



‘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 2nd February 2024

This week has been the start of the Year 11 & 13 mock examinations, both year groups have done extremely well, early revision sessions have been carried out and the Saturday revision session remains open tomorrow for study and there are half term revision sessions taking place, details of which will be coming out via letter shortly. These sessions are not mandatory but beneficial for students to attend.

Year 12 begin the API examinations next Monday.

A full exam summer timetable will be sent home shortly, please review this with your children and discuss all the rules and guidance i.e. no mobile phones, watches etc. No leniency is given by exam boards.

Thank you to any parents who attended the academisation consultation meeting on Wednesday, consultation ends Friday 9th February. Documentation is on the school’s website, feedback is welcomed. Happy to take any questions at this forum. None were received.

Year 8 Parents’ Evening is 22nd February (the first Thursday after half term) and the first of the options hustings takes place today period 4. This is a chance for students to hear about all the departments and their subjects, this will not include the core subjects as they are compulsory. Please discuss the subject options with your child.

Half term begins 12th February and we return at the usual time on Monday 19th February.

Social media channels: PSG are developing football for both boys and girls. There is an AC Milan project also.

Changes to the canteen: We welcome parents to attend anytime to view what is being served to students. The cost of the daily meal remains the same at £2.50 per day. We are having a trial of free drinks in the canteen, the drink on offer is flavoured water (various flavours). It is proven that hydrated children learn better. We would like all young people to have free drinks but this is being trialled only until half term. Refillable bottles are available from the school office via ParentPay for £2.00. We are also recruiting for a new school chef as this is the next phase of the changes in the canteen.

Thanks for your support on the changes to the new coat, it has been a popular choice.

Next Parents’ Forum is after half term. Thanks for all your support, feedback and suggestions for improvement – it is always welcomed.

Have a good Half Term!

Parent Questions:

Parent 1: Thanks for all you do for our children, please extend my thanks to the teachers. How is the food being given out? The leftovers do not seem edible?

Response: All the food is edible – there is a general invitation to all parents to attend our canteen and sample our food at any time. Most schools have an outside catering company, ours were not delivering to the standards we wanted so we dispensed with their services and decided to go in-

house recently. The same staff are now employed directly with us and as we are not making a profit out of the food as outside caterers expect to do, we can supply more food. Some menus are more popular than others and the food costs are still high but we are determined to keep the price where it was. The previous company wanted to raise costs and pass them onto parents. We do not want to do this. We will run out of some items during a lunch serving as we cannot make 1000 items of the same thing but there is always food left over. It may not be the children's first choice but there is food for them. There is also a catering pod outside which reopens on the 19th February. The cost of a main meal is £2.50 which includes a main course, a dessert and now a drink, either a carton or an unlimited refill using the bottles.

Parent 2: Is Saturday school extended to Year 12 for their exams? Response: Year 12 are very welcome to come in and use the space, the school is open from 9am-1pm. It is open tomorrow but not the following Saturday due to half term, no uniform is required and the times are flexible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hall', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Hall
HEADTEACHER