



16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy half term with lots of changes and new ways of educating our young people to get used to. The students have coped extremely well with this and our new Sixth Form and Year 11 Student Leadership teams have helped support us to implement these changes and ensure that the students engage.

Yesterday, we had the Academic Achievement Afternoon for Years 11 & 13 which had very good attendance by parents/carers, who were keen to learn more about how to support their children with their forthcoming mock examinations. Next week, we have the Year 7 Virtual Curriculum Evening where parents/carers will gain further knowledge about what their children are learning at Cardinal Pole so that they too can support their children during these unusual times. Below are some further key dates, some of which, may be subject to change:-

Key Dates:

Dates	Event
Friday 23 rd October 2020 (Early Closure for All)	Non Uniform Day/Cultural Dress Day
Week Commencing 2 nd & 9 th November 2020	Mock Exams Fortnight for Years 11 & 13
Friday 6 th November 2020	Year 7 Flu Vaccinations (separate details have been sent out on these)
Friday 6 th November 2020 – 10am	Virtual Parent Forum (via Microsoft Teams – see details below)
Thursday 12 th November 2020 (Early Closure for Years 7-10 details to follow)	Sixth Form Open Afternoon for Internal Students and Evening for External Students
Friday 27 th November 2020	Sixth Form Internal Application Deadline
Friday 4 th December 2020 – 10am	Virtual Parent Forum
Wednesday 16 th December 2020	Year 7 Carol Service
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last Day of Term

Early Closure – Friday 23rd October 2020

Staff and students have worked very hard this half term and I am grateful to them and to you for the support you have provided. Governors have decided, with the support of the local authority, to close the school early on Friday 23rd October in order to ensure that we are ready for remote learning. Whilst we hope it will not be needed in this school and we are thankful that so far, it has not been necessary for one of our bubbles to close, we will be working hard with the staff to ensure we are prepared should the Government decide on any further lockdowns or circuit breakers. Therefore, on the afternoon of Friday 23rd work will be set on Show My Homework for students to complete before we break for half term. Please note that further notices will be placed on the school's website should any changes occur post half term.

Parent Forum

We will be running our next Parents/Carers' Forum on Friday 6th November at 10am. Under the current restrictions, these will be run virtually using Microsoft Teams where you will be able to put any questions to me (non student specific) or listen to the general information being passed to you by myself. If you are a parent/carer of a student at the school and would like to attend this forum, please send your email address to enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk and put **PARENT/CARER FORUM** in the subject line confirming your name, the name of your child/children and year group. An invite to that meeting will then be sent to you.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition, please write a note in your child's planner so that we can make the adjustments required to meet your child's needs.

Non Uniform

On Friday 23rd October we will be holding a non-uniform day in order to raise Monday for Hackney Foodbank. It will be an opportunity for your child to wear their own clothes, cultural dress or come to school as an historical figure. The cost to participate will be £2.00 and will be collected by our Year 13 student leaders on the day. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for a school setting.

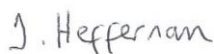
PE Uniform

After half term we are adding black tracksuit bottoms (no logos) to our PE uniform list. These should only be purchased from our authorised uniform supplier, Rough Cuts. I ask that you purchase these during half term and I have advised Rough Cuts to expect additional demand for these. These start from £9.00, but are being offered at a discount for the present at £8.00.

A reminder also that for Years 7-10 only Cardinal Pole outdoor coats are permitted (purchased from our uniform supplier, Rough Cuts). For Years 11, 12 & 13, plain black coats only may be worn (without logos or embellishments such as fur trimmings).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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HEADTEACHER