



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 GCSE History Workshop

On Tuesday 25th February a group of Year 11 GCSE History students visited the Crescent Theatre in Birmingham to attend a revision workshop on exam technique and then watch a performance called 'Hitler on Trial'. During the show the audience had to vote on whether or not they thought Adolf Hitler was responsible for the start of World War Two, and although it was a close call, the audience interestingly voted NO! The group of 11 History students were exemplary throughout, and a credit to Cardinal Wiseman.

Miss Edwards - Head of Humanities

Student Report by Courtney Baigent, Rayne Gordon & Roksana Tabin

On Tuesday, 14 historians from our school went to Crescent Theatre to watch 'Hitler on Trial'. This included a very useful revision workshop in which we analyzed exam questions and answers and learnt some helpful tips that will aid us with our exams. After a short interval, we watched a play of Hitler being put on trial where a variety of witnesses were questioned about Hitler's involvement in the war. Some witnesses included Gustav Stresemann, Joseph Stalin and a 'Mexican sounding' Mussolini! Acting as the jury, we were surprised when Hitler was found innocent of causing the war. However, everyone was very pleased at the end of the play as he was unexpectedly shot by one of the witnesses a few minutes after being released!

KS4 Catholic Partnership Debating Competition

Student Report by Chloe Cusack

Earlier this month, I visited St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School with Kale Day, Mary Delaney and Daniel Sarpong to take part in the annual Catholic Partnership Debate Competition for Years 10 and 11. The topic of the debate was 'The Greatest Fictional Villain' and everyone had to speak for three minutes justifying why their villain was the greatest. Each school had a team of four students. One to speak and three others to help plan and come up with ideas on what to say. The other schools were very skilled at debating which made things for me as our schools speaker a bit scary at the start. After planning and talking through what I was going to say with my team, I spoke about Dr Doofenshmirtz and managed to get some brilliant reactions for my use of techniques, my use of voice and our prop - we dressed Kale up as our villain and even gave him a garden gnome! Overall, speaking in front of other debaters has boosted my confidence a lot and debating is something I will probably take with me when I leave Cardinal Wiseman. I'm glad I got the chance to represent the school & do as well as I did.



Digital Leaders Logo Competition

If you have a passion for Technology, Gaming, (Building or playing, Minecraft, Flappy birds etc) Software, Hardware (Building computers), Applications (Apps) Social Media, graphics and Microsoft applications then the ICT department want to know about it.

COMPETITION DESIGN BRIEF

Required: An innovative logo design for the Digital Leader School Network.

Age range: It is a Digital Leader competition, therefore appropriate for students from Reception to Y13

Expectations: The logo must be your own work . Colours can be used, but the design should be simple and effective. It is envisaged that the logo could be used anywhere, for example:

- Twitter
- T-shirts
- Badges
- Mugs
- Website
- Documents



For more information see or E-Mail Mr. Cullen. mcullen@cardinalwiseman.net

Closing date: 6th March 2014

Use the two examples above as a guide.

Knife Surrender Campaign

As you may be aware, Birmingham's latest push to drive down knife crime was launched earlier this month with a knife surrender campaign.

The surrender was called for by local people including young people who attended the Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Summit in Birmingham in December last year and pledged their support for the surrender.

Members of the community and officers have been working with the London based Christian charity Word 4 Weapons to organise the placement of the bins.

A total of three knife disposal bins have now been installed across the city and there are plans for more in the near future. The first three can be found at:

- New Testament Church Of God, New Spring Street, Hockley
- New Testament Church Of God, 240-244 Lozells Road, Lozells
- New Testament Church of God, Goosemore Lane, Erdington

A knife surrender differs from a knife amnesty in that there is no temporary suspension of laws against carrying a life while the surrender is in place and there is no fixed duration for the initiative.

We are not encouraging people to carry weapons on the streets to place weapons in the surrender bins. The most effective way to get rid of a knife remains disposing of it in a bin at home. The knife surrender bins will

simply provide an additional place for knives to be disposed of safely.

Anyone with information on those carrying a knife should call police on 101. People who do not want to speak to officers directly can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Regards

Birmingham West & Central Local Policing Unit

West Midlands Police

Parent View – tell us what you think about Cardinal Wiseman

As a school, we are always keen to know the views of our parents/carers and students. Later on this term we will be asking all students in the school to complete a detailed questionnaire about many aspects of the school.

I urge you to take 5 minutes of your time to fill in the online parents' questionnaire that Ofsted use as part of their evidence to make their judgments about the school. It is a simple set of 12 questions which you need to grade.

The 12 questions for parents are:

1. My child is happy at this school
2. My child feels safe at this school
3. My child makes good progress at this school
4. My child is well looked after at this school
5. My child is taught well at this school
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved
8. This school deals effectively with bullying
9. This school is well led and managed
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?

