



Parents' Newsletter

Christmas 2017

Cardinal Pole
Catholic School



Dear Parents/Carers,

When I read the Newsletter I am always amazed at the enriching education provided here at Cardinal Pole Catholic School and the many opportunities available. All of these events could not have happened without the enthusiasm of our students and the support of our staff. In particular, one of our year 7 students, Aleksandra Rudnika-Piernik was asked to read at the Catholic Children's Society Carol Service in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 12th December 2017 where there were over 1,000 people in attendance including more than 50 schools. I am also looking forward to the Carol Service at St Dominic's on Monday 18th December 2017 to round off the year and to serve as a reminder to us all that the key focus of Advent is preparation for the coming of Christ. As ever, students at Cardinal Pole have responded with enthusiasm to the call to serve others through charity collections during this Advent Season, a testament to their faith in action. I am especially proud of the work in raising funds for Providence Row, a homeless charity so needed here at this time of year.

We also very much enjoyed the visit by Bishop John Wilson to the school on Tuesday 28th November 2017 for the Mass and Blessing of The John Henry Newman Library and 60th Anniversary Celebrations. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. Please see overleaf for some photographs of the event.

I hope you will join me in saying farewell and good luck to the following staff; **Mr Delany – School Business Manager**, on his retirement and **Ms Sobieszek – SEN Teacher** to be at home with her new arrival.

Mr Delany has overseen the new extension and the addition of our wonderful library—without his efforts I suspect that it would not have been possible to bring to fruition. Ms Sobieszek leaves a legacy of support in the Special Needs Department, ensuring that the students she serves make exceptional progress.

Please see below some key dates/events still to take place in school. Please note that school will re-open in the New Year on **Monday 8th January 2018**. I also refer you to the outstanding attendance figures detailed inside

Key Dates

DATES	EVENT
Thursday 14 th December 2017	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 th December 2017	Parental Engagement Event 5.30pm-7pm
Monday 18 th December 2017	Year 7 Carol Concert at St Dominic's 6.30pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	Year 11 Certificate Evening
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Student Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21st December 2017	12.40pm— End of Term: Student Dismissal
Thursday 4th/Friday 5th January 2018	Year 11 Revision Classes. Letters to be sent out to Students.
Monday 8th January 2018	All Students return to School

Wishing all Cardinal Pole families, a holy, happy and peaceful time with your families and friends.

Ms J Heffernan - Headteacher

THE BLESSING OF THE JOHN HENRY NEWMAN LIBRARY



On Tuesday 28th November 2017 the new Blessed John Henry Newman Library opened at Cardinal Pole Catholic School, and as a result the students now have a fantastic resource at their fingertips and a new literacy hub in the school. The library is bright and airy, creating a calm atmosphere for students to study and use the library resources. Along with the librarian, the library will be supported by the students themselves, who can volunteer to become student librarians and help other students use the library effectively.

Through our library management system, students will be able to monitor their own usage and will be able to renew and reserve books and also write reviews and recommendations for other students.

To enable the library to run effectively the students will need to make sure the resources are returned on time and that they are kept in good condition.

As well as general library use, the library is also the base of our careers adviser, who has a regular flow of students who need careers advice and support, which helps to create a vibrant school community where students can grow and flourish.

Mrs J Keeling — Librarian



COMMUNITY WORK

School Campaigners Urge Hackney's Renters to Have Their Say!



Some of our students have been campaigning for renters in Hackney to have their say in the property licensing consultation on the Council's latest measures to tackle rogue landlords.

Representatives from our school council and Hackney Citizens (the Hackney branch of Citizens UK) met with the Hackney Mayor, Philip Glanville and Mayoral Advisor for Affordability and Private Renting, Cllr Sem Moema, to discuss the proposals, which would require private landlords to have a licence to let out homes in Hackney's hazard hotspots. In May the students helped deliver a petition calling for such a licensing scheme in Hackney after the school council highlighted the difficulties faced by private renters as one of the biggest issues affecting families in Hackney.

The Council has since launched its [Better Renting](#) campaign to support Hackney's 30,000 private renters, including becoming the first local authority to introduce a voluntary letting fee ban and implementing a package of penalties against rogue landlords with fines of up to £30,000.

And the latest proposals under consultation would mean landlords in parts of Stoke Newington and Clapton – where 20% of tenants face critical problems like dangerous boilers, exposed wiring or vermin infestations – would require a Council licence committing them to ensuring their property is of a good standard before letting it out or renewing a tenancy.

