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25th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

API Examinations

It has been a very busy start to the term, with our Year 11 & 13 students working extremely hard sitting their mock examinations. We look forward to seeing their successful results at the end of term. The API examinations for Years 7-10 & 12 will start week commencing 5th December 2022 which, for some, will be a new experience, but one that we feel that this is good preparation for their GCSEs and will become normal school life without causing any stress. They will receive assemblies on what to expect throughout the course of next week. Please also see the school website for further information.

Students Straight Home After School

Whilst the vast majority of our students conduct themselves with pride and positivity on the way to and from school, on occasion there are a small number who let us down. The consequence is that our local community see these students in our uniform and make negative assumptions about Cardinal Pole that are deeply untrue, I therefore ask that parents/carers ensure that their child(ren) go straight home after school. I will take the strongest possible sanctions in response to any breach of the school's Behaviour Policy which involves students bringing the school into disrepute whilst out in the local community after school, regardless of whether they are in school uniform or not. This also includes the mis-use of social media.

I ask that you continue to support the school and speak to your son/daughter about this type of behaviour and ensure that they always represent the school in the most positive way in our local community.

Christmas Cards

We have been running our annual Christmas Card competition over the last few weeks and I am delighted to announce the winners are: Nicole Farrugia – 7LIN, Siarra Mautadin 8CTW and Ryan Rodriguez 9ARW, they will be presented a reward during their assemblies next week. The cards will be sold from the 1st December as mixed packs of 12 for £1.00 via ParentPay and can be retrieved from reception once paid.

Student Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be offered to students on Wednesday 14th December as a set meal of Roast Turkey Christmas main course, Yule Log dessert and a drink. The cost of this Christmas lunch remains at the usual price of £2.25 and the cost difference will be paid for by the school.



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School Uniform

As the colder weather is upon us, may I remind parents that Years 7-10 students should only be wearing the Cardinal Pole logo school coat and Year 11 and the Sixth Form are permitted to **wear plain black coats only – no logos, writing, symbols, or fur hoods**. These coats should be removed as soon as they enter the school building. Can I also ask that you monitor the jewellery your children wear as the school uniform policy as displayed on the school website does not permit bracelets, necklaces or diamante earrings. One pair of plain stud earrings and one plain watch is permitted only not Apple/Android watches. No other jewellery items are permitted to be worn and will be confiscated.

Cost of living Crisis

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 reception staff.

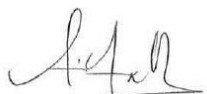
Additionally, if any families who are in specific need of help with school items, uniform or school meals in these challenging times, please email us at enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk and the school will try to offer any help we can. Rest assured, these requests will be handled discreetly and will not be shared widely across the school.

Key Dates:

Please see below details of other important dates for your information:-

Date	Event
Wednesday 30 th November 2022	Years 9 & 10 Drama Showcase Performance 4.30pm-6pm
Thursday 1 st December 2022	Years 9 & 10 Drama Showcase Performance 4.30pm-6pm
Week Commencing 5 th December 2022	API Examinations for Years 7-10 & 12
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	Year 13 Selected Student Meeting
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Year 13 Selected Student Meeting
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Year 7 Carol Service at St Dominic's RC Church
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Year 8 HPV Immunisations
Friday 16 th December 2022	End of Term
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Return to School for Selected Year 11 & 13 Students
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Whole School Return

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall
HEADTEACHER