



'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 27th January 2026 - 1.30pm

Large number of events are taking place at present for Years 11 & 13. We have had two very successful Raising Achievement evenings which took place a couple of weeks ago, where we went through what is required for their GCSE and A Level examinations. We also looked at the consolidation programmes and resources during those evenings as well as meeting with parents individually. There are only 15 weeks to go until their public examinations, however the mock exams for both year groups begin week commencing Monday 9th February, then there is half term and then they commence for a second week commencing 23rd February. This is a very busy and hard period for students. Additional work will be done with students in the next couple of weeks which include motivational speakers, revision techniques and mental health workshops. We want them to maintain their attendance during these whole 15 weeks.

Year 11 students: The library is open for supervised study Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm.

Year 13 students: Their supervised study after school remains the same, taking place in the Sixth Form after school until 5pm. A full revision programme for both year groups is in place, concentrating on Maths on a Saturday but there is also some Ebacc subjects. Parents have been notified by letter about these. There will also be revision studies taking place in school during February half term, letters will be sent out shortly about these. Our Drama GCSE practical examination takes place next week on 4th February after school. We wish them well!

We have been having a huge attendance push across the whole school. The school target is 97% and although there have been some falls nationally since Covid, we want to uphold our attendance levels. Illness does lead to some notifications being sent but we want to make sure that every parent is aware of how best to support their child with their attendance and punctuality to school. Parents will receive late to school texts if their child arrives to school late.

Cardinal Pole has also been working with a number of primary schools in our community, running workshops for Years 4 & 5 and we have had approximately 300 primary school students visit us recently. If you are a parent of a child in Year 5 or have a friend who is, please make reference to us and encourage those families to have a look at our school.

We had our Sixth Form Open Evening for external students at the start of the new term. Deadlines for internal applications for our Sixth Form and is 28th February 2026. Online applications are being completed with the Year 11s at the end of their examinations so there will be no concerns about missing deadlines.

Year 12 Parents' Evening took place earlier this term and on Thursday 30th there will be a Year 10 Parents' Evening taking place please ensure you attend. Reply slips should be returned as soon as possible.

Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place Thursday 12th March and Year 9 Options Evening will be on Thursday 26th March. We are now reverting to a two-year KS4 so Year 9 will be choosing their options this year ready for September.

Rewards are taking place just before half term, the top 50 students in relation to behaviour will be selected from each year group (Years 7-9) will be going bowling. The cost for this will be paid for by the school.

Extra-curricular clubs: There are no limits on the number of clubs students can attend, but 3 should be a minimum.

Half Term commences on Monday 16th February and we return on Monday 23rd February.

Yours in service,

Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL