



CARDINAL POLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

'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 25th November 2025 - 1.30pm

Recent Events

Amazon came in recently working with Year 10 students reviewing the future of AI alongside specific work for Year 9 as these students make their option choices in early March for their GCSE subjects. Each student met with Mr Howard our Careers Guidance Manager to discuss their future. Lots of work has taken place on careers throughout November.

Congratulations on the cenotaph visit and the two-minute silence which was impeccably carried out by our students. Well done!

We have had lots of visitors here recently meeting with a number of students and who were very impressed with them, particularly Year 8. Thanks to those parents/careers who attended the Year 7 workshop on revision for API which is new to Year 7 students.

Well done to Year 11 students who went on the recent Geography field trip to Stratford and the Year 9 & 10 Reading Ambassadors who visited Cambridge University's Clare College.

Primary Science workshops have also been taking place this week with Mandeville Primary and Flu vaccinations for years 7-11 are taking place on Friday.

API

There has been a big focus on API which begins for the whole school on Monday where students will have a different timetable in operation. School begins at the same time and ends at the same time but there are a range of tests and assessments throughout the day and there is a slightly extended break and lunchtime to facilitate this. Registration takes place on the playground and Year 11 will sit their mocks in the main hall. No clubs will run this week after school so all students will be dismissed as usual at 3pm. There are two of these assessment points, one in December and one in June. Lots of revision and work is carried out in lessons in preparation for this. Year 11 will receive their results in envelopes similar to results day in the summer on the Friday before we finish for Christmas. The rest of the year groups results will be out after Christmas and linked to their Parents' Evenings. There will also be 3 cinema reward trips taking place during API week for years 7-9, letters to go out shortly. The week finishes with the whole school community closing early on Friday 5th December at 1.15pm.

End of Term

End of term cinema trips will be taking place during the final week for Years 10-13. Our Year 7 Carol Service takes place on Tuesday 16th December at St Dominic's Church at 1.30pm. We are also having a big charity drive for Christmas for the Hackney Foodbank and Christmas Jumper Day which costs £1 to participate.

There will be a free Christmas lunch for all students on Wednesday 17th December and school ends on Friday 19th December at 12.30pm and we return on Monday 5th January 2025 with a late start of 10.30am.

Reminder

Uniform and dress code for Sixth Form reminders: Plain black coats with no logos, hats, gloves and scarves should be plain black. No headphones/ear pods or mobile phones to be worn/used by the Sixth Form students unless they are in the Sixth Form area, not to be used in the main school building.

Next Parent Forum on 13th January 2026. A reminder that specific concerns should be raised with the year team directly.

Yours in service,

Mr A O'Donoghue
HEAD OF SCHOOL