



‘Cardinal Pole Catholic School is a community of *service* guiding young people on a path to *opportunity*, *aspiration*, and *reward*, founded on Catholic values.’

## HEADTEACHERS ONLINE PARENT FORUM

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Sixth Form external interviews took place last night, we have now completed both the internal and external process now, the offers made are dependent upon the grades they receive this summer. First priority goes to Cardinal Pole students.

Is there an opportunity to still apply? Yes, your child will need to speak to the Year team about this late application but no final decisions are made until the summer. Mr Read, Head of Sixth Form will be able to advise of the application thereafter.

For year 11 & 13 there is a focus big programme of interventions both after school and on Saturdays, student attendance to these is very good. The school is also open during Easter for revision as there are only 26 school days before exams. The GCSE examinations start a week earlier this year in order to spread them out a bit more. They begin approximately two/three weeks after the return from the Easter holidays. Tomorrow's sessions are for MFL, Business, Economics and next week is History and Sociology.

Will there be a timetable sent out? This was already issued to students approximately 2/3 weeks ago and a revision timetable is being given out in prep. Dates for this have already been outlined.

Primary workshops: The Science and Technology Departments are working with our feeder schools in Years 4 & 5 to help with our transition process. Our outreach work is very successful with lots going on. It is very important that the community sees us as a first choice and these sessions are very popular with the young people. Please look at our social media where you can see the feedback from these. Thanks to our staff for going above and beyond putting these workshops together as it is beyond what they are directed to do.

**There will also be lots of work taking place for the year 6/7 transition in the summer.**

Reconciliations and the Stations of the Cross are taking place over the next two weeks in our RE classes and Lenten liturgies will be taking place during the last week of term.

Rewards trips are also taking place during the last week of term, Years 7, 8 & 10 are going to the cinema and Year 9 are going bowling. We try to reward our young people as much as we can. The vast majority of students do as they are asked so deserve their rewards, school ties and trips. We offer a much more extended offer than in the past.

STEM classes took place this week in Science for Years 8 & 9 building their own wind turbines, which will be on social media shortly. Thanks to the Science Department for organising these as it gives students an extra opportunity for students to see what the sixth form looks like and to broaden their understanding of Science outside the normal curriculum. Year 10 & 12 have a Science Escape room to attend next week. The efforts by staff only highlights their commitment to our students.

Head Boy/Girl interviews take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we have a good range of candidates, it is a strong pick. It is a great thing to have on your CV. Is there any interview process for this? Yes, there is an application process followed by an interview and presentation. Lots of applications were received, this is then shortlisted by the Sixth Form Team. Was there a JD given to model on?

Mr Read did a presentation on what was required in assembly, the current incumbents would have explained what they did before. Any further clarity can be obtained through TRE.

Year 9 Parents' Evening is taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 4pm if you are unable to attend, please ensure you contact the year team to rearrange. It is run in time slots but all you need to do is be moved to a different sitting if the time is inconvenient.

Another reminder – parents' workshop for Years 11 & 13 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March on preparing your child for their exams is running from 11.15am-12.30pm. Parents of other year groups are welcome to attend. Please notify the office you are attending. It is important to support your child as a parent. Going forward we are considering recording parts of these workshops and then posting on the website.

This is the last parents' forum before Easter, we finish school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the normal time of 3pm and return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am.

**Parent Points/Questions:**

My daughter seen horrible Graffiti in toilet. Unfortunately, we cannot identify who carries out the graffiti but this is cleaned very quickly. We are moving to a process where there will be doors on the toilets which will enable us to monitor them more easily.



Mr A O'Donoghue  
**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER**