



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good half term regardless of the weather. During the staff training session on Wednesday this week, we discussed the events that are taking place this term. It is certainly going to be a busy seven weeks to the end of the summer term. We have a visit from the Archbishop of Birmingham who is coming to bless our new chapel, an enrichment week for all students and an immersion week for year 10 students to focus on their coursework based subjects.

During a School Council meeting in February, one of the students said “Why do we help local primary schools run their Sports Day when we don’t have our own?” This is an excellent point that we have acted upon. It pleases immensely to know that the PE staff are going to organise a Sports Day before we break for the summer.

Loom Bands - banned

Loom bands are the latest craze that many of our pupils are into. These are bracelets that the children make from colourful elastic bands. Many of them are wearing them as jewellery and some students are flicking the bands around which has created a mess every day this week across the school. Therefore loom bands are banned from school.

Extreme Hair-dos - reminder

As stated in Edition 26 of the Friday Letter the school will not accept extreme hair-dos – e.g. mohicans, buzz cuts, tramlines (including eyebrows, unnatural colours or unnatural combinations of colours – e.g hair coloured half and half (pinks, blue, green!).

Library Ambassadors

Any pupils who would like to apply to be a Library Ambassador must write a letter of application outlining why they would like to be an ambassador including the qualities and skills they will bring to the job. Letters can be handwritten or typed. They must be handed in or emailed to Miss Garside or Mr Crawford by the close of school on Monday.

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Year 7 Parents’ Evening

I would like to apologise about the error in the last edition of the Friday Letter which stated that Year 7 Parents’ Evening will take place on 10th June. **The date it will take place is on 10th July.**

Year 9 Parents’ Evening

Below is an analysis of the questionnaires that were completed at the year 9 Parents’ Evening which took place on 22nd May. I have responded to the comments that were written and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire, providing the feedback we need to further improve the links between school and



Year 9 Parents' Questionnaire May 2014

Analysis and Head Teacher Response



No	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school	43%	43%	11%		3%
2	My child feels safe at this school	50%	50%			
3	My child makes good progress at this school	46.5%	46.5%	7%		
4	My child is well looked after at this school	50%	47%			3%
5	My child is taught well at this school	61%	36%	3%		
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	52%	33%	4%	7%	4%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	44%	48%	4%	7%	4%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	44%	30%	4%	4%	18%
9	This school is well led and managed	47%	47%	3%		3%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	52%	30%	7%	4%	7%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	50%	40%	7%		3%

No.	Question	Yes	No
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	88%	12%


No.	If you would like to comment on any of your answers, please write below and clearly indicate which question you are referring to.
	<p>➤ To be clear I just think from what my daughter tells me, the school seems to change teachers far too often which is a concern of mine. I think I need to come in and see the Head. Head Teacher response: Anyone with a concern should not hesitate to contact the school. We are a school that is going through a process of significant change which is highlighted in all of the positive inspections that we have recently had. This has resulted in some staff moving to another school. However, I am very confident about the quality of the staff that we have employed. Most importantly PLEASE DO CONTACT ME WHENEVER YOU HAVE A CONCERN – DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL PARENTS' EVENING</p> <p>➤ Behaviour outside the school isn't very good, often see pupils at the Kingstanding circle smoking and also fighting in the park. Head Teacher response: We are a very pro-active school in strategically allocating places for our staff to monitor our pupils at the end of the school day within the local community. This includes the entrance to the school, Old Oscott Hill, Atlantic Road and the bus stops on the Kingstanding Road. We also send staff to places if we receive any concerns from the community. Of course, there is only so much that anyone can expect from a school in terms of the behaviour of the pupils when they are not on the school site. We do address this by talking to pupils during assemblies.</p> <p>➤ I always recommend this school to other parents.</p> <p>➤ Pleased with the overall performance of the school as my daughter comes back home happy and she is equally happy to come to school for learning so a big thank you.</p> <p>➤ I am proud that my daughter comes to this school. I feel that we are kept well informed progress wise. Thank you for all your support. Head Teacher response: Thank you for taking the time to compliment the school. I am proud to be the Head Teacher at Cardinal Wiseman and I am proud of the staff, students and parents who work so hard to make a difference to the lives of the children we serve.</p>



