

Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



HALF TERM

It has been another busy half term, with school trips to Westminster Cathedral, law firm Baker & McKenzie, and a huge number of athletics, football, basketball and netball fixtures taking place. Year 8 have had their Hustings and Market Place events and option choices are being now being collated. We also continued to have exceptionally strong attendance at Year 7 and Year 10 Parents' Evenings respectively.



Year 11 & 13 are coming to the end of their mock examinations and Year 12 are almost finishing their API examinations. They have all conducted themselves exceptionally well during this time and we look forward to seeing their results in the next few weeks.

Sadly, we will be losing our current Head of Year 9 at the end of this half term, Ms Alabi. We thank her for her service both within the Pastoral Team and also as part of the Maths Department. We welcome Ms Richards (currently Deputy Head of Year 8) to the role of Head of Year 9, with Mr Outhwaite taking over as Deputy Head of Year 8. We also welcome a new member of staff to Cardinal Pole, Site Assistant, Jake Wilson.

<u>Academisation Consultation:</u> Thank you to those who attended the recent consultation meeting for parents/carers, your views/comments were noted. The consultation period finishes this week on Friday 9th February and we will be in touch after half term with the outcome of this process.

Reminder: You can now purchase a refillable water bottle from ParentPay at a cost of £2.00 if you would like your child to use our unlimited flavoured water options with their meal deal in the canteen. This is currently on a trial basis until review after half term.

Local Community: A small number of students are using the local estates as a cut through or playground after school and I therefore ask all parents/carers to discuss with their child(ren) the importance of being respectful to our community and the residents whilst on their way home.

Key Dates:

Friday 9th February 2023	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024	Half Term
Monday 19th February 2024	Return to school
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 23 rd February 2024	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
Friday Ist March 2024	National Secondary School Offer Day
Wednesday 6th March 2024	Year 12 & 13 English Literature Workshops
Thursday 7th March 2024	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th March 2024	Year 13 A Level Drama Performance Exam
Thursday 14th March 2024	Internal Applicant Interviews for Sixth Form
Thursday 21st March 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Week Commencing Monday 25th March 2024	Rewards Week
Thursday 28th March 2024	Easter Holidays Begin
Friday 29th March 2024	Good Friday

I wish you a restful half term.

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall **HEADTEACHER**





