



CARDINAL POLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

'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 8th July 2025 - 1.30pm

Recent Events:

The AP2 examinations went extremely well, data goes in this Thursday and student reports will be sent out at the end of term. Congratulations to the students in terms of their focus and the efforts they put in.

Lunch arrangements: We previously mentioned adding a break time serving of snack food for students. Unfortunately this has had to be postponed until next year due to staffing issues.

Current Events – this week:

This week is Year 10 & 12 Futures Week which includes work experience, workshops, careers talks and visits full details of which have been sent out to parents/carers. University visits include Hertfordshire, Loughborough and Teeside (Stratford).

SOAR Awards had to be postponed from last week due to the hot weather conditions. This is now taking place this evening from 4.30pm in the main hall, if you have received a revised letter about your child receiving an award, please ensure you return the updated slip so that we can confirm numbers.

Some of our students are currently out on a Duke of Edinburgh expedition today and tomorrow as part of their Bronze Award.

HPV vaccinations for Year 8 are taking place on Wednesday in the Drama Studio, please ensure you have returned your consent forms.

Year 9 are out on a Science Museum trip on Wednesday and Year 10 are at Southend on Friday.

Final Week

Monday 14th: Sports Day for Years 7-9 offsite at Mabley Green. Year 12 Sports Day is taking place onsite at Cardinal Pole. All year groups will be escorted down to Mabley Green and Year 7 will be escorted back to school.

Tuesday 15th: Year 7 London Zoo trip. Year 9 & 12 Southend Trips.

Wednesday 16th: Year 8 Kew Gardens visit. Year 7 Southend trip.

Thursday 17th: Year 10 Science Twist Museum and Year 8 Southend trip.

The Southend trips has a small contribution of £5pp required.

Thursday 17th: Year 11 Prom 5-10pm at Stratford Stadium. The school has put a substantial amount of money into this event. A letter detailing the arrangements has been sent out.

Friday 18th: Last Day of term – the day consists of end of term liturgies, Carnival/Cultural Day events – dismissal at 12.30pm.

Results Day: Thursday 14th August 9am - A level Results and Thursday 21st August 9am GCSE Results. Mr O'Donoghue will be present at both days.

First Day Back: Year 7, 12 & 13 (registration for Sixth Form) – Wednesday 3rd September. Years 8-11 Thursday 4th September with a staggered start. Details will be published on the website.

Thank you for your attendance this year and thanks to staff for their commitment during these last two weeks especially. Next Parent Forum September 2025 exact date TBA. Have a good Summer.

Questions:

Year 7 Parent: No letter about Southend received. AOD: This is going out tomorrow.

Year 11 Parent: Year 11 Prom – taking place next week and it's a new venue. What does this look like when children arrive? AOD: A letter has gone out detailing the entrance via turnstile B which is outlined on a map. Tickets will be checked. Further information to go out. Children can go home on their own or collected. Photographic instructions on where to go to be handed out to students by Mr Wilson.

Year 11 & 13 Parent: Year 11 Prom: Email notification for consent received but concerned about tickets being sent in the post – what happens if they don't receive them? AOD: We have a register of their payments.

Year 11 & 13 Parent: Thank you to yourselves, the Year 11 & 13 Year Teams and all the teaching staff. Very grateful for everything.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A O'Donoghue', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL