



‘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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 1.30pm

### Recent events:

Final Masses for Years 11 & 13 took place just before the examinations commenced. They are a week into their exams now and carry on into June. Wish to congratulate the common sense and effort they have shown. Please be aware that they are expected to be in school by 8.30am. Operating a drop-down timetable for year 11 and sometimes there are last starts or early finishes. Very proud of these students.

Have Year 10 Drama GCSE exam takes place tonight – we wish them well. Hope parents saw our whole school production Lion King which shows what efforts the Drama students can go to.

The Year 13 Commission Service took place recently congratulating them on Head students (two girls appointed) – a credit to their parents. Our Year 11 Maths residential took place at Sayers Croft which involved Maths revision and various activities across a weekend. Thanks to you staff who gave up their time for this.

### Upcoming Events:

Change in attendance regulations – if a child is late to school after 9.05am this counts as absence for the morning session. Real drive to be super punctual to school please. Letters and texts are sent out on a regular basis to parents. If students are not here they cannot learn. Your uniform, equipment and arriving on time sets students up for the whole day.

INSET day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This is important for future planning for next year. School will be shut for years 7-10 and Year 12. PE, Health & Fitness students will be expected to be on site.

Year 11 & 13 an additional revision week during half term – letters have gone out., Please make sure that they attend. These sessions will commence at 9am and need to be prompt. Results Days are in August. We wish them well!!

New extra-curricular timetable for the Summer term is available will be more athletics based and we say goodbye to PSG. We have added volleyball also. Work experience will be taking place in the Summer term, year 12 is easier than year 10. Students are expected to arrange their own placements. For those students who are not able to find placements, they will attend Futures Week and they will attend workshops and trips out which are all careers based.

Year 10 will be switching to new morning sessions before school. AP2 starts during the third week of June (22<sup>nd</sup> June).

Year 8 HPV vaccinations take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> June please give your consent.

As a Catholic School we are adopting a new PSHE curriculum but on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9am we are holding a parents' consultation on the new curriculum.

Reward events taking place this week, there are a number of assemblies taking place and then on Thursday we have an ice cream van onsite. There are also rewards postcards being issues and those are a validation of the good work they do. The top banding of well-behaved students will be rewarded with various events/prizes.

Half term starts on Monday and we return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Final few weeks heading towards the Summer.

### Questions:

How can we book the extra-curricular? You do not have to book this, EVOLVE will be done in form. The timetable should be on the website.

Additional classes for year 7? No specific additional classes for year 7 there is a study club for homework and extra-curricular clubs on the timetable.

Yours in service,

Mr A O'Donoghue  
**HEAD OF SCHOOL**