



# **CARDINAL POLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



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**I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome you to Cardinal Pole Catholic School, a mixed comprehensive school for 11-19 year olds.**

**Our school is built on strong foundations of disciplinary and moral purpose. We offer a lively, dynamic and successful environment for young people to achieve. We are delighted at our excellent results at both GCSE and A Level in this outstanding Sixth Form.**

**Above all we are a community who deeply care about the wellbeing and development of our students.**

**Ms J Heffernan**  
**Executive Headteacher**



# Cardinal Pole Catholic School Vision

## Accountability

We are accountable to each other and to God.

## Compassion

We care for each member of our school community.

## Equality

We recognise that each of us are unique and equal, working together for the Common Good.

## Integrity

We strive to act according to Gospel Values.

## High Expectations

We use our God-given talents to excel and achieve.





# Cardinal Pole Catholic School Ethos

Cardinal Pole Catholic School welcomes all families who support our Catholic Ethos. Our school is rooted in Catholic values, putting Christ at the centre, which permeates through all aspects of our work and relationships, our vision and our support for the common good.

Mass is regularly celebrated by our local Catholic clergy, who are often in school supporting our school ethos: there is also the opportunity for Reconciliation, daily Morning Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As a school there are regular religious Pilgrimages and Retreats for each tutor group, every year, giving students the opportunity to reflect on their faith and different aspects of their life.

Every year group have weekly religious assemblies where worship takes place. The School also has a number of clubs which support our Catholic Ethos, these include: Bible Study, Altar Serving Club, Liturgical Representatives, Prayer and Worship and an established Saint Vincent de Paul Group.

Cardinal Pole works with a number of charities, which are close to our heart, with regular fundraising events. Over the last two years, the school have proudly raised over £12,000 for our nominated charities. Charities are welcomed into the school for regular workshops and talks.

The school is split into five communities in honour of a saint. These are: St Teresa of Calcutta, St Josephine of Bakhita, St Thomas More, St Francis of Assisi and recently Blessed John Henry Newman. There is always opportunity to celebrate these special feast days with Mass and Prayer.

***'Worship, reflection and prayer are clearly central to the life of the school and underpin the ethos and vision of this community of learners'. Diocese of Westminster Inspection, October 2016.'***



# **An Outstanding Catholic School**

**Cardinal Pole Catholic School is an educating community for all based on partnership and respect. It is a strong and vibrant place which recognises the importance and individual needs of every student and member of staff.**

**Praise and encouragement are vital in creating a climate of learning and high expectations, supported by teaching of the highest quality.**

**The school is full of confident, creative and fulfilled young people and staff. They are celebrated as individuals – unique creations of God – who deserve our support, love and trust as they begin the great journey of life.**



# An Outstanding Catholic School

## Section 48 Diocesan Inspection report, October 2016

*The school was graded as Outstanding in every category.*

‘The distinctive inclusive ethos of this school is tangible in every area of school life from classroom to corridors and in relationships between students and staff’ and described progress as Outstanding. Importantly, it described the school as a ‘safe place that allows all to flourish’ and a place where ‘Students make outstanding progress’.





# **Celebrating Success at Cardinal Pole Catholic School**

## **Ofsted Inspection Report - January 2017**

**‘Pupils receive a good quality education at Cardinal Pole. They are prepared well for their future careers.’**

**‘Pupils achieve well in their studies. In the Sixth Form, students’ achievements are first class.’**

**Sixth Form and Personal development and welfare both judged ‘Outstanding’ and all other areas judged as ‘Good’.**





# **Celebrating Success at Cardinal Pole Catholic School**

## **Public Exam Results 2019**

- 69% of students achieved 9-4 in English and Maths GCSEs;
- English 84%, Maths 75%;
- Positive progress 8 score of 0.38;
- Top 20% of all school nationally;
- Our Ofsted Outstanding Sixth Form achieved results in the top 2% nationally (ALPs 1);
- 21% of grades achieved at A\* - A;
- 61% of grades achieved at A\* - B;
- 85% of grades achieved A\* - C.



# Celebrating Success at Cardinal Pole Catholic School

We have very high expectations on attendance. Every year, our school attendance measures are above Local and National averages. We are very proud of this key indicator; happy children want to come to school.

