



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents,

This year we are in the top three most improved schools in Birmingham.

Some of you have contacted me with your concerns about the school tables which were created and published by the Birmingham Mail which placed Cardinal Wiseman at the bottom of the schools in the city. I looked at their data and some of it is from 2010 and the newest is based on 2012 GCSE results. None of our recent improvements are reflected in their information. This year OFSTED described our behaviour as 'GOOD' and said,

"Students work well together in lessons. They understand that others may have views different from their own and show a high degree of respect when this occurs."

"Students behave in a responsible manner around the school, so that breaks and lunchtimes are calm and orderly. Students are polite, courteous and friendly."

"Students show respect for each other and their teachers, and enjoy school life".

That view is based on reality. OFSTED were here for 3 days over the summer term and they saw our pupils, your children, in classes learning, they ate with them in the dining room, they stood out on the playground. We are a rapidly improving school. **This year we are in the top three most improved schools in Birmingham.** That is a fact.

I am so disappointed for our children that their school has been presented in a negative light - they know that they come to a great school that is getting better every day. I am grateful for the words of support I have received from so many of you and assure you I will never give up on Cardinal Wiseman until we are the best school in this city!

Enrichment Day

On Wednesday 9th October there will be an enrichment day with a theme around Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). A wide range of activities will take place on this day for the different year groups:

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| Year 7 | Bonding Day - focus on friendship and faith (held at the Maryvale Institute) |
| Year 8 | Relationships and Bullying - focus on the different kinds of relationships that exist and issues such as Bullying |
| Year 9 | Risky Behaviours - focus on smoking, drugs and alcohol and the dangers they offer to young people |
| Year 10 | Careers - focus on the skills needed to apply for colleges and finding employment |
| Year 11 | Intervention Day - focus on the next steps needed in examination subjects |

All pupils are expected to arrive to school in full school uniform at the normal time. We will keep you posted on how the day went in the next issue of the Friday Letter.

Student Report

I carried out a presentation in front of my class (9Y.) The presentation was based on the effects of smoking. I included facts about smoking and my opinion that smoking is bad. I found the presentation difficult because I am shy and I don't like speaking in front of the class but I practiced lots in class and at home which made me more comfortable. I also now feel more confident in class because I think I am improving.

Mulugeta Yowhannes (9Y)

Sport Report

The year 7 football team have reached the Semi Finals of the Erdington and Saltely Cup. They beat Great Barr School (a school with over 400+ year 7 students) by the emphatic score-line of 3-1!

A truly shining example of what team work and immense managerial expertise by Mr. Clements and Mr. Matthews can achieve. Well done boys!

Mr. Clements. Head of boys P.E.

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson



STAR OF THE WEEK!

Mulugeta Yowhannes (9Y) for an outstanding speaking and listening assessment. Nominated by Miss Edwards.



STARS OF THE WEEK!



| Student | Class | Staff | Reason |
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| Wilson Uwagboe | 11 | Miss Edwards | Vast improvement in his attitude towards GCSE History. |
| Petra Farbarova Morgan Mulholland Ilana Taylor Yves-More Zahouo Corey Arnold | 8S | Mrs Gatton | For excellent answers in Spanish. |
| The whole class | 8Y | | The whole of 8Y are working really well and trying really hard to speak in Spanish in class. Well done and continue your fantastic effort! |
| Shane Slattery Nial Culley Richard Uwagboe | | Miss Johnson | For all their help in the library before school, during break time and at lunch last week. They have been little stars! |
| Owens Rehbaum | 10S | Mr Dhingra | For making a huge improvement over the last two weeks. Owens has taken pride in his work and done his best. |
| Bradley McMahon | 8F | Mr Allen | Big improvement in his attitude to learning. |
| Rhonan Crotty | 9F | Miss | An excellent attitude to Maths this week, and |

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| | | O'Connor | helping others in class. |
| Chelsea Reeves | 10W | Miss Johnes | For always working hard and doing her best in every Maths lesson. |
| David Shanahan Joshua Peralta Callum Brookes | 10 | Mr Matthews | For superb progression and attitude to learning in outwitting opponents (Rugby). |
| Alice Ringanayi | 9Y | Miss Edwards | For overcoming her fears and presenting information verbally to the class. |
| Imran Miah | 10W | Mrs Ager | Sterling work for whole-class GCSE revision notes. |
| Charlie Bath Jonathan Carless Ilana Taylor Josh Nicholson | 8S | Mr Flynn | For excellent effort in History |
| Liam Matthews Paige Barton Laura Scully Kane Murphy Abigail Hancox | 8C | | For good work in History |
| Megan Battenbough Anopaishe Johwa James Clark Demi Capnerhurst Victoria-Jade Beard | 7W | | For excellent effort in History |
| Pricilla Owusu | 8A | Miss Nuttall | For great contribution in discussions, and development of knowledge in activity area. |
| Jade Masefield | 8A | | For continued positive attitude within PE, and great contribution in group and paired discussions |
| Alexandra Zurowska | 10A | | For great enthusiasm and development of independent learning. |
| Kaytlyn Parkhill | 8C | From the RE department. Mr Vince, Miss Crown, Mrs Jinks and Mr Mulcrow. | For an outstanding homework project. |
| Joshua Adegoke | 8W | | For an outstanding homework project |
| Chelsea Leigh | 8W | | For a positive attitude towards learning |
| Amy Bennett | 7C | | For a positive attitude towards learning. |
| Thomas McDonald | 8F | | For being sure a pleasure to teach. |
| Chloe Purcell Alisha McLynn | 9S | | For always working hard. |