



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you have been watching the news this week you have heard that a group of cross-party committee MPs have written a report stating that schools need to have longer days and provide opportunities for pupils to do their homework at school. This was in the news on Wednesday. During my assemblies on Monday and Tuesday this week, I told pupils that we were going to extend the school on Wednesdays and Fridays so that it was the same as it is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. This was a decision made by the Senior Leadership Team many weeks ago.

To be expected, many students were initially not pleased about this, but after some explanation about the reasons behind why we are doing this many of our pupils understand why we are extending the day. We have seen a rapid and positive change at Cardinal Wiseman and this is another big step aimed to raise the life chances of the pupils who we serve. An additional two lessons per week equates to nearly 400 lessons over the course of 5 years which is about an approximately 66 more days of education. Therefore, from September 2014, the school day will finish at 3.10pm on every day.

After the assembly the pupils picked out this quotation which struck many of them as being important

*It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present.*

*And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg.*

*We must be hatched or go bad.*

*C. S. Lewis*

In Edition 33 of the Friday Letter, I informed parents about significant changes to homework. We are planning for September on setting up homework support sessions which will take place after school for those students who struggle or fail to complete their home work at home.

## Courageous Chloe!

If you read the Birmingham Mail last week you will have seen that they reported the inspiring story that we covered in the Friday Letter week. As a school we are very proud that one of our students, Chloe McGann in Year 11 saved a man's life. We presented Chloe with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



## Star Reading Tests

With the accelerated reading programme that we started in January we have seen many students reading ages increase significantly. During the week of 30th June all pupils will be completing their 3rd STAR reading test where we anticipate seeing a further increase in their reading ages. Please encourage your child by asking them about the books they are reading.

## Induction Day


On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we have our Induction Day where the year 6 students who are joining us in September will be in school. Therefore, students in years 7 and 9 will not be in school with the exception of those year 7 students who are going to Cadbury World.

I would like to finish off by congratulating Mrs Morgan who has been appointed as an Enrichment Coordinator. Mrs Morgan inspired the leadership team with her presentation about her vision for enrichment activities. These activities are going to provide our pupils with so many other opportunities to develop a range of skills and talents.

Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
26 <sup>th</sup> June – Archishop’s visit to bless the Chapel	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Induction Evening for parents of students in Year 6	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Induction Day for students in Year 6. Please note that Year 7 and 9 students will not be in school on this day. However, some students from Year 7 will be attending a trip to Cadbury World.	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July - Year 11 Prom	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Non-uniform day. Fundraising for the VIPs party.	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 4.30 to 7.00pm – Year 7 Parents’ Evening	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 5- 6.30 –Year 9 & 10 Parents’ Information Evening	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Non-uniform day.	



## STAR OF THE WEEK!

Billy Booth (9S) for an improved attitude and excellent contribution in mathematical discussions. Nominated by Miss O'Connor



Pupil	Class	Teacher	Reason
Bethany Smith Chloe Purcell	9S	Miss O'Connor	Consistently excellent attitude in Mathematics
Panashe Goremusandu	9W	Ms Stridgen	Excellent research and homework in RE
Louis Prom	7Y	Ms Stridgen	Excellent team work in RE
Joshua Clougher	7Y	Ms Stridgen	Excellent team work in RE
Billy Smith	10opt2	Miss Mcinerney	Well done on improving your grade on your recent end of unit assessment
Bonnie Carter	8W	Miss	Well done on achieving or exceeding your target grade in

Regan McKenna Carrie Palmer Chelsea Leigh Rogers Lauren Taylor Priscilla Owusu Lee Bond Hannah Hall Lauren McCracken Rianne Smith Tania Conde Mfuamba Prince N'Guessan Radarnae DeCosta Lucy Morris		Mcinerney	your end of unit assessment on coasts.
Joshua Clougher Dontay Maragh Ramell Talbot Hubertas Varanauskas	7Y	Miss Kharod	Sustained good effort and work in Science lessons
Jordan Booker Amy Horne Elle-May Lunnon Jaquan Richard Yves-Moro Zahouo	8S	Miss Kharod	Good attitude to learning and improved Science test levels
Megan Pearsall; Molly Gallagher Connor Coley	Year 10 History	Miss E Edwards	For the excellent work they completed during our History catch up day on Monday. All students worked really hard and remained focused throughout.
Cortney Jarvis	Year 10 History	Miss E Edwards	For always putting 100% effort into her classwork. Cortney is a pleasure to teach.
Pawel Owozdz Ignacy Krokos	Year 7 Textiles	Mrs Saveker	For excellent use of the sewing machine. Pawel has used the sewing machine with tremendous skill.
Henok Tesfay-Gaym Brad Malone	8Y	Mrs Smith	Excellent drawing skill and creativity during World Cup Poster activity. Well done!
Morgan Bell Shanelle Smith Anthony Sheehan Harry Kirby Daisy Savage Owens Rehbaum Molly Gallagher Haroldas Varanauskas Tommy Crockett Chloe White Khi Dennis	10S2	Mr Badmos	Excellent start to the new year 10 group, demonstrating good behaviour for learning. Keep it up.