



‘Cardinal Pole Catholic School is a community of **service** guiding young people on a path to **opportunity**, **aspiration**, and **reward**, founded on Catholic values.’

HEAD OF SCHOOL ONLINE PARENT FORUM Tuesday 10th March 2026 - 1.30pm

Year 11 & 13 mock examinations have just been completed, it is an important time for these students. The students did themselves proud. A variety of inventions took place during half term for them.

Thanks to all those involved in the primary school workshops this term. Parents had their national secondary school offers recently, we have secured a higher number of placements than last year.

Year 9 Options Evening takes place next Wednesday after school. The event takes place from 4.45pm, there are presentations and then a market place from the various departments is held which is for parents to visit and ask them about their courses. The school has now reverted back to a two-year KS4. There is an options booklet that goes out shortly.

Rewards trips took place just before half term, congratulations to those select students who went bowling. Text alerts are sent out to those high achievers in terms of attendance. The final rewards trips take place the week before the Easter holidays.

Upcoming events:

Year 10 Geography field trip Friday 13th March this is mandatory for their GCSEs.

Year 9 Poet in Residence workshops: Wednesday 18th March.

A variety of Year 12 trips for careers/work experience.

A number of Lion King production rehearsals take place over the next few weeks including some Saturdays

Year 8 Parents' Evening takes place this week Thursday 12th March.

Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 26th March.

Questions:

Is there work experience for Year 12? AOD: Part of the career plans and work experience for Year 10 & 12 is held within Futures Week in July. The aim is to get everyone out on work experience but this has become more difficult since Covid. Mr Howard has launched the work experience process in assembly recently. Year 12 will be particularly linked to the courses they are studying. There are currently trips taking place already relating to their future careers such as Orthopaedic surgery and Finance in Broadgate.

What is happening with the School Wars social media posts? AOD: We were alerted to the social media activity by a fellow school and a series of mitigations were put in place which included working closely with the Police. A letter went out to all parents explaining this. This is a country wide social media issue. The vast majority of our young people had nothing to worry about. Where there was any tension we worked together with our other schools and the Police. The majority of students went straight home as instructed. The Police are investigating who sent these posts. This post did not originate from Cardinal Pole. Direct assemblies were led with Year 8 & 9 specifically as these were the targeted areas. There has been no further cause for concern over the last two weeks.

Happy Easter when it arrives!!

Yours in service,

Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL