



25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new academic year it has been! There is much to celebrate - October has seen the whole school community celebrating **Black History Month**. Students and staff have participated in an exciting month of activities; workshops, education and enrichment activities. This includes lessons on culture, guest speakers, a special menu in the canteen, trips and a whole school competition. We have also been celebrating our young people's achievements with a number of **Rewards** this week including enrichment activities and pizza parties. Well done to those who have received a reward! Look out for our parent newsletter for further details and photos.

Catering

I am writing to inform parents/carers that from 1st January 2025, the cost of a school meal will be increased to £3.00 per day. Prices have remained at their current level since April 2023 but due to the increased cost of food prices, unfortunately we are unable to keep it at this rate any longer. ParentPay will continue to be the system we use to top up meal accounts and I remind parents/carers to ensure that their child's account is topped up before we return to school after half term.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am pleased to inform you that our recently advertised Parent Governor vacancy has been filled by Chanelle Paul, a Year 11 & 13 parent – congratulations! Myself and the Governing Body are looking forward to continuing our work with her.

Uniform

May I remind parents/carers that as the weather changes going into the Autumn term, only Cardinal Pole School logo coats are permitted for Years 7-10 and plain black coats (no logos of any kind or fur hoods) are permitted for Year 11 and the Sixth Form. For extreme winter conditions, the following items are also permitted; gloves (plain black), a school hat (must be purchased from the uniform shop) and scarves (only plain black, grey or the school scarf is permitted). All non-uniform items will be confiscated.

Half Term

Lastly, a reminder that half term runs for two weeks, commencing week 28th October and school re-opens on Monday 11th November 2024 at the usual time. Please note that there will be a **late start on Friday 15th November (timings to be confirmed)** for all year groups except Year 11, to facilitate our internal Sixth Form Open Morning event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER