



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sixth Form News!

I would like to start with some fantastic news – we have been given official permission by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to open a sixth form! We are thrilled and delighted and will now begin the process of planning ahead of opening in September 2015. This is a huge step forward for our school and shows the high regard we are held in by the church and the local authority.

Our pupils have already been consulted on how they would like their sixth form to look and the sort of curriculum that we will offer. This will continue in the days ahead along with planning for a sixth form open evening in November. Parents of pupils in Year 11 are encouraged to discuss this with their children as they begin to consider what they want to do after Year 11.

Very Important Parents' Information Evening

Years 8-11 only
Tuesday 23rd September
7 to 8pm

As mentioned in last week's Friday letter, the leadership team are holding an additional parents evening next week. The purpose of the evening is to keep you informed about the changes that have taken place, including homework and to give you the opportunity to ask any important questions that you may have. It will comprise of a thirty minute presentation which will start at 7pm followed by a 'social' cheese and wine where you can chat to staff and get to know us a little better!

Open Evening

I would like to thank the many students and staff who helped out with our Open Evening on Tuesday night. The school was very busy with prospective pupils and their parents finding out about what a great school Cardinal Wiseman is. Well done and thank you to you all.

Bethany Mallett (Head Girl) and Matthew Jeffries (Head Boy) deserve a special mention. This week they have presented to parents and pupils at our local Catholic feeder schools as well as addressing the families at Open Evening about life as a pupil at CW. This was a major challenge for them both and they were a great credit to the school as noted by so many people.

Laser Pens

Laser pens are banned in school. According to numerous research documents, they can cause serious problems when used inappropriately. Any laser pen found in school will be confiscated and parents/carers will be required to come into school to collect them.


Calling all Singers and Instrumentalists

Monday sees the launch of the Cardinal Wiseman Area Band. Our woodwind and brass instrumentalists will be working after school with similar instrumentalists from other local schools to create an area band. Under the guidance of our instrumental teachers Mr Birnie and Ms Skinner it promises to be an exciting rehearsal and a great chance for our students to perform as part of a larger group. Our brass and woodwind students already know they have to attend but anyone else interested in joining them should see Mr Gardner for information. Watch this space for details of their progress and performances.

On Tuesday we are launching our new singing lessons and school choir in the first rehearsal of the year. We are really pleased to announce we are working this year with Ms Cooper who many of our students will know from her choirs at St Margaret Mary and Christ the King.





The session will be taking place in the music room (41) at 3:10 until 4:10 and is open to students from all year groups. Mr Gardner, Mr Beckett and Ms Cooper look forward to seeing and most importantly hearing you there.

Dates for your diary	
Year 11 Test Week – Week beginning 15 th September.	
Parent/Carer Information Evening Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 – Tuesday 23 rd September 7-8pm Leadership Team Presentation starts at 7pm	

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

	STAR OF THE WEEK! Bethany Mallett and Matthew Jeffries for presenting so well to prospective parents and pupils. Nominated by Mrs. Stewardson and Mr. Beckett	
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Pupil name	Class	Teacher	Reason
Declan Slack	Year 7	Miss Nuttall	For being a gentleman and holding the doors open for me on several occasions. He has shown immense kindness in offering to help me when seeing me around school. Thank you Declan.
Brandon Cole	11	Miss Short	Supporting other students and helping me get things sorted for him
Olivia Mooney	11	Mr Swanwick	Being a good role model
La Shaun Chrisite	10	Miss E Edwards	For the excellent start he has made to GCSE History.
Victoria-Jade Beard Amy Bennett J'nai Clarke Caleb Day	8E1	Miss Hennessy	For creating excellent pieces of free writing during their English assessment week

Jamal Gittens Ellie Mason Anopaishe Johwa Lina Koubli			
Kerryann Brannigan Lauren Chancellor	10S	Miss Hennessy	For helping out at Open Evening in a very mature manner within the English Department
Rhonan Crotty Dimitri Douglas La Shaun Christie Sadie Clark Matthew Hegney Connor Shepherd Robin Aka-Onyeukwu	10S	Miss Hennessy	For always volunteering to read aloud in lessons and for doing so with fluency and poise.
James Clark	10 Bosco	Miss Hennessy	For having an improved attitude and making mature decisions during DEAR.
Yves Moro Zahouo Yonaton Tirunch Jordan Booker Morgan Wiggins Chelsea Beet Charlie Bath Leah Martindale Elle-May Lunnon Konnie Slattery	9S	Miss Easthope	For consistently working hard in class and being helpful.
Ryan Best Jordan Hall	11Medi a	Miss Easthope	For an outstanding result in their Teacher Assessment.
10opt 2 Geography	10	Mrs Biddle	For a consistent and mature approach to learning.
Owens Rehbaum	11S2	Mr Mulcrow	Submission of excellent homework related to asses
Brenna Somerton	10 RM4	Miss E Smith	Improvement in attitude and excellent design ideas
Weronika Wojcik Thomas Lafferty Grace O'Hanlon Lucy Burbidge Richard Uwagboe Norris Okeke Abigail Whyke Zahlemah Douglas-Wright Tyesha Richards	8 10 10 9 9 10 8 8 8	Lucy Hurley Ben Neville Amy Grattidge	For being great ambassadors during Open Evening. Well done!!
Perry Lindo Jordan Booker	8 9	Mr Gardner	For their excellent musical performances during Open Evening.

Amy Brindely Faruz Coubadja-Toure Panashe Goremusande Thembekile Mhlope Adeola Shorinmade Mary Ann Swoffer Emmanuel Galloway Matthew Jeffries Joshua Peralta Haroldas Varanauskas	10 & 11		
Chloe Abraham	8E2	Miss Penn	For a fantastic piece of homework.
Daisy Savage Christina Swoffer Erin Cole Chloe White	11S-1	Mr Allen	Excellent contributions to discussions about spoken language.