It's quick. It's easy. It's time to log on!


Parent View is the main route for parents and carers to give their views to Ofsted during a school inspection and at any time of the year. It also offers a simple way for those who lead and manage schools to find out what parents think of the school. Please go to the following website to follow to give us your important views:

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Year 8 Exam Week - Week beginning 24 th Feb	
Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 6 th March – 4.30 to 7.00pm.	
Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 5 th March	



STAR OF THE WEEK!

Gage Bowen (year 11)

for an improved attitude to revision and organisation.

Nominated by Dr Beavan



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Student	Class	Staff	Reason
Courtney Baigent Paige Bennett Hani Mario John Mebrehtu James Price Maatii Abebe Demi Dolan Samuel Dosumu Cameron Finlan Rayne Gordon Taylor Richards- Moss George Patterson Dannii Wilkinson Adam Patrick Emma Murphy	11 History	Miss Edwards	Met or exceeded their Challenge Grade for a test they did on Monday! Well done!
Adam Patrick Maatii Abebe Kale Day Cameron Finlan Gage Bowen	11W	Miss Edwards	For outstanding results on their recent English test!
Aaron Harris	9Y	Miss Edwards	An excellent piece of work on Macbeth
Mudaser Latifi Nial Culley	8Y	Miss Edwards	Showing dedication to their studies and completing their Home Learning Projects a week early.
Shaughn Cooksey	9W	Miss E Smith	Commitment to catching up in Resistant Materials, consistent hard work and supporting other pupils.
Jack Sheppard	11Y	Miss Hennessy	For excellent contribution to his English lessons and for producing work above his target grade!
Jordan Booker Amy Horne Hayley Arkley	8S	Miss Hennessy	For consistently being well behaved, considerate and kind in English lessons.
Christina Swoffer Kurtis Brooks	10Y	Mr Allen	Consistently superb effort with difficult poetry analyses.

Courtney Harris	8F	Mr Allen	Improved quality of class work in English.
Jay Keen Alisha McLynn	9S	Mr Allen	Consistently high quality of work on Shakespeare.
Reece Henderson Kirsty Allen	7C	Miss Crown	Massive improvements noted in behaviour and effort! Keep it up.
Aaron Harris Karla Davis Alice Ringanayi Leah Markland Coran Allen Arron Ward	9Y	Miss Crown	For getting on or above target in your latest Marriage and family assessment! Excellent!
Sophie Parkes	11S	Miss Crown	For getting a B for the first ever time! Keep up this excellent progress and revision Soph.
Tania Mfumba	8W	Mrs Ager	Excellent quality of class work in English lessons.
Anopaishe Johwa Lois Owusu Jake French Zahlema Douglas-Wright	7W	Mr Crawford	Excellent debating
Kwasi Beckford	11F	Mr Vince	For consistently good work in RE! Well Done!
Millie Grigg Mina Vanu Christian Lukoki	9W	Mr Mulcrow	Outstanding RE assessment result
Courtney Hadley	7S	Miss McNamara	She had made a real effort this week and deserves to be praised in Maths.
Chloe Darby Janun Alley Kayleigh Blair Bethany Harper Decklan Prosser	7S	Mr Badmos	Excellent progress in lesson
Cameron Nally	10 opt 1	Dr Beavan	Superb engagement in matters concerning urban regeneration! Bravo!
Dylan Tranter Callum Swadling Nial Culley	8Y	Mr Flynn	Improved effort and attitude during the reading sessions. You have been outstanding, keep going!
Josh Clougher Louis Prom	8Y	Mr Flynn	Excellent effort and work during presentation work.
Arnold Benson-Ezeh Nicole Cullen Caleb Day Chloe Dixon Chloe-Louise			

Hinchley Amilcar Khalil Lina Koubli James Lawler Connie Luong Joshua Macmillan Riley Mallin Evie Millerchip Sam Molloy Lewis Pettitt Reace Savage Ryan Whatley Liam White Abigail Whyke D'Andr De Costa Rebeca Karaliunaite Lucy Keegan Reece Seager	7A4 - DT	Miss Smith	Excellent instructional videos, very informative, and confidently delivered.
Brandon Ward Simon Harper George Patterson Daniel Sarpong Gage Bowen Kieran Clyne Cameron Finlan Adam Patrick	11a PE	Mr Matthews	For demonstrating a sound ability of leading passing techniques successfully, highlighting teaching points and assessing differentiated drills. Keep up the Good Work!
Connor Shepherd	9s	Mr Vince	For improved behaviour and effort in RE! Well done Connor
Lauren Taylor Lauren Westcarr- Stephenson Paige Barton Lee Bond	8W	Mr Badmos	Superb engagement in lesson