



'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 17th June 2025 - 1.30pm

Details of the sad news of the recent loss of one of our students was read out at the start of the Parent Forum and details of the support available to staff and students. This news has affected the school community deeply, the response from our young people has been exceptional and thanks goes to our staff and students for the support they have given to each other.

Key Upcoming Events:

AP2 examinations commence week commencing 23rd June – letters went out last week with a timetable, please support your child's revision. They have been doing quizzing since the beginning of September and the week ends with an early closure at 1.15pm on Friday 20th. These exams are a priority for all young people moving forward. These also affects students in Year 12 as well. These exams are co-ordinated with PE, Art and Drama so students do get a break from all the exams. For Year 10 this is a taster of what GCSE exams look like into the future.

A series of very successful Buddhism trips have been taking place, with the final one today. Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who are taking part in the Junior NBA finals this week and to Year 8 at the borough athletics finals. Last week Years 7-10 competed in the semi-finals of the National championships and we are waiting to hear if we are through to the finals. Thanks goes to the PE Departments for all their efforts.

Open Evening this week is on Thursday 19th June which includes an early finish for students at 1.15pm in order to prepare for this event. This is followed by a late start on Friday 20th June with a registration at 9.40am and lessons beginning at 9.50am - period 2. It is a big event for us in terms of the Open Evening, with population changes in the borough which has resulted in recent school closures, we are looking to secure our future. So if you are aware of anyone with a Year 5 child please encourage them to attend.

Lunch arrangements: During week commencing 23rd June, we are trialling a no split lunch but with a break time serving of snack food with students moving on rotation during the break time slot. There are no separate queuing arrangements as we have no Year 11 students from next week as they finish their exams today. The uptake of this new offering will be reviewed in order to plan for September. Details of this went out in a letter last week. This snack service is only available on ParentPay but meals are still available at lunchtime for FSM. Details of these changes will also go out to students tomorrow morning during prep.

Year 13 Leavers' BBQ takes place from 4-7pm on Friday 20th June. Year 13 have their final exam on Friday morning for Spanish.

Year 11 Prom Arrangements are on Thursday 17th July 5-10pm at Stratford Stadium. The school has put a substantial amount of money into this event. More details of this will go out shortly.

Congratulations to both of these year groups in the way that they have approached their exams, they have worked hard in engaging with revision drop downs and Saturday revision.

The final arrangements for the year consists of a detailed plan, with Futures Week for Years 10 & 12, Sports Day, reward trips as well as Culture Week.

Next Parent Forum Tuesday 1st July 2025.

Questions:

Parent 1: Is there a separate account on ParentPay? AOD: No it is just one account. If you are entitled to FSM you can add money to this allowance. The snack service will be capped. The FSM offer will be available at lunchtime only.

Parent 2: Thanks to you and your team to all the support you have given my daughter in her time at Cardinal Pole. All parents should know that your child is in safe hands at Cardinal Pole. AOD: Thank you – staff do work exceptionally hard. Various parents: Thank you for your efforts.

Yours in service,

Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL