



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

School life is always hectic, but this term has been particularly hectic with the Section 48 RE inspection, the visit from HMI Brian Cartwright and our own internal inspection. As stated in previous letters, we are so pleased that all of these reports have stated that we are improving the quality of education that your child receives.

This term we have forged stronger links with our local feeder primary schools, entered the Catholic Partnership Maths Challenge, held numerous pupil-led assemblies, successfully recruited students from all years in Debate Mate, held competitions for creative writing, cake decorating and designing Christmas cards and organised a range of events for the local community. Our students have been involved in joint Drama sessions with pupils from Bishop Walsh Catholic School as well as performing at the Catholic Partnership Music Concert. Rehearsals for the school production in February are well under way. We have had sporting success in football and karate and we have more prefects than we have ever had before. The school council have contributed to a new school prospectus, a new website and the school building looks better than ever with new displays. This is the perfect opportunity to thank Mr Meally and the site team who work tirelessly to ensure that the school environment is so good. One of the things that visitors to CW always comment on is the quality of the environment.

### Awards Assemblies

Assemblies this week were all about celebrating and rewarding students who have achieved really well and students who have had an outstanding attitude to learning this term. Over 400 awards were given out across the school. Instead of having the usual 'Stars of the Week' section in the Friday letter, many of the students mentioned below are

### 'Autumn Term Stars'

#### Chaplaincy Team Awards

These awards were given to students who have shown great dedication and commitment throughout this term. They were nominated by their Lay Chaplain.

Year 7 - Jordan McKenzie, Aaliyah Edwards,  
Weronika Wojcik & Anopaishe Johwa.

Year 8 - Jordan Booker, Lucy Burbridge & Casey Prosser.

Year 9 - Thomas Lafferty, Luke Whitmore & Kwame Otewng-Adusei.

Year 10 - Bethany Mallett, Joshua Peralta & Matthew Jeffries.

Year 11 - Sisa Mhlope, Mary Delaney & Ellie Crockett.

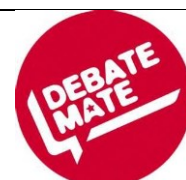


#### Debate Mate Awards

Nominated by Miss Crown

Most articulate debater – Chloe Cusack (Year 11)

Most improved debater – Mary Dosumu (Year 9)



## Head of Year Awards

Head of Year Awards - Year 7 Nominated by Dr. Beavan		
Class	Award of excellence	Special commendation award
C	Amy Bennett	James Lawler
W	Rebeca Karaliunaite	Chad Bushell
S	Oliwia Bednarek	Chase Edwards
Y	Hubertas Varanauskas	Ariann Rose

Head of Year Awards – Years 8 and 9 Nominated by Mrs. Poxon			
Year 8		Year 9	
Booker, Jordan	8S	Ringanayi, Alice	9Y
Matthews, Liam	8C	Whitmore, Luke	9W
Tonks, Luke	8F	Purcell, Chloe	9S
Banner, Emily	8Y	Mieczynska, Natalie	9F
Morris, Lucy	8W	Nguyen, Hieu	9C

Head of Year Awards - Year 10 Nominated by Mrs. Smith	
Jordan Hall, Bethany Mallett, Shanelle Paul, Charlotte Pearsall, Megan Pearsall, Kristal Ramdeen, Natalia Brown, Katie McDonald, Savannah Nesbitt, Kajal Patel and Chelsea Reeves	

Head of Year Awards - Year 11 Nominated by Mrs. Smith	
Joseph Barton, Luke Studley, Mary Delaney, John Mebrehtu, Emily O’Flaherty, Rebecca McCormack, Maattii Abebe and Gage Bowen	

One of the highlights from all of the assemblies were the musical performances. Sabian Lions are a drumming ensemble of students consisting of Samuel Dosumu (Year 11) Emmanuel Galloway (Year 10), Prince N’Guessan (Year 8) and Perry Lindo (Year 7). They performed to all year groups. Their exceptional level of control, coordination and technique alongside their musicianship and high level of performance was inspirational. Priscilla in year 8 performed a solo keyboard performance, Roskana in year 11 played a viola solo by J.S. Bach, Emma Hood in year 11 sang a beautiful and haunting version of Skinny Love by Birdy and Matthew Jeffries and Joshua Peralta in year 10 both performed an electric guitar solo.