Landlords letting Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) – homes with two or more households and shared facilities such as kitchens, bathrooms and toilets – anywhere in the borough would also require a licence.

Cllr Sem Moema said "It's been inspiring to meet with the young students at Cardinal Pole Catholic School and see not just their awareness of the issues faced by Hackney's 30,000 private renters today but also their commitment to creating change and improving our borough.

Up to one in five private renters faces appalling conditions in parts of Hackney, and these measures will give us the powers we need to tackle landlords who exploit renters and make sure their homes are safe, secure and well-maintained.

With less than a week until our consultation closes, it's crucial that all renters, landlords and residents who experience these issues first hand also respond to this consultation and give their views."

We've been working to improve private renting which is a big issue faced by students at the school and the local community. Many people do not feel confident contacting their landlord if they have problems so these changes could help them and make the community a better place – we want as many people as possible to give their opinions on the plans. **Serena—Year 10 Student Council Member**

We strongly support the property licensing scheme in Hackney. Many people in our member organisations are suffering at the hands of neglectful and exploitative landlords and we are determined to do something about it. Property licensing is an important measure that will help us to identify and deal with bad practise, and drive up standards in the private rented sector. **Reverend Rosemia Brown—Member of the Hackney Citizens Leadership Group and the Church of England Area Dean of Hackney**

Mr D Hanna — School Council Leader

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

School attendance has improved significantly here at Cardinal Pole Catholic School over the past year. 402 students across years 7-11 have 100% attendance so far this year – many congratulations and long may this excellent habit continue!

Congratulations to all our year groups who are above national average - Year 7 continues to take the lead at 97%.

Year Group	% Attendance September 2017 to date
Year 7	97.01%
Year 8	96.65%
Year 9	96.32%
Year 10	95.86%
Year 11	96.26%
Average:	96.42%

Year Group	No: of students with 100% punctuality
Year 7	88
Year 8	104
Year 9	97
Year 10	75
Year 11	61
Total	425

In Hackney we are one of the best performing schools for attendance.

Although there is no official national figure for punctuality, we are always aiming as close to 100% as we can reach. 425 students across year 7-11 have 100% punctuality to date. Year 8 takes the lead with 104 students with 100% punctuality. **Congratulations and many thanks to those students and their families for supporting Cardinal Pole in reaching these excellent figures!** We hope you have a relaxing Christmas holiday and are ready to take on the new term.

Ms G Cakirlar – Attendance Officer

CATHOLIC LIFE

Charities

Advent is now upon us and like every year we prepare ourselves by reaching out to our local communities. One of the ways we do this is by fundraising, each year group selects a charity and will run events in order to raise as much as they can. The following charities have been chosen for this year:

YEAR	CHARITY	WEBSITE
7	Catholic Children's Society	www.cathchild.org.uk
8	SVP	www.svp.org.uk
9	CAFOD/SOHK	www.cafod.org.uk and www.schoolofhardknocks.org.uk
10	St Joseph's Hospice	www.stjh.org.uk
11	CARITAS	www.caritaswestminster.org.uk
12	Mary's Meals	www.marysmeals.org.uk
13	The Passage	www.passage.org.uk

CATHOLIC LIFE CONTINUED

Food Bank

The Food Bank will be running in school up until Christmas, all items donated will go straight to the local Hackney Food Bank. Last year a total of 452 items were donated from staff and students from the school, this year we are looking to take a similar amount. All long life food is accepted, such as tinned food, pasta, spaghetti, pasta sauces, curry sauces and cereals. We are always grateful for the amazing supporting given by students and staff.

Reconciliation

Another way we can prepare ourselves for Christmas is by giving staff and students the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our local parish priests are excellent at supporting the students through this and hearing their confession. Each class will be given the opportunity to go to the chapel to reflect and if they wish to receive the Sacrament it is there ready for them. This will take place throughout December on the lead up to Christmas.

Year 10 SVP Girls



On Saturday 4th November 2017, 11 students made the journey to Pinner in West London from the Saint Vincent de Paul Group (SVP) to pack Vinnie Packs. These packs consist of winter necessities for those who find themselves homeless, they include, thermal hats and gloves, toothpaste and toothbrush an information pack on where to get help and support and a pen. On the day over 2000 packs were made up and these will be sent across London in order to help.

The SVP Group has been running for just over a year with 22 Year 10 Students. The group have completed a number of projects and fundraising events and will be running a clothes bank throughout Advent collecting unwanted clothes for the SVP Shop in Dalston.

