



'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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - 1.30pm

Last week next week before Easter, normal finish at 3pm.

There has been a big focus on Year 11 and 13 this term with an intervention programme for Year 11 which is now reflecting their mock exam results. Year 11 have a period 7 which is interventions, Maths is this evening and Science is Wednesday and Thursday and some other non-core subjects on Friday. Saturday interventions are also taking place, it is an intense programme right up to the exams. Congratulations to Year 11 on their attendance to these interventions. Highest attendance for a number of years. There are only 19 days after today until their first GCSE exams. There are Easter intervention classes taking place during the holidays, details of which have been provided. The first exam is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Saturday interventions this week is for Year 11 Maths. Details have been sent out.

Primary school visits continue, two visits taking place this week, five different schools last week as we develop our outreach work in the community. If you know anyone who is considering sending their child to Cardinal Pole, please keep them informed as we have an additional Open Event taking place during the summer term. Details to follow.

Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm. Any issues with which group you have been placed in, please contact the Year Team to change your appointment. Year 8 Parents' Evening took place last week with over 90% attendance.

The whole School Drama Production of Matilda takes place next week Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, tickets are on sale from the Drama Department at £5 per adult and £3.50 per student. A lot of effort has gone into the production by our students across the whole school please support this event. A dress rehearsal is taking place during the day to a local primary school.

Rewards Week is next week: Trips are going out for Years 7-9 which will be Bowling. Year 10s will take place after the Easter holiday due to Eid and a lack of staffing. These trips are for the top 80 students as a reward for doing the right thing, all of the time. There will also be a range of liturgical activities taking place next week and in particular on Friday which will be led by the RE Department.

The school returns on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 with a late start for students at 9.40am and period 2 begins as normal at 9.50am due to a staff Mass being held. Gates to open at 9.30am.

Once we return after the holidays there is only 11 days until the exams as Easter is slightly later this year.

Year 9 had their DTP vaccinations today – thanks to those who provided their consent. We have had the Globe Theatre in school today providing Macbeth workshops. Also running all this week we have had Into University workshops taking place which have been organised by our Careers Guidance Manager, Mr Howard. Giving lots of opportunities for our students to explore these routes.

We will be conducting Head Boy/Girl Sixth Form interviews this week which is a good opportunity for students to take on leadership roles.

Next Parent Forum will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Thank you for your support. It has been a very busy term. We wish you all a wonderful Easter break when it comes.

Parents: Thank you to all your teachers for their support.

Yours in service,

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