	2019/2020			
	School	England	Hackney	Inner London
Overall Attendance	96.6%	94.5%	95.3%	95.0%
Authorised Absence	2.8%	3.9%	3.3%	3.4%
Unauthorised Absence	0.9%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%
Persistent Absence	10.0%	13.9%	12.1%	11.9%





**"The curriculum is creative, dynamic,  
engaging and resourced very well."**

**Diocese of Westminster, 2016**

# THE CURRICULUM



**The curriculum is designed around the development of the whole child. It is an exciting and enriching experience built on strong foundations.**

**All students study a core curriculum in Year 7, with particular emphasis on Maths, English and Science.**

## **In Year 7 you will study:**

**English Literature and Language, Maths, Science (Chemistry, Physics and Biology), Religious Education, Computer Science, Modern Foreign Languages (French or Spanish), History, Geography, Physical Education, Art, Design and Technology, Music and Drama.**



# What is the My Hackney Project?

## What is it?

- All of the lessons for the first three weeks in September will focus on the same project;
- A three week project across all subjects focused on 'What is my Hackney?';
- A focus on research and presentation skills;
- Building on best pieces of work from English and Maths at KS2;
- Presentation evening of final portfolios at schools;
- Programme of speakers, trips and visits from and in the local community;
- Links with Hackney Museum for best pieces of work to be displayed.

## Why are we doing it?

- To make the most of project based learning from Key Stage 2;
- To build on the progress made at primary school;
- To encourage students to see links across subject areas.





# Pastoral Care at Cardinal Pole Catholic School

Pastoral care is at the core of everything we do. Your child will have:-

- A dedicated Form Tutor – Your child will register with them every day and they will stay with them from Year 7 to Year 11;
- A Head of Year – A teaching member of staff who has oversight of the year group;
- A Pastoral Support Manager - A non teaching member of staff, available all day to support with any pastoral issues that arise. They will help your child to settle into school;
- You will meet the Year 7 Pastoral team at the first transition event when it is confirmed.



# Pastoral Care at Cardinal Pole Catholic School

In addition to the Year 7 Pastoral team, your child will also have access to the range of well being support services across the school, which include:

- Excellent support from all of our Pastoral teams;
- Individual mentoring;
- A Well-being Triage system;
- An allocated CAMHS worker in school;
- Onsite A-Space school counselling;
- Access to a range of external agencies and organisations;
- Excellent advice, guidance and support for parents/carers.



# Home / School Partnership

At Cardinal Pole Catholic School, it is important that we work together to ensure your child is successful and achieves their full potential.

## What do we expect from you?

- Support our code of conduct and Behaviour Policy;
- Support the school ethos and vision;
- Ensure that your child is punctual, well equipped, well dressed, well behaved, works hard and respects all members of this school community;
- We expect every student to value their place at the school and to contribute positively to the school community;
- To provide an appropriate environment for your child to study at home;
- Monitor the completion of homework and the standard of work in their exercise books and folders;
- Attend all Parent's Evenings and support events held in school.





# Home / School Partnership

At Cardinal Pole Catholic School, it is important that we work together to ensure your child is successful and achieves their full potential.

## What can you expect from us?

- A very committed staff who are committed to nurturing the academic, moral, spiritual, personal and social development of your child;
- Very high expectations for all students;
- A school where your child has the opportunity to benefit from good teaching and learning and from a wide variety of enrichment activities and opportunities;
- A school in which good attendance is rewarded and poor attendance is followed up;
- A school in which good behaviour is rewarded and poor behaviour is not accepted;
- Parents/carers and teachers working in partnership to ensure your child makes good progress.





# Online Support at Cardinal Pole Catholic School

## Go4Schools

Go4Schools is the online platform we use at Cardinal Pole to record students assessment data, achievement points, behaviour points and attendance. You can instantly find all of this information for your child, in real time. You will use the email address you provide in the enrolment documents to register as a parent/carer on this site.



## Show My Homework

This allows parents/carers to instantly see homework set and completed in real time. Students can access homework even if they have lost worksheets or their planner. All Parents/carers will be sent a parent/carer login for Show my Homework in September. Students will be taught how to sign on and use this in September.



## My Ed App

This is a free App available on Android or Apple. It is used for Key dates, Contacts, News, Resources, School information, Letters, Policies and also has a communication tool to send enquiries to the school. More information will be sent on how to sign up for this App.



## Parent Pay

ParentPay allows you to make payments to school using your debit/credit card or in cash using ParentPay top-up card at your local PayPoint outlets. You can make payments for: school meals, Trips, Equipment/resources and stationary, Charity collections. You will be sent your log in details for ParentPay.



## Social Media

Please sign into INSTAGRAM or TWITTER now @cardinalpolerc to see the Incredible things our young people achieve every day.



# Extra Curricular Activities at School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Puzzle Club	Mathmagicians	Climate Club	History Club	Basketball
Chess	Fitness	Stem Club	Mandalas Club	Chess
Film Club	Girls' Basketball	KS4 Science Club		SALT
STUK	Freeplay Basketball	Basketball	Boys' Basketball Chess	Games
HW Club	Chess	Chess	SALT	Strategy Games
Yr 8 Football	STUK	Sing for Fun	Bible Study	Study
Interform tournaments	Liturgy & Servers	Strategy Games	Strategy Games	Gym
	Strategy Games	FIT Club	Study	HW Club
	Girls and Boys Football (LOFC)	Yr 7 Football	FIT Club	
	HW Club	Boxing	Netball	
		HW Club	Weight lighting	
		Drama		
		Spoken Word	HW Club	
			Photography	
			Food Club	



# Behaviour Expectations at Cardinal Pole Catholic School

At Cardinal Pole Catholic School, we are a community of professionals, this includes our students. We expect professional and courteous behaviour at all times from every student.