Mr J Ryan — Chaplain

Note of Thanks

Please relay my gratitude to your wonderful Headteacher, the Staff and to your Year 9 & 10 pupils for their beautiful singing performance at our Aids Awareness Afternoon on Friday 1st December 2017. You must be so proud!

Also congratulations on the opening of your new library in which I am sure, your pupils will learn how to become self motivated as they relish the information they are gleaming by reading in such a hallowed, restful space.

God bless you all,

Kind wishes,

Sister Bernie Devine SP — Mildmay Hospice

Members:

First Name	Surname	Form	
Alexandrisa	Correia Ca'	10ARW	President
Christie	Gwanmesia	10CTW	Vice President
Marie-Louise	Wndeyi	10ARW	Secretary
Barbara	Maranzu	10CAM	Communications Officer
Angie	Valencia	10CAM	
Asha-Kai	Gilbert	10CAM	
Calista	Boamah	10SWL	
Charlene	Ofari-Attah	10WRD	
Chyna	Grey	10CAM	
Destinae	Huie	10WRD	
Emily	Zapata	10LIN	
Henriana	Komuo	10CAM	
Jazmyn	Watson	10CTW	
Katie	Lowbridge	10CTW	
Kenecia	Hanson	10LIN	
Leanne	Baza	10CAM	
Marie-Louise	Wndeyi	10ARW	
Nicole	Ezedonmwen	10SWL	
Paris	Reefer	10LIN	
Ruth	Kovakou	10CAM	
Whitney	Bola	10SWL	
Serena	Ndamba	10CTW	
Taiwo	Olajo	10CTW	

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Gifted and Talented Poets — Competition News

Congratulations to the winners of our 'Freedom' poetry competition.

The overall winners are Edward Badege (year 10); Dorcas Sawbe (Year 9), Aliyah Zak Abderahmin (year 8) and Aeliyah Adeshina (year 7)

There were many striking images and lines that were mesmerising to read. Here are some. Well done to all our talented young poets. Keep writing.

Some Striking Lines from winning entries

Freedom

'Is it the free feeling of fresh air breathing on your face?
The green grass of home and the trundle
of a sweet chariot transporting you there?
Scenery and greenery that stretches miles and miles
Where memories bloom like blown leaves parachuted by willing winds.
Is it the majestic magic of a sunrise seen from a lofty balcony
Where white lighted shiny stars beam in the blackest beautiful sky
Presiding over the sweet green grass of home.'

By Edward Badege Year 10

Freedom is the enchanted carpet of jigsaw dreams
Drifting on draughty oceans to a 'fair-ish' land where the pieces never fit
Freedom is unsteady scaffolding that won't support houses
Freedom is the opiate of society
A savage drug we can't buy surreptitiously inhabiting our minds
It is an old man leaning on the disintegrating pillar of justice'

By Dorcas Sawbe Year 9

May I ask of you a favour. Not very much
Just the Freedom of America from the terrible clutches
Of Donald J Trump
Whose making the world a dump
A racist, sexist heck of a man

Aaliyah Adeshina Year 7

It is time to be free. Let our minds fly
No sense of direction as we soar through the sky

Zak Abderahmin year 8

I glow like a big ball of fire or the gentle night moon in the darkness
I am a vibrant rainbow with no end
A perfect sweet harmony
A single note played perfectly
Year 7 Kayleigh Fairman Gillan

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Gifted and Talented Poets — Continued

Freedom is a dog without a leash running through lush green grass

Freedom is a whisper of joy, a beckoning from beyond

By Tracey Prempah Year 9

Freedom is

Wings clipped by society's cruelty

A thousand judging eyes, the warmth you find in the arms of a loved one

A whole new world

Open blue skies. Broken chains

Year 7 Lilly Jane

The sky is dark. Shut down like all the rest.

There are men with guns hunting

We wait for them to come

Caging us with their words that fly like bullets

They say we are wrong

Sinem Saglam Year 8

Freedom, Freedom Let it Ring

Let it ring says Dr King

Let us love in harmony Let us be free.

Peace and love for you and me.

Rochelle Shaw Year 7

An eagle soaring in a battle blaze

Searching for destiny in the big blue maze

Bold strong and courageous

Jamil Young, year 7

A Faceless person.

