

Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The first weeks back have been exciting. It was wonderful to greet the new arrivals at the school, our new year 7 as well as our new staff. The sixth form is positively bursting at the seams – our largest group ever in year 12 with over 100 choosing to stay on.

The children have returned to school looking very smart indeed and I thank you for your support. There have been a few issues with a small number of children, especially with inappropriate bags and I hope that all are now clear that the expectation is that they have a school bag which allows them to carry all of their equipment. The school has ordered plain black bags where replacement has proved an issue.

We were delighted to celebrate the feast day of Blessed Mother Teresa on the 5th September, one of our community Saints. Her legacy continues to inspire us as a school. A Mass was held for Year 9 and refreshments provided.

You may already be aware that the school community celebrated excellent GCSE and A Level results this year. Year 13 were delighted with their achievements, ensuring that they secured their place at top universities, including at prestigious Russell Group universities. Already in the top 10% of sixth forms in the country, the school raised the bar even higher this year. With almost 90% of all grades at A*-C, and 100% A*- E grades, practice in the sixth form continues to be what OFSTED 2013 described as 'outstanding'. We are delighted to secure a Grade 1 "Outstanding" against national benchmarks.

Year 11 students were also determined to share in the success, securing 81% A*-C grades. Students were excited about their results and looking forward to sixth form life.

Year 10 made an early start to their GCSE achievements with over two thirds of the year group achieving at least one A*-C grade. Some achieved five! More news on the success of individual students will be in our September newsletter.

We are delighted to see the hard work of all involved, students, parents and staff, have such positive outcomes, preparing them well for the next phase of their studies.

Visitors to the school have all commented on how wonderful the building looks. We are very proud of our building. Although no longer 'new', we are delighted that it is still looking fantastic. We were pleased to be invited to be part of the 'London Open House' weekend where the school will be on show to the general public.

This event takes place on Saturday 21st September, 10am – 3pm. All are welcome. We would be delighted to see you here. Students are invited to act as guides – please encourage your child to do so.

Finally, on Monday 23rd September 2013 it is our "Open Evening". This is a chance for us to show potential applicants our wonderful school. To accommodate the evening, the school will close at 13.15pm on Monday 23rd September.

On Tuesday 24th September 2013 there will be a late start. Registration will take place at 9.45am. Lesson 2 and the remainder of the day will run as usual.

Thank you for your continued support and the good wishes received in commencing the substantive position as Headteacher.

Yours sincerely

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