



7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR – 2022/23**

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Cardinal Pole Catholic School. Over my 8 years' of service at the school, I have had the pleasure of meeting a great many of you first-hand. To those of you I have yet to meet, I look forward to doing so in the very near future!

It is a tremendous privilege to have the task of leading the next phase of the school's development and build on the exceptional work that Ms Heffernan has led over the last 11 years. It will be no easy task, but this is a special place, and with the support of our fantastic parents and the work of our incredible staff, the school will continue to excel in every area for the young people we serve.

There is an ancient proverb that states 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Perhaps this has never been truer than in the context of the modern world. The education of a young person is a partnership between school, home, and the wider community. In a Catholic Christian understanding, it is also a partnership with the Church, leading young people into the fullness of life with Christ. It is also critical that these relationships are inclusive of people of all faiths and none. I look ahead to actively seeking ways for these to grow via further parental engagement opportunities, and I look forward to continuing to meet parents online in my bi-weekly forum. I recognise that it will be important to understand challenges parents face, to listen carefully and to respond fairly. Raising children is arguably the hardest task and yet the greatest responsibility one can have, and therefore it will be important for us as a school to work together successfully with each family.

### **What Will Success Look Like at Cardinal Pole?**

Over the past 8 years, we have focused relentlessly on creating a highly successful school. Put simply, success here means that students are safe, happy, engaged and ultimately, successful academically. Schools should be a place of calm and focus but critically, underpinned by a love of learning. I want students to continue to be excited about coming to school and feel empowered to grow as people. But above all, I want students to be excited not just about what they can achieve personally, but also how they can contribute to wider society. As a Catholic school service is at the heart of our mission. I want every young person we serve, to serve others in turn. In 1 Peter we are reminded that '*each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others*'. Our young people do have a tremendous range of gifts, and they have a tremendous contribution to make, not just to Hackney, but to the world. I want our young people to be filled with confidence, character, and a determination to succeed for not only for themselves, but also for others.

I hope you managed to read our Good News email that went out during the summer holidays, detailing our exam results. It has been another exceptional year of results at Cardinal Pole Catholic School and Staff, Students, Parents and Governors were delighted at the continued high results secured at the school.

Whilst writing, I would also you to join me in welcoming the following new members of staff to Cardinal Pole: Sian McVittie (Assistant Headteacher), Shahidur Rahman (Assistant Headteacher), Kane Wilson Stroud (RE), Abigail Freed (Psychology), Deborah An (Maths), Yasmin Akhoon (Maths), Megan Owens (Music), Shannon Ruffell (Head of PE), Omotara Adeymi (Psychology), James Rumsey (Head of History), Gabrielle Hayward (Science), Ashley Godwin Martin (Science), Raymond Oluwabusola (Business & Economics), Guilherme da Cruz (Physics), Helen Crump (Art), Doris Imo (Computer Science), Karolina Spasowka (History), Sasiane Saku (Pastoral Support Manager), Alfonso Viafara (Pastoral Support Manager), Michelle Duffy (Office Manager), Tyrone Nembhard (IT Apprentice) and Jenielle Liqami (Teaching Assistant).

As we start the new year, can I remind students and parents of our new school day (see below). I ask parents to remind their children that all Cardinal Pole students should leave site at the end of the day and make their way **straight home** after school.

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>
Prep	8.35am-9am
Period 1	9am-9.50am
Period 2	9.50am-10.40am
<b>Break</b>	<b>10.40am-11.05am</b>
Period 3	11.05am-11.55am
Period 4	11.55am-12.45pm
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12.45am-1.20pm</b>
Period 5	1.20pm-2.10pm
Period 6	2.10pm-3pm

This year, I will continue to run the virtual Headteacher’s Forum every other Friday (the first taking place this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September) at 10am. This gives parents/carers an opportunity to put any questions to me (non-student specific) or listen to the general information being passed to you by myself. The Forum is accessed via Microsoft Teams and you will receive an email every Thursday prior to the Forum with a link to the meeting.

I hope that you have all managed to obtain the uniform items required in order for your child to start Cardinal Pole with confidence, please see attached a copy of our full uniform list for your convenience.

Finally, I write to inform parents/carers that there will be an early close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in order that the school can hold their annual Year 7 Bible Mass. All students apart from Year 7 will be dismissed at 1.15pm. Also, a reminder that 30 minute same day detentions are handed out to students without notification to parents/carers. Parents/Carers will be contacted in advance via the Pastoral Support Manager should the detentions be any longer.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**



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## **YEARS 7-11**

### Boys Uniform

Grey Pinstripe Blazer with school logo

Grey Trousers

Grey long sleeve or sleeveless pullover with "V" neck with a red stripe

Plain White with long sleeves (short sleeves shirt may be worn in the summer)

Black or Grey Socks only

School Tie: All boys must wear a school tie (not clip on version)

Black low heel leather shoes (Not suede or patent) worn below the ankle. No ankle boots/boots (including "kicker" boots) No trainers or shoes which look like trainers Black laces only

Male students should be clean shaven: (years 7-13)

Any haircut shorter than a No.1 is not allowed

For Health and Safety reasons long hair must be tied back at all times. Headwear other than plain black hairbands and head coverings for religious reasons are not permitted.

### Girls Uniform

Grey Pinstripe Blazer with school logo

Grey pleated knee length skirt worn below the knee

Grey trousers

Grey long sleeve or sleeveless pullover with "V" neck with a red stripe

Plain White with long sleeves (not blouse type) (short sleeves shirt may be worn in the summer)

School Tie (not clip on version)

Black or grey tights, or plain knee high black or grey socks

Plain low heel black leather shoes worn below the ankle (Not suede or patent) No ankle boots / boots, including kicker boots. No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only

For Health and Safety reasons long hair must be tied back at all times. Extensions or hair dye which are not natural colours are not allowed: Tints and highlights of unnatural colour (yellow, orange, red, purple etc) are not allowed. Headwear other than plain black hairbands and head coverings for religious reasons are not permitted.

### Outdoor Items

Cardinal Pole Black School Outdoor Jacket (compulsory) with School Logo (no other coats are allowed except Year 11 & Sixth Form who may wear a plain black coat)

Plain black bag/rucksack large enough to hold text and exercise books – **no logos**

School scarf, hat and gloves (To be purchased from Rough Cuts. No other variation allowed).

### Compulsory P.E. Kit for all Pupils

Black shorts - Plain - no logos

Long sleeves black T-shirt with school logo - only purchased from School Supplier (Rough Cuts)

Black socks (plain, no logos)

Black PE Jumper with school logo

Trainers - required for all lessons (not converse, Vans or similar fashion footwear)

Football boots/shin pads required only during football lessons and inter-school matches.



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### Optional Items

Waterproof suit with school logo - only purchased from School Supplier (Rough Cuts)

PE – white football shirt with black trim with the school logo (only required if pupils intend to play for the school football team)

Long white socks

School scarf, hat and gloves (to be purchased from Rough Cuts – no other variation allowed).

Boys may wear a plain black leather/cloth belt

Black/Red Tracksuits with School Logo.

### Prohibited Items

The school allows students to wear one small pair of earring studs to be worn (one in each earlobe only) either Gold or Silver (no larger than 5mm diameter). A plain watch is permitted (Apple/Android watches or those with Internet connections are **NOT** permitted). No other jewellery items are permitted

No Markings or symbols which have been cut into scalp or eyebrows

No haircut shorter than a no. 1

No facial hair – clean shaven (Years 7-11). This is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

No multi-coloured hair beads. They must be clear, black, brown or white and should be tied back so as not to cause a Health & Safety issue.

No extensions or hair dye which are not natural colours. Tints and highlights of unnatural colour (yellow, orange, red, purple etc.) are not allowed

No Ankle boots, including Kickers.

No Facial or multiple piercings

No tattoos

No extreme fashion hair styles. The school reserves the right to decide whether a hairstyle meets requirements

No nail extensions or nail colour/varnish

No Make Up - including false eyelashes

No baseball caps

No hoodies.

Mobile phones, ipods, headphones are banned from the school building, its premises and the immediate area surrounding the school. These items will be confiscated if seen and will only be returned to a parent/carer by appointment.

The school will decide whether or not an item is a fashion item.

### **SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ONLY**

Students should dress in accordance with the Year 12 and Year 13 Dress Code. The Sixth form dress code is designed to promote a positive image of the school. All Sixth Formers are expected to adhere to the colour code of black, white or grey. This dress code allows considerable freedom whilst ensuring that everyone's appearance is smart and business like.

The expectations are:

Knee-length skirt or dress/full length trousers

Shirt with collar/blouse

Ties should be worn by male students on formal occasions

V-necked Cardigan/jumper and/or smart jacket

Polishable dark shoes – not Vans, Converse, trainers or pumps

All the above items are available from your local high street chains such as Asda, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Primark etc.



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You are not permitted to wear:

Any outdoor coat around the building. A tailored jacket is permitted.

Sports clothing in school or on the way to school

Trainers/Flip-Flops/canvas shoes/shoes containing any logo

Jeans\*/denim/skinny jeans or skinny trousers

Strappy/revealing tops or bare midriffs/shoulders

Leggings/jeggings/leather or leather-look trousers/skirts

Hooded tops

You are expected to wear clean, safe and functional clothing, which is always appropriate to the study you are undertaking.

Under no circumstances will denim, baseball caps, hats, hoodies or shorts be deemed acceptable dress.

Failure to adhere to the above dress code will lead to the student being sent home to change. Students who

persistently disregard the Dress Code will be referred to the Inclusion Team to address.

\*Please note that trousers with back pockets and rivets, even if they are not denim, count as jeans and should not be worn.

<p><u>Uniform Supplier:</u> Rough Cuts Casuals 16 Chapel Market London N1 9EZ Telephone: 020 7837 7924 Fax: 08700 668 499  <a href="http://www.directschoolwear.com">www.directschoolwear.com</a></p>	<p><u>Pencil Case Equipment:</u> Pens (Black and Green) Pencil Ruler Sharpener Eraser Scientific Calculator Protractor</p>
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**Please note that these uniform rules apply in school and out of school whilst in uniform. All non-uniform items will be confiscated and returned at the end of term. Parents are asked to label the following items with their child's name and year group: outdoor coat, blazer, sweater, tie and all PE kit.**

