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28th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS & HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT

Following the selection process for the post of substantive Headteacher from September 2022 on Friday, I am pleased to announce that Mr Adam Hall, Associate Headteacher has been appointed. Mr Hall is a long serving member of the Leadership Team at the school and a Lead S.48 Inspector. Myself and Mr Hall will be working closely over the next term to ensure that there is a smooth handover in readiness for the new academic year 2022/23. I know that you will welcome Mr Hall to our community as Headteacher. He will be writing to you shortly.

Vacancies: We are currently advertising an Apprenticeship post with our Site Team, which will involve learning about supporting the daily running of a school (full training given). If you or someone you know may be interested in the role please contact our HR Officer, Stacey Wright for further information. We are also advertising for the post of Pastoral Support Manager following the resignation of Chudi Onwuazor, PSM for Year 10 who has supported the school for the last two and a half years. Chudi has accepted a promotion to work in a special unit.

We also say goodbye to Ellie Connolly, Deputy Headteacher who goes on maternity leave after Easter, we wish her and her family well.

I remind you that the **school closes early on Tuesday 29th March to say goodbye to Mr English who has served Cardinal Pole since September 2009, as he formally takes up his post as Headteacher at Our Lady's Catholic High School.** I am sure that you will join me in wishing him well in his new post. We look forward to continuing to work together as a Catholic community.

Lenten Arrangements

We have had a fantastic response to our Lenten Food Bank and Clothes Bank appeals, thank you to those who have contributed. Throughout Lent we have been running weekly assemblies focussing on the Gospel readings in preparation for Easter as well as the Stations of the Cross for every class in Years 7 – 10 and the Sacrament of Reconciliation being offered to 11 form groups. There is still a small window for your child to purchase a raffle ticket for our Easter egg raffle which is being led by Year 12 leadership team, the draw takes place via a "Live" feed to form groups on Wednesday morning.

It has been a very busy term with not only all our Lenten celebrations but also the recent visit from Ofsted. I thank you and your children for your support during this time.



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Parent Forum

It was good to hear your views at the recent Headteacher's Forum, we are trying to resolve the food server issues but are hoping to improve on this after Easter with the new caterers, Chartwells joining us.

Child Q

Many of you will have seen in the news and on social media the details of the report of the Child Q serious case review and in it, the treatment of a schoolgirl by the Police at another Hackney School. The report makes for distressing reading and such events should not have happened. Given the gravity of this matter, we felt it was important to give reassurance to parents/carers and to share our response.

Cardinal Pole Catholic School is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students. Our safeguarding practices and policies are robust and do not reflect those outlined in this report. The seriousness of this incident and the wide-ranging recommendations of the report mean that we will, however, be conducting a review of our practice and how we work with external organisations so that we can be completely satisfied that we are doing everything we can to not only keep children safe, but also to challenge discrimination and racism. If your child has been affected by the recent news, please advise them to speak to their Head of Year, Pastoral Support Manager or Form Tutor, or any member of the Safeguarding Team.

We close for the Easter holidays on Friday 1st April at the usual time and details of other key events taking place this week and post holidays are listed overleaf:-

Key Dates	Events
Tuesday 29 th March 2022	Mass of Thanksgiving for Mr English – early close for students 1.15pm.
Wednesday 30 th March 2022	Year 12 A Level Drama Performance Examination
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Year 11 & 13 Critical Students Parents' Evening
Friday 1 st April 2022	End of Term
Week Commencing Monday 4 th April 2022	Year 11 & 13 Revision Sessions (separate letter sent)
Thursday 14 th April 2022	Maundy Thursday
Friday 15 th April 2022	Good Friday
Monday 18 th April 2022	Easter Monday
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	INSET Day
Wednesday 20 th April 2022	Year 11 & 13 students in school only
Thursday 21 st April 2022	Whole School Return

You will note from above that on there is an **INSET day on Tuesday 19th April 2022** and on Wednesday 20th April only Years 11 & 13 will be in school on this day. Please note that work will be set online for all other year groups.

I wish you and your families a very happy and Holy Easter and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

