



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of term arrangements

On Friday 20th December, **school will be closing at 12.00pm**. Please ensure that suitable arrangements are made for your child to get home.

Wiseman Day

There will be a Wiseman Day held on Thursday 19th December for all students. A wide range of activities will be taking place for the different year groups. The themes for this day are as follows:

- Year 7 - Democracy Day
- Year 8 - Bonding Day
- Year 9 - Outdoor Adventure (at Acker's)
- Year 10 - Careers
- Year 11 - Intervention in GCSE subjects

We hope all students have a fantastic time on this day in the lead up to the Christmas Holidays.

Mr Swanwick

Please note that attendance to school on this day is not only very important, but compulsory. Any absence will be unauthorised, as always, unless medical evidence is provided.

How safe is your home?

Crime is falling across this area but Christmas is a prime time for burglars. We have experienced a number of burglaries whereby offenders have climbed onto a flat roof then gained access to property via an insecure window.

- If you are going out at night, make sure you leave a light on, activate your burglar alarm, close your curtains and securely lock all your windows and doors.
- Make sure valuables can't be seen from the street.
- Prevent access to flat roofs with crime prevention aids such as anti-climbing paint and fence spikes.
- If you're going away over the festive period ask a friend or relative to take in your post, close your curtains at night and leave a light on.
- Take the opportunity now to property-mark all valuables and register them on www.immobilise.com

Have a safe and happy Christmas!

Regards

[Birmingham West & Central Local Policing Unit](#)

Monitoring of Cardinal Wiseman

Her Majesty's Inspector, Brian Cartwright (National Lead, Science) visited Cardinal Wiseman in November. During his visit he focused on both the Science Department and the Governing Body. Below are a few of the points that I would like to share with you that he made in his concluding letter:

Governing body meeting

This covered the planned agenda thoroughly, for the most part, and benefitted from knowledgeable clerking. The accompanying paperwork was comprehensive, allowing governors to prepare sufficiently in advance.

I note the substantial work already in place for teacher professional development that has good short-term objectives linked to improving teaching quality, and clear separation between training and performance management.

Work in science

In science I was impressed by the growing volume, and quality, of pupils' extended written responses to questions and research tasks, that indicate successful development of wider whole-school literacy policy. Science work was consistently marked well, with good developmental advice to pupils that led, in many cases, to good responses by pupils. In every class, the polite demeanour of pupils and their willingness to engage in learning made a strong contribution to their progress. Teachers should trust their own good 'lesson awareness' sense and allow pupils to complete tasks, make sure concrete examples of the science being taught are physically to hand, and ensure plenty of opportunity for pupils to develop practical skills.

Once again it has been re-assuring to read such good news. As a school, we are very much aware about what we need to do to improve and we will continue to develop and improve ourselves to enable us all to provide the best possible education for our pupils.

Joint Advent Services with Maryvale

At the time of writing this letter, students from years 2 to 5 from Maryvale Catholic Primary School are busy rehearsing with our students and staff in the school hall for a joint Advent Service. The singing coming from the hall sounds beautiful and the hall looks highly festive. I am sure that it is going to be a great event. I will let you know more next week.

Maryvale Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who brought things in for us to sell at the Christmas bazaar on Friday night last week. It was a great evening but also a very busy evening. We raised £260.61p for the church. Well done to all who contributed, helped out and attended the event.

Ben Neville (Lay Chaplain)

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson



STAR OF THE WEEK!

Francene Brennan (year 7) for her excellent effort and attitude and for being one of the best swimmers in the year.

Nominated by Miss Nuttall.



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Student	Class	Staff	Reason
Stanley Fraser	8W	Mr Beckett	Composing a catchy melody on the keyboard in his music assessment.
Reagan McKenna	8W		Composing a superb vocal melody and singing with great style in his music assessment.
Hakim Mckenzie	10	Mr Matthews	For doing a piece of work that is higher than his own target level consistently. Keep up the great work Hakim
Chloe Purcell	9S	Mr Dhingra	Chloe conducts herself with maturity and always puts genuine effort into her work. When she is stuck she politely asks for help and listens carefully in lessons. Chloe is an excellent hard working student. If she continues to do her best she will go on to do very well.
Callum Tooze Kyle Shepherd Connah Ward	11S	Mrs Poxon	For excellent effort and attitude in maths.
Ellie Russell Joshua Brookes	7Y	Mr Allison	They came to the first ever Science Club held last Thursday after school and had a super time.
Kayleigh Blair Elouise Somerton Decklan Prosser Chloe Darby Joshua Clougher	7C	Miss Kelly	Putting 100% effort into every piece of work.
Kane Murphy Jason Cullen	8C		Very impressive descriptive work
Shannon Ensor	9W		For putting a huge effort into a brilliant Gothic short story.
Natalia Brown	10C		Very sophisticated creative writing
The whole class	8C	Mr Flynn	For excellent and work during an assessment.
Jordan Booker	8	Mr Neville	For all his hard work with the carol service.
Ellie Crockett Mary Delaney Caitlin Carpenter Callum Nally	11	Miss Hurley	For representing the school and taking part in the Carol Service. Well done and thank you for your time and commitment.
Catherine Lillie Weronika Wojcik	7Y	Miss Grattidge	Helping with the joint carol service with Maryvale, welcoming guests and representing the school.
Abigail Whyke	7C		Excellent reading in the joint Carol service with Maryvale and commitment to rehearsals.
Thomas Lafferty Kwame Oteng-Adusei	9C	Miss Clayton	For their contribution to the Christmas Carol Service. Great job both of you!