



8th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## END OF YEAR LETTER & KEY DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

It has been another unusual academic year but we have managed to maintain a routine whether it was via our virtual school or back in school with all the Covid restrictions in place. We have had a busy Summer term with the Year 11 & 13 final examinations taking place, their enrichment events and Leavers' and Transition Mass and celebrations also taking place, despite no singing allowed! The rest of the school have sat their AP2 examinations and will be receiving their final end of year reports this week which I hope you will find helpful in supporting your child into the next academic year and our summer school is in place for Year 6/7 and some Year 7/8.

**Next week there will also be lots of enrichment events as part of culture week, including non-uniform day and Sports Day for Years 7-9 and work experience for Year 10. We are also hosting an exhibition for our ex-student and Turner Prize Winner, Oscar Murillo, for his latest project "Frequencies" between 24<sup>th</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please see our website for further information.**

It is difficult to predict what the landscape for September will look like, with a possible return to in-school testing, I will write again to you in the new term with an update to these arrangements based on the latest Government advice. Staff are returning on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September with a staggered student return for students as listed below. Please also see the term dates and INSETs for the next academic year:-

DATES	DETAILS
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>	Selected Year 7 students (9am-1pm - those students will be written to separately)
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021</b>	Year 7 Day 1 (8:30am-2:55pm)
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Year 7 Day 2 (8:30am-2:55pm) Year 12 Induction (9am-10.30pm)
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Whole School Returns staggered start as below:- Years 7 & 12: 8.30am Year 8: 8.30am Year 10: 9.05am Year 11: 9.30am Year 13: 9.55am Year 9: 10.20am
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	Open Evening for Secondary Transfer
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	School Photographer on site

<b>TERM DATES 2021/22</b>
<b><u>Autumn Term</u></b> Term Starts: Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021 Half Term: Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 Term Ends: Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b><u>Spring Term</u></b> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 Half Term: Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 Term Ends: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
<b><u>Summer Term</u></b> Term Starts: Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 Half Term: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022 Term Ends: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (for students, Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022)

### **Bank Holidays**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Christmas Day)  
 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Boxing Day)  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (substitute Christmas Day)  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (substitute Boxing Day)  
 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 (New Year's Day)  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 (substitute New Day's Day)  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (Good Friday)  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (Easter Monday)  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 (Spring Bank Holiday)  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 (Whitsun Bank Holiday)  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 (Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday)  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (Summer Bank Holiday)

### **INSETS**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you as parents and carers for your support. I would also like to thank staff for their exceptional contribution at this demanding time and especially those we wish farewell to. Most staff leaving Cardinal Pole are sadly, leaving in order to relocate out of London including Mr Fields (Head of Year 9/Geography teacher), Ms Mata Martinez (MFL teacher), Mr Clark (Geography teacher), Mr Hanna (Head of Year 7/PE teacher), Mr James (Maths teacher) and Ms Attridge (Exams Officer). We are delighted for those who have secured promotions including: Ms James (Head of Social Science) as School Improvement Post 16 Hackney Education, Ms Rimmer Tagoe (English teacher) as Second in Charge of Department. Mr Parker (Head of Year 11/History teacher) will remain working with the school in a PR function and Ms Ingrey (Head of Science) and Mr Thomas (Science teacher) are taking one year sabbaticals. We also wish Mr Hassan (Business teacher), Ms Chugh (Business/Inclusion teacher) and Mr Allaker (Data Manager) and Ms Mazid (Technology teacher) well as they move onto pastures new.

As you are aware, I will be sharing my time between Cardinal Pole and Our Lady's Catholic High School in September and our Deputy Headteacher, Mr English, will be moving across to Our Lady's next academic year as their Head of School. I would like to thank Mr English for the work he has undertaken at Cardinal Pole and look forward to working with him across at Our Lady's. Mr Hall, Deputy Headteacher is now the Associate Headteacher at Cardinal Pole and will be supporting me on leading the school.

Enjoy the summer break. May God continue to watch over us all.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Heffernan*

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