## Our behaviour expectations are that you are Ready, Respectful and Safe

- be on time for every lesson;
- have the right equipment for every lesson;
- complete all your work to the best of your ability;
- be polite and helpful to all members of our community and especially to visitors.

By meeting these expectations you will develop into successful and professional young people ready to meet all challenges with creativity and resilience.

Not complying with these rules will result in a Level One Behaviour Point and a 30 minute detention in the hall after school.

It will also be logged on Go4Schools which can be accessed by your parents/carers and all of your teachers.







# READY



- Bring the correct equipment and Homework
- Be on time.
- Wear smart and professional uniform.

# RESPECTFUL



- Put your hand up – no shouting out.
- No speaking while the teacher is speaking
- Follow instructions at the first time of asking
- Listen to others – one voice speaking at a time.



# SAFE

- Observe the no-touch rule
- Walk in the corridors and on stairs





# Rewards



**At Cardinal Pole we believe in rewarding all the hard work that our students do. We are proud of our students and want them to know it!**

## **Attendance & Punctuality**

Each Term those students with 100% punctuality will receive a Certificate congratulating them on their excellent attendance. Good attendance is also a requirement to qualify for our regular reward trips.

## **Achievement:**

One student in each Form Group will get a Certificate once a week for the highest achievement points. At the end of each Term we hold a Reward Cinema in the Hall. Students with positive Achievement Points get to watch a film in the hall and are given free refreshments. Students with the most Achievement points at the end of the year will also get to go on a trip. Previous trips have included: Ice Skating, Trampolining and Thorpe Park.

## **Academic Achievement**

Students receive certificates each term for Effort, Achievement and Progress. Make sure to impress your teachers to receive a Certificate!

We will also post a ranking of the year group each term, this will show how you are doing in all of your subjects and whether you need to put a little more effort in!

Parents can check this progress through Go 4 Schools.

## **Gaining Achievement Points**

There are lots of ways to get achievement points. The main categories are:

- Excellent Work;
- Excellent Effort;
- Community Spirit.

Some ways you might get achievement points are by helping a partner or teacher in the lesson. Holding a door open for someone with a lot of books. Putting special effort into your work or trying your best to answer a question. Don't be afraid to ask, if you've worked hard ask politely and many teachers will be happy to reward you!





## Boys School 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 Socks only
- Boys’ 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
- Cardinal Pole Black School Outdoor Jacket (compulsory) with School Logo (no other coats are allowed)
- Plain black bag/rucksack large enough to hold text and exercise books – no logos
- Male students should be clean shaven: (years 7-13)
- Any haircut shorter than a No.2 is not allowed.

## Girls School Uniform:

- Grey Pinstripe Blazer with school logo
- Grey pleated skirt worn below the knee
- Grey trousers (only purchased from the School Supplier (Rough Cuts)
- 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)
- Girls’ School Tie: All girls must wear a school tie (not clip on version)
- Black tights or plain knee high black 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
- Cardinal Pole Black School Outdoor Jacket (compulsory) with School Logo
- Plain black bag/rucksack large enough to hold text and exercise books – no logos
- 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.**



# Unisex Uniform and Prohibited Items

## Outdoor Items

- Cardinal Pole Black School Outdoor Jacket (**compulsory**) with School Logo (**no other coats are allowed**)
- 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).

## Pencil Case Equipment:

- Pens (Black and Green)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Scientific Calculator
- Protractor

## Compulsory P.E. Kit for all Pupils

- Black shorts - Plain - no logos
- Black T-shirt with school logo - only purchased from School Supplier (Rough Cuts)
- Black socks (plain, no logos)

## Optional Items

- Waterproof suit with school logo - only purchased from School Supplier (Rough Cuts)
- Long white football socks
- Black/Red Tracksuits with School Logo

## Uniform Supplier

Rough Cuts Casuals

16 Chapel Market, London N1 9EZ

Telephone: 020 7837 7924

[www.directschoolwear.com](http://www.directschoolwear.com)

## 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. 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. 2
- No facial hair
- 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 hair fashion styles. The school reserves the right to decide whether a hairstyle meets requirements
- No hair accessories, including bandanas and scarves. Black hair bands may be worn
- No nail extensions or nail colour/varnish
- No make up - including false eyelashes
- No baseball caps
- No hoodies.

Mobile phones, electronic devices, earphones and headphones are also **BANNED** from the school building, its premises and **the immediate surrounding area of the school**. These items will be confiscated if seen and will only be returned to a parent/carer on a Friday.





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