



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 29th April 2025 - 1.30pm

Focus for this term is the public Exams for Year 11 & 13. Year 13: Study leave begins on 12th May. Teachers are free during these lesson times to support students if they wish to attend school. Year 11: Tuesday 6th May normal lessons until Thursday 8th May when the exams starts. A letter went out last week with a drop-down timetable. On Friday 9th May Year 11 students will register as normal and then there will be specific English Department focused drop down session and then students will be dismissed at the end of the drop down at 12.45pm unless they have an exam. Exams are now more spread out across an extra week. Details of all the drop downs are on the school website. The Year 13 exams start on Monday 12th. The Saturday revision programme will continue apart from the Bank Holiday weekend. Water is allowed into the exams along as the labels are removed. CTEC students remain on site until all their units are completed in June. Please ensure that your child is on time for the exams. Equipment checks are being carried out next week.

Head Boy/Girl and Sixth Form Student Leadership team have been appointed and this is being celebrated in a Commissioning Service tomorrow Wednesday 30th at 5pm in the Main Hall. Parents are invited to attend. The first event they will be assisting at is the New Intake Evening on Thursday 1st May, doors open at 4.30pm, speeches and presentations start at 5pm by the Executive Headteacher, Mr Hall.

This week we have the Year 9 & 10 Borough Athletics Champions – 50 students are taking part and Years 7 & 8 attend the following week. At the end of May we have the English National Championships where our students will be taking part as well.

Extra-curricular arrangements will be going out shortly via EVOLVE. Girls' Boxing has been an absolute success. An update to be sent out by Mr Rahman. Consent still stands but new clubs are available and will need consent.

Year 11 Leavers' Mass Tuesday 6th May period 4 and Year 13 Mass takes place on Friday 9th May period 5.

Unusually warm weather at present, uniform code in the Summer allows for the removal of jumpers on school site, shirts must be tucked in and in the very hot weather there is some flexibility with the wearing of blazers upon advice. No need for outside coats to be worn during this term.

This term is crucial for the rest of school's assessments during June. Year 12 has only twelve months before they are sitting their final exams in Year 13. All the quizzing we do in prep and consolidation is in preparations for exams.

Questions:

Parent: There are issues with Year 7 lunchtime, there isn't enough food to go around, a full meal is not being received, Wednesday last week there was only Chicken, no wedges were available. AOD: The canteen are undergoing a supportive management process at present. A host of SLT members are available each lunchtime and students should raise their complaint/queries with them so that this can be addressed with the catering team directly by SLT straight away. Parent: Not having enough time to eat is also an issue, line ups are so long, they only have 5-10 minutes to eat. AOD: We are looking at the lunch timings and will be looking after half term to extend this. Everyone is served lunch however by 1pm.

Yours in service,

Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL