



## Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### HALF TERM

It has been a busy half term, with school trips to Westminster Cathedral, the theatre, the Royal Academy of Arts and many football, basketball and netball fixtures taking place. We have had Year 8 Market Place and option choices being considered as well as Year 8, 9 & 10 Parents' Evenings. Please see [Here](#) for our termly newsletter with just some of our events that have taken place this term. Additionally, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the whole school gathered for a two-minute silence in the playground as a mark of respect for all those that have lost their lives in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We will be raising funds after half term.

Year 11 & 13 will shortly be commencing their second set of mock examinations week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February. They will all receive support with their revision as well as a timetable of the pending examinations. We wish them luck and ask you to support them in their preparations for these exams. Parents of Year 11 & 13 students will have received a separate letter with the mock timetable attached but please see these links for ease of reference [Year 11 Timetable](#) [Year 13 Timetable](#)

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Research shows that low attendance has a negative impact on a child's academic and social development. It is for this reason that we expect all of our students to have attendance of at least 96% and to be punctual to school every day at 8.30am. Taking unauthorised holidays during term time is not permitted. Any applications for unexpected family emergencies must be made in advance directly to me.

Similarly, if you know that your child is going to be late to school, you must call in and give the reason. Reasons that are related to traffic, bus or train problems and suchlike will not be accepted as excuses for lateness, even if you call and leave a message. Acceptable reasons for lateness include hospital appointments but we would require you to provide evidence i.e. a hospital letter or appointment card, rather than a note in their planner as such notes will not be accepted. I should point out that under the new guidance the Local Authority's Educational Welfare Officer may issue fines for persistent lateness and unauthorised absences.

**School Meals (Price Increase Advance Notice):** Upon our return after the Easter holidays, the daily cost of a school meal is being increased from £2.25 to £2.50. This reflects a rise in food and drink production costs generally across the economy. This increase has been covered so far by the school at great expense since January, but you will understand that this is not sustainable for the school to cover these costs permanently. Therefore, after Easter, if your child eats in the canteen please ensure that when you top up their accounts there is sufficient funds available. If your child receives Free School Meals, the total cost will still continue to be covered by the school. Please note that there is an overdraft cap of -£5.00 i.e. two meals and any negative amount will be taken out of any additional funds added to your child's account before it goes into credit. If you have any queries or concerns about this information or would like help completing a Free School Meal application form, please contact your child's Year Team.



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### Key Dates:

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Half Term and Intervention for Identified Year 11 & Year 13 Students
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Return to school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023	Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations Begin
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Year 8 Options Deadline
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	External Applicant Interviews for Sixth Form
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	A Level Practical Drama Exam
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Industrial Action
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	World Book Day/Cultural Dress Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations Continue
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	External Applicant Interviews for Sixth Form
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	St Patrick's Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Rewards Week
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 11 & 13 Critical Students Parent Meetings
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	Easter Holidays Begin

I wish you a restful half term.

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**



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