Year 9 Parents' Evening Questionnaire Analysis and Head Teacher Response



No.	Question	Yes	No	Don't know
1	Do you feel that Parents' Evenings are arranged at times that allow you to attend?	96.5%	3.5%	
	<i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i> Maybe you could run a later session for parents who work late. Head teacher response: The times for our parents evening are set so that the majority of parents/carers can attend. However, I understand that they not be suitable for everyone with their work commitments. If you want to talk to somebody about your child, you can always contact their Head of Year and make an appointment to see them.			
2	Do you feel that you were given the opportunity to discuss the progress of your son/daughter?	100%		
	<i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>			
3	Following discussions with staff, do you feel able to support your child at home with their learning?	93%	3.5%	3.5%
	<i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>			
4	Do you feel that this evening was helpful and informative?	96.5%	3.5%	
	<i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>			
5	Do you feel that the education your child receives is at the right level? Has it enabled your child to make good progress?	93%		7%
	<i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>			
6	How would you rate the quality of education provided for your child whilst at Cardinal Wiseman?	Outstanding 45%	Good 48%	Requires Improvement 7% Unsatisfactory
	<i>Comment:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More homework needs to be given out. Need more work at home. Her homework is always done in 15mins or less. They should be given homework for them to reflect on what they were taught in school. Head teacher response: The leadership team in the school is aware of this issue. This is a big priority for the school and we are addressing it this term with all staff during our CPD sessions. You can expect to see a significant change in September. My child needs improvement and the school is doing everything it can. Since moving here from another local school, my child's grades have improved and so has his attitude to school. Thank you. More than happy with the progress that my child is making. Thank you. The quality of the education is outstanding so my child should get her head down to work. Very pleased with my child's progress at this school. Head teacher response: As always, we appreciate your kind words. We strive to develop the whole child so that they are prepared for their next steps. The general performance of the school is satisfactory 			

Dates for your diary	
Week beginning 16 th June – Year 8 Test and Moderation Week	
26 th June – Archbishop visit to Bless the Chapel	
Tuesday 1 st July – Induction Evening for parents of students in year 6	
Wed 2 nd July – Inudction Day for students in year 6. Please note that year 7 students will not be in school on this day.	
Friday 4 th July - Year 11 Prom	
Thursday 10 th July 4.30 to 7.00pm – Year 7 Parents' Evening	

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

	<p>STAR OF THE WEEK!</p> <p>Shanelle Paul (10C)</p> <p>for an outstanding homework essay. Nominated by Miss Kelly</p>	
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Jack Steele Mitchell Ryder	9C	Mr Crawford	For writing an excellent culture poem that incorporated several poetic techniques
Rodrigo Lopes Priya McLean	8F	Mr Allen	Big improvement in attitude to learning
Chloe Purcell Mille Grigg Kayleigh Bailey	Year 9 History	Miss E Edwards	All 3 girls are very modest but work hard every single lesson.
Berket Mario	Year 9 History	Miss E Edwards	Berket gave an excellent oral answer to a very difficult question in class.
Luke Halliday Chase Goodwin David Aigbe Reece Seager D'Andre De Costa Chloe Abraham	7W	Miss Easthope	For overcoming their fears and completing a Speaking and Listening assessment superbly!
Anthony Sheehan Bethany Parkes Daisy Savage Erin Cole Arren Gorman Khi Dennis Jamie Capnerhurst	Reading	Mr Matthews	For consistent good behaviour and application to reading. Keep up the good work!
Radarnae De Costa Stanley Fraser Tania Conde-Mfuamba	8W	Miss Easthope	For producing excellent pieces of creative writing and improving their grades in their English Teacher Assessments.

Lucy Morris Chelsea-Leigh Rogers			
7A PE	Year 7 Core PE	Mr. Matthews	For another superb lesson of athletics. Students really enjoyed and developed their own knowledge of Long Jump! Well Done!
Kevin Dyksinski	7Y	Mrs Henman	For translating and showing kindness to a new pupil in class who had hurt themselves.
Class	10S2	Mr Mulcrow	For vastly improved outcomes in their most recent assessment.
Brenna Somerton	9RM	Miss E Smith	Exceptional isometric and oblique drawing practice.
Dontay Maragh, Josh Clougher, Hubertas Varanauskas	7Y	Mrs Henman	Excellent attitude and hard work during assessment lesson.
Suraj Kandel Joshua McMillan	7C	Mrs Garewal	Congratulations for doing well in the Year 7 Science exam and achieving a level 6b.
Lina Koubli Nicole Cullen	7C	Mrs Garewal	Congratulations for doing well in the Year 7 Science exam and achieving a level 6a.
Clark Tsaty	8C	Miss Kelly	Showing a huge improvement in his attitude to learning in both English and DEAR
Georgia Williams	8C	Miss Kelly	A real improvement in her attitude to learning
Stanley Fraser	8W	Mr Beckett	Making excellent progress in Music and performing his work to the rest of the class.
Amy Brindley Mary Dosumu Jake Fumarola Bly Garrett Connor Greaney Thomas Lafferty Maurice Nesbeth Hieu Nguyen Kwame Oteng-Adusei Kane Prigg Mitchell Ryder Jack Steele Mary Swoffer Luke Whitmore	9C	Miss Monk	Achieving A* on the end of Physics 1 unit exam