



4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK

I am writing to update you on the summer's results and a safe return to school. As you will be aware, the results this year were originally issued as an algorithm for Year 13 but were then amended to the use of Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs). These marks were before submissions. The outcomes represented positions and realistic progress. Details are as follows:-

- Progress 8 score : 0.8
- Attainment 8: 5.3
- Proportion of students securing 9-4 in English and Maths: 79%
- Percentage 9-4 Maths: 81%
- Percentage 9-4 Best English: 90%
- Percentage securing 9-4 in two Sciences: 77

Students who were especially successful at GCSE included:

- Dorcas Sabwe 10 * 9s
- Casano Kirlew 9 * 9s
- Peter James Orna Venegas 9 * 9s
- Jelani Monroe 8 * 9s and 2 * 8s
- Abigail Wiredu 8 * 9s and 2 * 8s

At A Level, the school continues to secure exceptional progress and were again secured an ALPS1, or an Outstanding grade. The outcomes were 51% A-A* grades and 86% A*-B grades, enabling them to secure excellent progression opportunities including to apprenticeships and top universities, including Oxford, Bristol, Warwick, Manchester and Birmingham. It was wonderful to see so many accept opportunities in Medicine, Law, Business, English and Architecture to name but a few. Congratulations to all including:

- Helena Boateng A*, A*, A*
- Maria Inegbenose A*, A*, A
- Konstanty Napiorkowski A*, A*, A*
- Toyosi Olaribigbe A*, A*, A*
- Joel Owusu-Ansah A*, A*, A
- Savananah Pham A*, A*, A

As we return to school, we continue to prepare the school in anticipation of the students' return. This has included; additional cleaning, floor markings, hygiene resources, school layout and staggered entrances at break and lunch. You will already have details of the return arrangements for your child.

A reminder of these dates has already been sent out. A decision has also been taken that all students should wear a school provided snood on their neck every day without which they will not be permitted on site. If you wish your child to wear an alternative face covering, this is permissible but as an addition to and not a replacement for the snood. Your child will be fully briefed on return to school and any amended policies will be notified to you. Please note that Covid 19 restrictions mean that we ask that parents/carers do not visit the school (or gather at the school gate) unless invited into a meeting.

The safety and wellbeing of your child remains at the heart of what we do. If you are concerned about your child or other household member, please access this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

and follow the advice on what parents/carers should do.

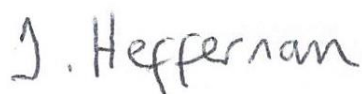
If your child is kept at home for any reason, the school must be informed and written evidence surrounding their circumstances must be sent to the Attendance Officer.

Parents/carers should encourage their children to walk, cycle, or travel by private car to school. If parents decide to drop off and collect their children, they should arrange a suitable location close to the school to drop them off, in order to avoid congestion outside the school building. If children must travel to school by public transport, they should take precautions by wearing facemasks, carry hand sanitisers and keep a safe distance from other passengers. If your child is travelling to school by public transport, please remind them to avoid boarding a crowded bus/train.

As a result of Covid, our uniform shop has been experiencing difficulties with their suppliers but are able to offer you with appropriate substitutions. If you have experienced difficulties obtaining the uniform, please provide your child with a note.

On a separate note, please join me in welcoming the following new staff to Cardinal Pole; Mr Tisi (Head of RE), Ms Loughney (RE teacher), Mr Hassan (Business & Economics teacher), Mr Miah (Business & Economics teacher/Head of Year), Mr Arrowsmith (Science teacher), Ms McGuinness (Science teacher), Ms Earthrowl (Head of History), Ms Penny (MFL teacher), Ms Singleton (Head of Music), Ms Haley (PE teacher), Ms Sampson (English teacher) and Mr Edwards (Pastoral support). We hope you have a long and fulfilling career with us.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Heffernan
HEADTEACHER