His wings softly flutter softly to the calmest beat of a newborn heart

Noemi Toth Year 7 Lilly Jane

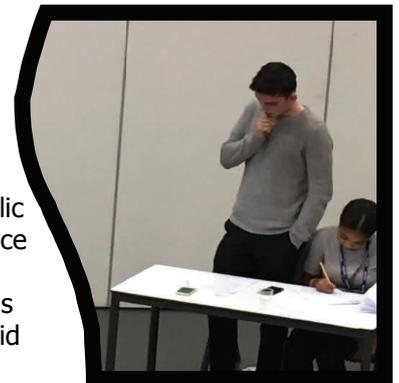
Ms A Gallagher— Gifted & Talented Lead Practitioner



ESU Mace Competition

Round One Win for 6th Form Debate!

On Thursday 30th November 2017, Faith Osifo in Year 12 and Jonny Maughan in Year 13 represented Cardinal Pole Catholic School in the English Speaking Union Mace Debate Competition, held at Skinners Academy. They debated the motion, 'This house believes that all MPs should be paid the median wage'.



They argued against the motion, and faced Mossbourne Community Academy. Other schools involved in the competition round were Camden School for Girls, Clapton School for Girls, Duke's Aldridge Academy and Skinners Academy. It was a very successful and interesting debate, particularly for Cardinal Pole's team who were praised for their 'powerful rhetoric'. The team successfully made it through to the next round, along with Mossbourne and Camden Schools.

Ms A Hartley — Literacy Lead Practitioner

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Cardinal Pole Writers at The House of Commons



We are very proud of our seven talented Cardinal Pole Catholic School students who were shortlisted to go to visit the House of Commons based on essays they wrote during Black History Month. The Voice newspaper ran a competition entitled 'Made by History'. There were over 300 **entries** and the top 50 from across the UK were invited to The House of Commons for the final award ceremony. The competitors were treated to a tour of the House of Commons and they met MP Dawn Butler. The Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities and Paulette Simpson the Director of the Voice newspaper.

One of our year 10 entrants, Edward Ntalindwa Badege, was announced winner of the 13-15 age group category and consequently was asked to read his essay aloud in The House of Commons. He was interviewed by The Voice newspaper which praised him for the eloquence of his essay on Lewis Latimer, an American inventor best known for his contributions to the patenting of the light bulb and the telephone. The students were photographed with their certificates in The Voice newspaper for week beginning 27th November 2017. You can see this on the link below.

(<http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/revisiting-our-history>) The winning essays will appear in this week's issue (week beginning 4 December 2017). Well done to all who participated in this competition.

Ms A Gallagher — Lead Practitioner for Gifted & Talented



As part of our literacy initiative all students in year 7 and 8 take part in the Accelerated Reader programme. Below is a basic guide to how Accelerated Reader works. If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader please contact me.

Basic Guide to Accelerated Reader for Year 7 and Year 8

Accelerated Reading is a computer based program which monitors a child's independent reading practise, both in comprehension and reading skills. The student takes a test three times a year, which measures their reading level. The Accelerated Reader program allows the student to pick a book of their own choice, within that level, and allows them to read the book at their own pace.

Throughout the year students take quizzes on the books they are reading (An ideal score is 85% or above). The teacher will get feedback based on the quiz results. As the child gets better at reading their levels will go up as their reading improves. The books are colour coded so that they can identify their reading band.

Books are available in the school library, but students are also able to use their own book and can check if they are on Accelerated Reader by looking at AR Bookfinder on the following link <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Our expectation is that each student finishes a book in two weeks (at least 20 minutes reading a day should enable them to do this).

Mrs J Keeling — Librarian

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Accelerated Reader Wall of Fame

Top Year 7 Book Scores

Aaliyah Adeshina - 38 Books Read
Victoria Tulu - 36 Books Read
Joseph Sam - 30 Books Read
Kesha Sakyi - 28 Books Read
Efosa Osarieme - 25 Books Read
Helen Stephanos - 25 Books Read
Jedidiah Otchere-Osafo - 18 Books Read
Karl Guevara - 17 Books Read
Kwabena Dankwah - 17 Books Read

Top Year 8 Book Scores

Jecoliah Williams - 28 Books Read
Margaret Boateng - 13 Books Read
Prince Malonga - 10 Books Read
Lekan Akinwale - 9 Books Read

Top Year 7 Word Scores

Joseph Sam - 2,103,392 Words Read
Efosa Osarieme - 1,402,220 Words Read
Kesha Sakyi - 1,357,768 Words Read
Aaliyah Adeshina - 1,261,745 Words Read
Heyab Weldeslasie - 1,201,418 Words Read