### Key Stage 3 Home Learning Awards

Congratulations to the following students for winning a Home Learning Award.

Year	Subject	Students
8	Science	Kaytlyn Parkhill, Emily Hastings, Jordan Booker, Charlie Sheppard, Paris Murphy, Jason Cullen, Priscilla Owusu, Yonatan Tiruneh, Tylone Nzoloni and Jack Whitehurst.
7	PE	Amy Bennett and Caleb Day

I would like to remind parents of students in year 7 that their children should be working on their Music Home Learning Project over the Christmas break and students in year 8 should be working on their D+T project. These projects are to be handed in during the first week back after the Christmas break.

### **Christmas Card Competition**

Well done to all of the students who entered the Christmas Card Competition which was organised by Mrs Smith (Art teacher). The winning entry has been printed and delivered by students from the year 9 Chaplaincy Team to residents who live on Old Oscott Hill and Atlantic Road and school governors as a gesture of goodwill.  
The students below won a selection of art projects.

Winner – Kajal Patel (year 10)  
Runners up – Areej Bibi (year 9) and Jessica Powell (year 8)

### **Christmas Cake Competition**

The winners of the Christmas Cake Competition were Danielle Birch (year 11) for her contemporary design and Daisy Aigbe (year 9) for being so highly creative. I'm sure you'll agree that with cupcakes for a stable and marshmallows as a manger, it doesn't get sweeter than that!



### **Christmas Hamper**

The competition for the Christmas hamper for the student with 100% attendance for this term was won by the Savage family, they were picked from the hat this week and in fact all 3 of the Savage children have 100% attendance!!!!  
Well done to the Savage family, keep it up.



### **VIP Christmas Party**


On Tuesday afternoon, students and staff from Cardinal Wiseman provided local senior citizens with a wonderful VIP Christmas Party at the Maryvale Centre. I would like to thank them all for being such great ambassadors for the school. Lucy Hurley has asked me to mention the following students in particular for their hard work: Anopaishe Johwa (7W), Jordan Booker (8S), Thomas Lafferty (9C), Bethany Mallett(10C) and Ellie Crockett (11Y).

### **Joint Advent Service with Maryvale Catholic Primary School**

Last Thursday, pupils and staff from CW joined with parents, pupils and staff from Maryvale in two joint Advent Services which were held in our school hall. It really felt like the start of Christmas hearing the beautiful voices of pupils from years 3-6 singing alongside our own students and the congregation. They sang a range of Christmas music as well as doing readings and prayers with the help of our own students. In particular, I would like to commend both Thomas Lafferty (year 9) and Agigail Whyke (year 7) for performing complex and long monologues as Mary and Joseph. Their confidence and expression really shone through. Well done and thank to everyone involved in such a wonderful festive event.

At the time of writing this, our pupils are currently working hard on preparing for our own

Advent Services on the last day of term which I am sure will be fantastic.

Dates for your diary	
Term starts – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	
Teacher training day – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2014. Only students in year 11 will be expected to attend school on this day.	
Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 On this evening parents will be invited to attend an information session about revision, careers and next steps – more details will follow after the break.	

### New Timetables

All students will be given new timetables when they return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.  
Students need to go to the following rooms at the beginning of period 1.

Year 7				Year 8			
7S MA	ABA	Mathematics	36	8S EN	LHE	English	15
7Y EN	DKE	English	Library	8F EN	JAL	English	19
7C HI	CFL	History	4	8DT A1	CP	D+T	Art & Graphics 29
7W ICT	MCu	IT	ICT Room 10	8DT A4	ESM	D+T	D&T 1
7F DRA	AKE	Drama	Emmaus Centre	8Y GE	LBE	Geography	5
				8DT A3	SS	D+T	Textiles
Year 9				Year 10			
9C RE	SCR	RE	6	10PE B1	WHK	PE	PE Area
9S MA	SOC	Mathematics	34	10PE B2	JMA	PE	PE Area
9F MA	SPO	Mathematics	38	10PE B3	ENU	PE	PE Area
9Y MA	VK	Mathematics	33				
9W RE	GMU	RE	3				
Year 11							
11S EN	LCR	English	13	11W1 SC	CGA	Science	Science Lab 22
11C SC	HGA	Science	Science Lab 21	11W2 SC	LM	Science	Science Lab 20
11Y RE	OJI	RE	2	11F I-SC	DAL	Science	Science Lab 23