



‘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 15th December 2023

Term drawing to a close.

A letter went out to all parents written by myself but from the Governors this morning in relation to becoming an academy. 80% of all schools are currently academies and the government wishes all schools to convert by 2030. The Diocese of Westminster have asked its schools to consider joining an academy. Full parental consultation takes place in January for questions, it is an open and transparent process.

Cynthia John won the Future Ed “Mentor of the Year” award and has worked with us here since 2000. It is a tremendous recognition of her work here and in the community.

All Saturday study spaces are now closed until 13th January 2024.

Christmas Cards on sale in reception, a pack of 12 is £1.00. All proceeds go to our Advent charities.

API assessment is concluding, results will be available in the New Year. Year 7 parents will have their results in readiness for their Parents’ Evening on 11th January.

Lots of liturgical preparations taking place and there are also lots of rewards being handed out, including trips for every year group including the sixth form and are fully funded.

Christmas lunch is fully funded by the school for every child next week on Wednesday 20th December.

Tuesday 19th December is our Year 7 Carol Service at 1.30pm at St Dominic’s Church. All parents welcome. St Dominic’s Catholic Primary School celebrated 150 years this week, it is one of the oldest Catholic schools in London.

Admissions: We are full for September 2024 – applications are up generally and this is due to all the work that we do in partnership with you. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day is Wednesday 20th December.

Please feel free to come in and sample our catering, we have brought it in-house to be able to manage it ourselves and make it better quality and value.

With the cost of living being very difficult, from January I am extending the rule of a plain black coat with no emblems or fur to the whole school. Any difficulties purchasing uniform, please communicate with us discreetly.

Parent Questions:

What is the date for the next Sixth Form Parents’ Evening? Thursday 7th March.

We plan to travel in March and need to make a request for leave. All requests for leave should be sent to enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk for approval.

I have made a Sixth Form application but not received a reply. All replies will be sent out in the New Year.

Are the HOY Parent Forums not taking place any longer? No, this is due to poor attendance.

Parent Comments:

Thank you to all staff for all your support and the events you put on social media. Particular thanks to Mr Wilson and the Sixth Form Team.

I look forward to visiting the school shortly, keep up the good work.

My child is in Year 7 and is always bringing home good stories, she really enjoyed the summer school and is very settled. She says many good things. There is very good communication.

My child came from a different school but he is enjoying it, staff are brilliant.

Great work you and your team do – wishing you a blessed and healthy New Year!

Thank you for all your kind comments.

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

Mr A Hall
HEADTEACHER