

PARENT FORUM 09 09 22

Welcome Back!

Two minutes silence today so the meeting will finish at 10.20am.

Lots happened over the summer, we invested heavily in the school building, new basketball area, a new classroom has been built and additional storage. There will also be new canopies coming in October to provide shelter during inclement weather and a climbing wall in the sports hall.

Open Evening takes place on Thursday 22nd September, if you have any friends with children in Years 4, 5 or 6 please encourage their attendance, non-Catholics are welcome, Cardinal Pole is a multicultural school.

Year 7 Canterbury trip takes place on Monday, it is Cardinal Pole's final resting place which students will visit as well as participate in other activities. There is no cost to students, all costs are met by the school including lunch if FSM.

How many year 7 classes are there? There are 180 students which consists of 6 classes of 30. Years 7-11 is the same. The sixth form is slightly different with 130 in Year 12 and 110 in Year 13.

Break/lunch times - 25 minutes break and 35 minutes at lunch. Each year group has their own area to use. Years 10 & 11 have their lunch at breaktime at 10.40am. They are also able to go to the usual lunchtime sitting if they wish.

Extra-Curricular: Lots of extra-curricular clubs take place after school and these start on the 19th September. We also have a free breakfast club which starts on Monday from 7.30am. We strongly encourage all students to attend at least one or two clubs.

What is EVOLVE? This is used for trips and extra-curricular club attendance approval. Students are not be allowed to attend after school clubs unless parents have provide express permission using the EVOLVE system.

FSM entitlement is this carried across from primary? Unfortunately, no, you will need to reapply via an online application form through the local authority. Parents are welcome to provide their child with a packed lunch but we also provide a hot lunch for £2.35. This meal deal includes a hot meal, a drink or bring a refillable bottle and you get half a litre of flavoured water and a dessert for £2.35. Menus are available on the school website.

Allergies: Are these managed carefully? Yes, we have no nuts served by the canteen. We use Chartwell caterers who are experienced in dealing with allergies. Any specific concerns should be raised with the year teams.

What is a nurture group? It is for small numbers of SEN students who are taught by the SEN Department and enables students to use a sensory room when needed.

Will HOY virtual meetings continue? Yes, details to come out shortly.

This parent forum runs every two weeks and will be back on Friday 23rd September.

Thank you.



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