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Service Opportunity Aspiration Reward

1st December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Advent is a special time of quiet anticipation and reflection on the Incarnation. It also serves as a time to consider our personal relationship to Christ and to explore the central question of Christianity, 'Who is Jesus to me, and who I am to him?' As part of our Advent preparations, we continue with our charity drives for the Catholic Children's Society, Hackney Food Bank, St Vincent's Charity shop, CAFOD and The Passage. If you are able to, we are also donating to the Hackney Foodbank and clothes bank. The contents of our collections will be delivered at the end of term and will serve those in need in our community.

Thank you and Goodbye

We say farewell this term to John Crotty, Head of Geography and Victoria Ingrey, MFL/Humanities teacher, we wish them well.

Parking on Flanders Way

Please may I ask parents/carers to be considerate when parking in the local area in order to collect your child from school, in particular in Flanders Way. Parking here is restricted and to do so poses a health and safety concern to those residents and students/staff using this road.

Carol Service

Our Year 7 Carol Service at St Dominic's RC Church takes place on Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm. The students have been practising for very hard and we warmly invite all Year 7 parents/carers to attend.

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Cards

Our Christmas lunch for students takes place on Wednesday 20th as a set meal of Roast Turkey dinner, dessert and a drink. **The cost of this meal will be paid for by the school.** Also, a reminder that we are selling Christmas cards that our students have designed at £1.00 per pack of 12. Congratulations goes to the winners of the art competition who are Ryan Rodriguez 10ARW, Chloe-Anne Charles 7CAM and Zoe Adamek 7WARD. Their designs will be made into packs of Christmas cards and the sale of the proceeds will go to our charities. Please collect and pay for them either at with cash at Main Reception or via ParentPay.

Social Media Posts

Please ensure that you sign up to our social media sites on Twitter and Instagram @cardinalpolerc to see all the great photographs of our Christmas events/rewards.



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Pre-Loved School Uniform

We are acutely aware of the current cost of living crisis and would welcome any donations from parents/carers of **pre-loved** uniform or other equipment which could be passed onto those in need. Please leave any items you wish to donate with our school reception.

Uniform Change

I am conscious of the current cost of living crisis existing in the local area and beyond. Therefore, from January, I am proposing that students may either wear the Cardinal Pole official coat designed by our Student Council or a plain black coat which covers the blazer but are not permitted to be hoodie or leather type or have logos/fur. No other colour will be permitted and should other types of coat are worn then the sanction of confiscation will continue. My hope is that giving parents/carers an alternative option means that there will be no need to purchase a second coat for school. If you would like to share your views on this matter, please feel free to do so at the next Headteacher's Parent Forum or email enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk

Term Dates 2024/25

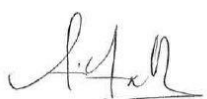
Governors have agreed the next academic year's term dates (2024/25) see [here](#) You will note that there is a two-week October 2024 half term. I hope that this will provide parents/carers with a more affordable opportunity to travel.

Key Dates:

Please see below details of other important dates for your information. Please note the **early finish at 12.30pm** on Thursday 21st December 2023 and the **late start 9.30am** on Monday 8th January 2024.

Date	Event
Monday 11 th December 2023	API Week for Years 7-10 and Bespoke timetables for Years 11-13.
Friday 15 th December 2023	End of exams - early finish for students 12.45pm.
Monday 18 th - Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Rewards Bowling Week
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Year 7 Carol Service at St Dominic's RC Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Student Christmas Lunch (fully funded)
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 charity donation)
Thursday 21 st December 2023	End of Term – School finishes at 12.30pm.
Monday 8 th January 2024	Whole School Returns at 9.30am
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 11 Critical Students Parents' Evening

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall
HEADTEACHER