Top Year 8 Word Scores

Margaret Boateng - 1,090,783 Words Read
Lekan Akinwale - 610,014 Words Read
Jecoliah Williams - 480,439 Words Read
Prince Malonga - 449,208 Words Read
Primo Bucchan - 413,775 Words Read

Millionaires

Joseph Sam - 2,103,392 Words Read
Efosa Osarieme - 1,402,220 Words Read
Kesha Sakyi - 1,357,768 Words Read
Aaliyah Adeshina - 1,261,745 Words Read
Heyab Weldeslasie - 1,201,418 Words Read
Margaret Boateng - 1,090,783 Words Read

YEAR GROUP EVENTS

Year 7 Reward Trip

On Monday 13th November 2017 nineteen Year 7 students were chosen to go to a special advanced screening of the new movie *Wonder*. This was a fantastic chance to see the movie before it was released around the country. The students chosen had undertaken a behaviour challenge and had managed to secure the most Achievement Points over the previous two weeks, they are perfect examples of the hard working young people we are welcoming into the school and act as wonderful role models to the rest of the year group. Well done to all those chosen, keep up all the good work!

Mr D Evans — Head of Year 7



DRAMA DEPARTMENT

House Drama

On 23rd November 2017, the Drama Department held the annual House Drama Competition in which students from years 7-11 worked alongside 6th form Captains to create a piece of Drama based upon a Greek myth. The evening was lots of fun with Mr Parker and Ms Young taking turns as the nasty and nice judges. We were so impressed with all the hard work that the students had put into their performances. At the end of the evening prizes were handed out to the best performers from each house. The results were:-

Campion (Medusa) - Tiago Pinto

Southwell (Arachne) - Tracey Prempeh

Line (King Midas) - Laurrice Osei-Afriyie

Arrowsmith (Pandora's Box) - Nayara Joao

Ward (Narcissus) - Juliet Owusu

More (Daedalus and Icarus) - Gbemisola Fafaini

We then revealed the result for overall best performer which went to **Khyla Padruth** from 7Ward for her starring role as Narcissus. Khyla's confidence shone through and she convincingly depicted Narcissus' downfall due to his vanity. The penultimate award was the audience's favourite performance which went to **Ward**. The performance of Narcissus was brought up to date with a modern twist of Narcissus being a new boy in school who fell for his own hype. Ward were successful in making their performance entertaining and used a range of ensemble skills. The final award was for the judge's favourite performance which went to **More**. More impressed the judges with their re-telling of Daedalus and Icarus through their slick use of production elements including Greek costumes and impressive props (especially the all-important wings). More successfully conveyed the message of how important it is to listen to the advice of your elders!

Year 13 Devised Exam

On 30th November 2017 our hugely talented Year 13 class performed their devised plays. The two groups have been working since the beginning of the year to develop plays that they feel passionate about. The students have worked on mature issues in society including the kidnapping of the Chibok school girls and the grooming case in Rochdale. Through their hard work researching these issues, the groups were able to create pieces of Drama which helped the audience to understand the topics and empathise with the experiences of the characters. The creativity of the two groups was outstanding and they worked tirelessly to ensure that they were performing in a style which would bring their subject matter to life in the most engaging and exciting way. We are really proud of the sensitivity and maturity shown by our A level group and look forward to them performing again in the Spring.

GCSE Showcase

Year 9 and 10 students have rehearsed tirelessly for their GCSE Showcase performances of DNA and Blackout on 11th and 12th December. This will be the first time that year 9 students have performed together and we are very proud of the start that these students have made to their GCSE studies in Drama. Blackout is a play about a young person who is struggling with a range of issues in his life. This leads to him making poor choices, but ultimately realising the error of his ways and changing his behaviour. The play is performed using ensemble techniques and showcases the students' ability to use stylised Drama. Year 10 are performing their exam text DNA which tells the story of how a group of teenagers respond to doing something wrong. Throughout the play we begin to see how different characters cope with the situation. The play is performed naturalistically and the students have had to develop their characterisation skills.

Ms L Thomas — Head of Drama

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CAREERS

Year 13

It's been a busy term for year 13 students as they have been completing their UCAS applications. Within that group we have had 5 students shortlisted for interviews for Oxbridge and 1 for Medicine. These students should hear the outcome of their interview in the New Year. In addition, we have also had students been given offers from top universities such as Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Exeter and UCL.

Those students who do not want to attend university will be given support on looking at apprenticeships and this will increase over the next couple of terms. There are lots of outstanding apprenticeship opportunities within London and it is important that students are made aware of the wide range of options.

