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12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK!

I do hope that you enjoyed the Summer break and that your child has returned to school ready for the busy new school year and I warmly welcome those of you who are new parents/carers to the Cardinal Pole community.

Staff Changes

New staff changes this year include Ms Clarke (Maths Teacher), Mr Sanders (Music Teacher), Ms Magurean (PE teacher), Ms Perdue (PE teacher), Ms Khan (Science teacher), Ms Chmielewska (RE teacher), Ms Reeves (English teacher), Mr Gregory (English teacher), Ms Williams (Business & Economics Teacher) Ms Byrne (DT Teacher), Ms Peczkowska (Attendance Officer) and Ms Karsadag (Teaching Assistant) – we wish them a long and happy career with us. We also welcome back Mr Ghany (Head of English) who returns following a sabbatical.

Exam Results

I am also thrilled to announce another amazing set of A-level results. These results are a testament to the exceptional efforts of our students, the unwavering support of their families, and the dedication of our talented teaching staff.

Results were strong across the board with five departments achieving 100% A*-C and over half of students achieving A*-B in a third of subjects. Standout results were posted by the History Department, with 100% achieving A*-C grades, 70% A*-B and 30% A/A* and the Maths Department, boasting a remarkable 100% A*-B grades in Further Maths and 39% A*/A in Maths. CTEC subjects also performed exceptionally well, with an impressive 100% of students attaining at least MMM grades!

Highlights from individual students include both Zibin Cheng and Tiger-Lily Murdock who achieved an impressive A*A*A; Viktoriia Karpich and Gavin Mendoza who both achieved A*AA and Omolayo Fadaini and Patrick Ajaimi who achieved AAA. CTEC students were equally impressive with Joyce Mampuya, Aaron Adu, Zalus Boateng, Charlene Madaka and Alicia Mayaya all being awarded D*D*D and all with 100% pass rate.

Named *2024 School of the Year*, we also delivered another year of exceptional progress for GCSEs, placing us within the top 25% nationally. Subjects such as English, History and RE shone particularly strongly, while the arts departments excelled with 100% of students passing 3D Design, 94% in Art, and 83% in Music. Among the many success stories were Jamal Barrie (9,9,8,8,8,8,8), Ryan Rodriguez (9,9,8,8,8,8,7) and Manuella Berko (9,9,9,8,7,7,6).



School Day/Term Dates

As we start the new year, can I remind students and parents/carers of the timings of our school day (see below). I ask parents to remind their children that all Cardinal Pole students should leave site at the end of the day and make their way **straight home** after school to change out of uniform and that they are respectful to those in our local community. I should also remind parents/carers that our October half term is for two weeks (weeks commencing 20th & 27th October), returning to school on Monday 3rd November 2025.

PERIOD	TIMINGS
Prep	8.35am-9am
Period 1	9am-9.50am
Period 2	9.50am-10.40am
Break	10.40am-11.05am
Period 3	11.05am-11.55am
Period 4	11.55am-12.45pm
Lunch	12.45pm-1.20pm
Period 5	1.20pm-2.10pm
Period 6	2.10pm-3pm

Parent Forum

Please note that Mr O'Donoghue will be holding our first Online Head of School's Parent Forum this year on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 1.30pm – a link to the invitation will be sent out the day before. I do hope you will join Mr O'Donoghue to hear about the events and activities taking place at Cardinal Pole. It is also an opportunity for you to provide feedback and raise questions on whole school policy and practice.

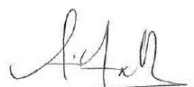
Open Evening/Early Close & Late Start

Whilst writing, I should inform parents/carers that the school will be closing early on Tuesday 23rd September at 12.45pm for the Sixth Form and Years 10 & 11 and at 1.15pm for Years 7-9 in preparation for our Open Evening. Students will be offered lunch if they wish and will leave site thereafter. The parents/carers of the students who are assisting with our Open Evening and required to stay behind will be written to separately.

Following Open Evening, students will be starting school late on Wednesday 24th September with gates opening at 9.35am, registration at 9.40am and lessons will begin at 9.50am.

I wish you and your child every success this year at Cardinal Pole and I look forward meeting with you at our up and coming events/Parents' Evenings.

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER