



## PARENT FORUM 19 05 23

Exams started this week, this morning was the first Maths non-calculator paper which finishes at 10.25am, I will be meeting the students on their exit to see how it went. This is the first year that the exams have returned to the 2019 standards, they ran last year but not to the same level of challenge as previously. Study leave is not something we do at Cardinal Pole. Instead, we run lessons and drop-down days in between exams, there will be an English drop-down session this afternoon after their Maths exam in preparation for their English exam next week.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme: Is this available for Year 9s still? The school has been funding it completely the past year but currently there is a staffing issue and we have to find a replacement for this role, so the scheme is currently on hold. Mr Lawn who previously ran this scheme has been promoted to Head of PE so a replacement is needed to run this scheme. Finding the right person is not easy as it requires them to commit a lot of their own time to a number of trips which takes place outside of school hours.

We shared with parents/carers at the start of this week the CSI report, please do read it. Cardinal Pole has been graded Outstanding in every category of its recent Section 48 inspection. The last inspection in 2016 was also graded Outstanding however, between this period and now, there has been a change of framework which was local but now this is a national framework and far more detailed. As a result, we are a very small number of schools in the country that have received this grading. It is an extraordinary achievement by the whole school especially the RE Department and Chaplain.

The school has also been nominated for the TES School Awards as Secondary School of the Year and has also made it onto the front page of the Hackney Gazette.

As a result, we are now receiving a number of visitors to the school including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor separately, Peter Sweeney, Director of Catholic Education for Diocese of Westminster and the Chief Inspector of Catholic Schools, Nancy Conoby who all want to see the work we do here.

Parent: I want to pass on a thank you to the staff who are supporting the students on Saturday interventions and in particular for supporting my son throughout his exams whilst sustaining his injury. The school wish him a speedy recovery.

Year 11 Prom will be taking place in July, details of which will follow shortly.

We have a new school coat being launched in September, there is no need to replace the old coat. The current coat is being sold in school at a discounted price of £25.00 regardless of size so if you would like to purchase one, this can be paid for via ParentPay and collected from the office.

Reward trips will be taking place next half term. However, next week there will be an ice cream van on site as a reward for students. Year 8 will be attending the East London Mosque after half term and there will also be a Windrush celebration in June, more details to follow.

AP2 assessments commence at the end of June for Years 7-10 & 12.

A reminder that there is an extended October half term break next year consisting of two weeks, which will mean targeted interventions can take place with Year 11.

School works: New PE changing rooms are being built during the summer, as well as the gymnasium being refurbished to a standard similar to local gyms, details to be shared shortly. The Sixth Form is also being expanded for September with new classrooms.

Thank you for working with us as it is a working partnership. Many thanks.

Mr A Hall  
**HEADTEACHER**