Year 11

Year 11 guidance interviews are on-going. Thanks for your support in this matter. As always, it's the most enjoyable aspect of being a Careers Adviser and this year 11 have been an interesting bunch. We have aspiring Marine Biologists, Astrophysicists, Event Planners, Sport Scientists among the more popular routes of Lawyers, Doctors, Accountants and Engineers. Year 11 will also be working on careers during PSHE.

Year 10

Year 10 students will undertake their work experience at the end of the summer term. Please contact Mr Egan should you have any queries regarding this process.

Edward Badege has been successful in his application to Imperial College's Discover STEM programme. He will work with Imperial College over the course of his GCSEs.

Year 9

We have 15 students visit London College of Fashion to learn all about Cosmetic Science. Students learnt all about the industry alongside being given the opportunity to make Shampoo and their own Lip Balm. It was a fun day and certainly broadened the horizons of the students.

(See picture)



Year 8

30 students recently visited the University of Oxford as part of the Into University programme. On this day, students were able to gain insight into what it is like to study at one of the most competitive universities in the

GIFTED & TALENTED PROVISION

Year 11 & 12

10 students visited Kings College London Natural Science and Mathematics Department as part of their annual Christmas Lectures. On this day, students learnt about how Cheese gives you certain dreams alongside how triangular number theory can help you work out the number of presents you would receive using the "12 days of Christmas Carol". In the afternoon, students were given a quick tour of the bustling campus which is based in the strand. **Derecash** found the "day very helpful, certainly ahead of choosing my A-levels next year".

(See Picture)



Year 10 & 9

As part of the School's Black History Month celebrations, top set English students worked with the London Metropolitan Archives to learn about what life was like for Guyanese born artists, Jessica and Eric Huntley who immigrated to the UK in the 50s. Students were able to act out their own role plays to give their own take on life during that period.

(See Picture)



GIFTED & TALENTED PROVISION CONTINUED

Year 8 - Arts Review Competition

Students visited the Soul of a Nation exhibition at the Tate Modern as part of the Black History Month celebration. On the day, students learnt about pivotal artwork that existed within the period of Civil Rights movement in the USA. It gave students an insightful look into what life was like living as a black citizen during that period of time. Here is the winning entry; Well Done to Margaret Boateng!

'Soul of a Nation'

Competition Sheet 1: Review of a piece of work



I chose two of Barkley Hendricks' pieces of artwork because they were both nude. 'What's going on' has five figures, four black people dressed in white and one black woman completely nude. I chose this because it shows how black people were made to feel inferior and as though they needed to look different or act differently to be accepted. However, through all that, there was one woman who had accepted her flaws and skin colour and was fine with it.

I also chose it because of the media used to draw/paint the picture. All of the black people dressed in white were drawn using smooth, malleable media, whilst the nude black woman was drawn with rough, unchangeable media further emphasizing her flaws.

Margaret Boateng — Year 8

Debate Mate

Debate Mate run after-school debating clubs and currently work in 250 primary and secondary schools throughout the UK. Last year Debate Mate worked in partnership with Comic Relief and collaborated on our Urban Debate League Competition; students debated important global issues that are supported by Comic Relief, and in April secondary school students had the opportunity to attend a debate in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation!

Students learn the art of public speaking and how to debate in a formal setting for one hour on a **Thursday**. The club runs from 3.30 to 4.30 in F014 for Years 7-10. The club is run by two mentors who are university students from top London universities. Debating is shown to improve students' critical and creative thinking; teamwork; leadership; empathy and self-management. Students who have been on the programme see substantial progress in their speaking and listening skills, their engagement with school, and a range of students have been shown to benefit (and enjoy!) these clubs. All are welcome. (See Picture)



Ms A Hartley — Literacy Lead Practitioner

SIXTH FORM LIFE

The Brilliant Club — Kings' College, London



On 31st October 2017, Psychology and Physics Year 12 students embarked on a journey to Kings' College London for the Brilliant Club Induction day. When we arrived there, we watched a presentation about Russell Group Universities, what courses Kings' College had to offer and also what the Brilliant Club is about. After that, we participated in an interviewing activity where we had to list features that make a good interview. We also carried out an interview with our partners as if we were applying to university. Later on, we went on a tour around the university including the church students go to on Sundays, the cafeteria and the ice-skating rink nearby. We then had lunch and went to a taster lecture where a PhD Student in War Studies told us about how she moved from her country to London to study at Kings College and also taught us about what her course was about for example what missionaries do in wars. Afterwards, we spoke to some of the students who were studying at Kings' College and asked them if they liked their course and why they chose to study at Kings' College. It was a fun and insightful experience.

