS/A2 level must have gained at least a B in Mathematics.
- Those wishing to study English Literature AS / A2 Level must have gained at least a grade B in English (Literature or Language) at G.C.S.E level
- Those wishing to study BTEC National Diplomas must gain at least 5 A* - C grades at G.C.S.E. For the BTEC National Diploma level 3 we will accept a Distinction from a level 2 BTEC Diploma as the equivalent of 2 G.C.S.E. A grades.
- Those wishing to re-sit Maths or English at GCSE must have gained at least a grade D at G.C.S.E.

Application Procedure

- Having chosen your course of study you should then complete the enclosed Application Form.
- All applicants will be invited to meet with the Head of Sixth Form to discuss the appropriateness of their subject choices and career aims.
- Applications will be accepted from 10th January 2011. Interviews will take place from the 10th January until April 2011.
- Closing date for Applications will be 1st April 2011.
- As an oversubscribed Sixth Form, early application is advised, as offers of a place will be made from the beginning of the application process onwards.

Application forms are to be submitted to:

Mr G Shurety
Head of Sixth Form
Cardinal Pole Catholic School
Kneworthy Road
London
E9 5RB

Life at Cardinal Pole School

At Cardinal Pole we have a high achieving Sixth Form that offers 75 places each year to students who will benefit from the specialist education on offer.

As well as academic excellence, students in our Sixth Form benefit from small class sizes, personalised support in mentoring and work experience, a varied and exciting enrichment programme and a committed pastoral care system in which no student need feel unsupported in what is often a difficult stage in their life.

To parents we can say with confidence, that your son or daughter will be successful and safe in our Sixth Form.

Teaching and Learning

All students benefit from a teaching ratio of one teacher to twelve students. This gives our students a far more personalised education than they would receive in most colleges or sixth forms. Teaching is of the highest standard and as a Science Specialist School we are able to offer 'subject specialist teachers in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Science Scholarships are awarded each year to students who have shown a particularly strong aptitude and commitment to the sciences.

Pastoral Care

Supporting the outstanding teaching and learning in the classroom, students benefit from an excellent pastoral care system. All students will be placed in small tutorial groups.

Emphasis is on our students developing the maturity and social skills that will enable them to cope independently with growing into adulthood. However, trained tutors are always accessible to advise, support and inspire the young people in their care. It is a feature of our provision that students gain from one to one support in the often stressful process of applying to Universities, Colleges and Apprenticeships.

Enrichment

The school has a highly developed Enrichment Programme that includes participation in Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme; Business Enterprises courses; Film Making at the London College of Communication; Photography; Interior Design; Graphic Design, Music Technology; Music; Dance; Yoga; the ECDL computer course; Drama; Football; Basketball; Aerobics and the Envision Community Project.

These courses not only provide an outlet for the creative and physical energies of our students, they complement the subjects being studied in a dynamic and exciting way.

We want all our students to be well rounded individuals who at the end of their time at Cardinal Pole have something more to offer employers and Universities than academic success.

Extra Curricular Activities

Students at Cardinal Pole are encouraged to go on school trips, which have included Skiing in Italy, visits to European Art Galleries, and study weeks in Rome. Alongside activities weeks in the English countryside our students have successfully represented Britain in the role of 'Prime Minister's Global Fellow', spending six weeks in Brazil in that role.

All students will gain from our extensive work experience programme, which includes training and mentoring within the commercial and legal sectors with companies such as H.S.B.C.I. ; Fresh Fields, Clifford Chance and L'Occitane.

All students are eligible to participate in our Aim Higher Programme which funds visits to Universities, summer schools within the higher education sector and ensures that future careers are linked to appropriate further study.

We thank you for enquires about courses in our Sixth Form and we hope to see you in September.