Since then, 16 students have been working with PhD academics on a Psychology and Physics project. In the new year, they will have to submit a 2500 project which will replicate what a university student will have to complete.

2015 Alumni

Over the last few weeks, it was nice to catch up with some ex-students who are thriving since leaving Sixth Form.

Robert Donkoh - Is currently undertaking his year in industry working for a finance company in Dubai. Robert's achievements are a real success story as he had an SEN statement.

Sigourney Boateng - In her year in industry and is currently studying Economics at Leicester, Sigourney is having interviews for Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley's graduate programme.

Sabrina Afrinie-Yamoah - Now in her 2nd year at Kings' College, studying Child Nursing. Sabrina is currently on placement at Evelina Children's Hospital.

Janet Siwoku - Working at The Bank of England on their school leaver programme. The Bank of England are now paying to put her through her degree.

Chad Baptiste - Has been made permanent working at BT Sport after completing his apprenticeship. Chad has an enviable job, in that, he gets paid for watching football!

Laura Ocansey - In her final year, studying Marketing at Birmingham University.

Year 12

As always, many of our year 12 students are undertaking excellent enrichment programmes to prepare them for their futures. Often these programmes will offer financial incentives and reduced offers to university courses should they choose to attend the relevant university.

Faith Osifo, Lexie Nyerere, Kendra Mbandinuju and Amy Vu are undertaking the K+ programme at Kings College.

Krisania Aiken and Sephora Teka have been accepted onto the Sutton Trust Pathways to Law programme.

Prince Amponsah and Michael Ndukwe have been accepted onto the Sutton Trust Pathways to Finance programme.

Anelka Katula has been accepted onto the UCL Accelerate Architecture programme.

Lexie Nyerere undertook work experience over half-term at the Bank of England.

Mr J Egan—Careers Guidance Manager

PE DEPARTMENT

Year 11 Football Team

Cardinal Pole's Year 11 football team beat Forest Hill on penalties after the result was 2-2 at full time. An impressive result against a very good Forest Hill team. There were some excellent performances, particularly from two year 10 boys that played for the year 11 team; Nicky Gyimah & Russell Ngongang who both took excellent penalties. Photo below is of Nicky scoring his penalty.

Mr D Hanna—PE Teacher/Head of Year 11



Year 7 & 8 Girls' Sports Hall Athletics

The Year 7 & 8 girls' sports hall athletics have been competing at Urswick School against other Hackney schools for three different weeks to win the Hackney Sports Hall Athletics Competition. A

huge congratulations to the Year 7s who have won the competition overall and will go on to represent Hackney at the next stage of the competition. Some great performances and some very talented athletes. Unfortunately the year 8s just missed out on first place but again some good performances. A huge well done to all involved and those that were fully committed throughout.

Year 7 Netball Team

A huge well done to the Year 7 netball team who won their first game against Our Lady's Convent the other day after narrowly missing out in their previous games. Progression is being seen and I am sure they will go on to win plenty more. Congratulations to the Year 8s who have had a great start again to the netball league and are performing fantastically well. The Year 10/11 mixed team are progressing week by week. Cardinal Pole Catholic School also hosted a friendly fixture against Central Foundation with the Year 9s drawing, the Year 10s winning by 1 and the

Hackney and Islington Girls Football League

Year 11 team with a select few from the Year 8 team won comfortably and played amazing well. Well done to all the girls that have been involved in all the netball games so far. I would also like to thank Year 11 student Laney for her help with coaching some of the younger girls.

Cardinal Pole entered two girls teams into the under 13 Hackney and Islington football league which is being held at the Arsenal hub. The girls have a real privilege playing at this wonderful venue. The two teams are made up of a Year 7 and a Year 8 team. Both teams have been playing fantastic with them winning the majority of their games. The Year 8s are playing some great football and scoring some great goals and the Year 7s have grown so much throughout the competition, playing better, working as a team and competing against girls that are older than them. Well done girls!!



Girls' Inner London Cup

The under 12s competition made up of a girls Year 7 team played Stoke Newington. Stoke Newington bought a strong team to Hackney Marshes with the girls pushing them throughout the game. They narrowly lost but played fantastic and worked so hard. Their work rate and effort was immense. The under 14s cup competition made of a mix of Year 8 & 9 girls played Hackney New School in the second round where they smashed them 6-1. The girls played amazing football, worked as a team, had great work rate and scored some fantastic goals. They are now scheduled to play Graveney School from Tooting after Christmas in the next round of the cup.

Ms S Reed — PE Teacher

PE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Basketball U14s

The boys' basketball team have shown commitment, dedication and incredible motivation. Training twice a week at 7.30am has definitely reaped success in terms of their development. Evidenced when the boys were invited back to play in a U16 tournament after showcasing their talent - two years up!

With nail biting tension in the final U14 and U16 games, as the clock ticked down the seconds with a few points difference we lost. Nevertheless, we have been training hard and with more matches to come, watch this space.

Ms D Grego — PE Teacher

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Year 13 Biology Field Trip to Wakehurst

Year 13 spent a day during half term at Wakehurst, Sussex, which is part of Kew Gardens. It is a beautiful location and the students saw some amazing things, including a plant that had been grown from a seed over 200 years old. The students used gel electrophoresis to analyse DNA from different woods to identify if the wood was harvested legally. The students were also able to walk around the site. The students were able to visit the Millennium Seed Bank and to go behind the scenes and meet the scientists doing the work of preserving seed samples for the future and to see where they are dried, frozen and stored underground and also where they are germinated to grow.



Year 12 Biology Field Trip of Wakehurst



This year we also took the Year 12 biologists to Wakehurst to collect data for their required practical skills in ecological sampling techniques. Despite a wet miserable day, the students spent time comparing the biodiversity of two different woodlands using random sampling and then using systematic sampling to see how the abundance of a plant species changes down a slope towards a river.

Year 7 Trip to the Science Museum

9 students had the amazing opportunity to see this year's winners of the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering discuss their inventions and their role in digital imaging and to ask them questions. Of the five questions asked, three were from our students! Shaquan Nurse bravely started the questions off by asking the engineers whether holographic communication (as seen in films) would ever be possible. Pedrinho Vieira asked what the engineers thought the next greatest breakthrough would be, and Hiyab Bereket asked about the potential uses of virtual reality games. The engineers gave fascinating responses to the questions. Nobukazu Teranishi was so impressed with our students that he shook Hiyab and Pedrinho by the hand as he was leaving. The event was filmed and will be available to view on You Tube soon.



Ms E Agathangelou — Science Teacher

CARDINAL POLE TWITTER FEED



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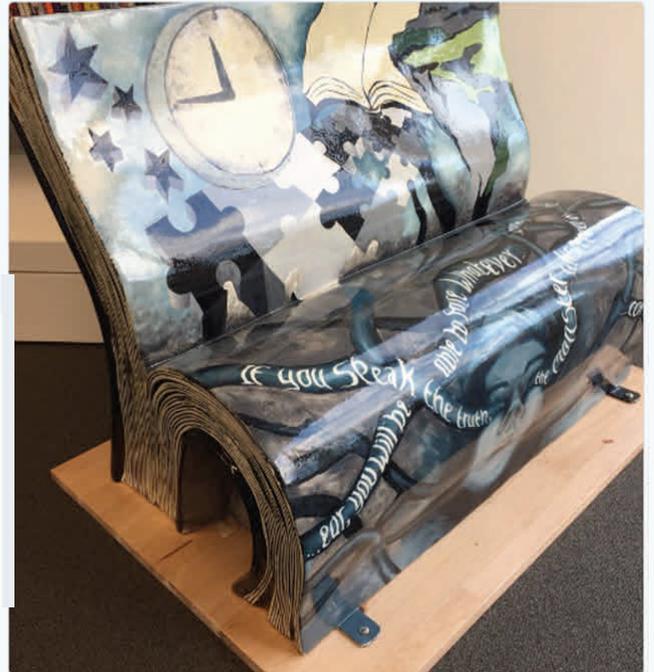
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#Remembrance #Lestweforget students pay tribute to those who fought in WW1 and WW2 @RCWestminster



JP Morrison @JPAMDG · Nov 28

Delighted to see first hand this morning @CardinalPoleRC new library & teaching facilities! However, this wonderful chair designed & painted by students was very eye catching! #Hackney #CatholicEducation #libraries



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Anti-Bullying Week 2017 at Cardinal Pole begins with ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday 13th November 2017 to raise awareness! #antibullying2017



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Congratulations to several of our Year 13 students who have been invited to Oxbridge and Medicine interviews!

