



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week at Cardinal Wiseman as you will see from the number of reports this week.

Yesterday the Archbishop of Birmingham visited the school to bless our new chapel. The event just showed everyone how amazing our students are and how dedicated the staff are to the school. The sheer number of people involved was truly impressive. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Stridgen and Lucy Hurley for organising the event and Mr Mulcrow for overseeing everything. I know that Mrs Stridgen will be writing a full report about the great event in preparation for next week's Friday Letter.

### Cardinal Wiseman Debate Mate Team Questions MPs at Westminster



Miss Kelly, Mr Stokes and I took our Debate Mate team to Westminster on Wednesday and it was absolutely inspirational! It was a question and answer session where pupils were given an opportunity to listen and ask MP's questions linked to poverty in the UK. We were one of only 10 schools in the whole country (2 of which were private) who were invited after winning a national competition for schools.

Just to give you an example: Kwame stood up and stated- "It is a fact that only 16% of young people from socially deprived backgrounds go to university. Why is that?"

The pupils made the staff feel so proud for representing Cardinal Wiseman so well!

Thank you.

Miss Crown

It gives me great pleasure to be able to share with you an email I received this week from Mr Hardy – Head Teacher at Christ the King regarding the wonderful work that our Team Wiseman Sports Ambassadors and the PE dept. did in organising and running their sports day.

Christina,

I cannot thank you enough for all that you, your staff, and the students did for us on sports day. It was simply fantastic. All of the staff who attended were bowled over with how impressive the students were in helping with all of the organisation throughout the event. They were not only brilliant ambassadors for your school but were superb leaders for our children.

I have never heard our staff so 'gushy' in their compliments about every aspect of what you did for us – and a special mention for Mr Powers as the Head of PE and helping to make it all happen and come together so well on the day.

We would love to book a day for next year if that is possible?

Please pass on my sincerest thanks and appreciation to all involved.

Adam Hardy  
Head Teacher  
Christ the King

It makes me proud as the Head Teacher at Cardinal Wiseman to read amazing compliments. My thanks go to Mr Powers, the PE staff and in particular the students for doing this.

Mr Matthews and Bethany Mallett (Head Girl) have written a report (see below) about the event.

### **Christ the King Sports Day – Report by Mr Matthews**

On Monday the Sports Ambassadors assisted the Christ The King staff with their sports day, this was a successful day that really did show how far the leaders have come in the past 6 weeks.

Students have been training for the best part of a term completing leadership activities and planning their own session. As their first real test the students planned well and delivered a well-structured sports day.

To add to the congratulations, the school and PE department have has numerous glowing emails thanking Team Wiseman for their work on Monday, with quotes such as “Role Models” and “Professional Manner” just some of the wonderful comments made by parents and staff of CTK. Having been their first event and the PE team would like to pass on their congratulations to ‘Team Wiseman’ on their superb and professional performance on that day.

Our ‘Outstanding’ team Wiseman were:

Kaycie- Le Cummings, Jamal Gittings, Matthew Flemming, Kane Murphy, Bereket Mario, Daisy Aigbe, Dorcas Sarpong, Jack Steele, Cameron Smith, Clint Cornes and Bethany Mallett

### **Student Report by Bethany Mallett (Team Wiseman)**

On Monday, Christ the King school came into our school field to attend a sports day for the nursery, reception, year one and year two children. Many activities had taken place such as egg and spoon races, running races and many more. The team Wiseman were in charge of leading the selected years before the day started. We had a lot of fun playing Simon says, thread the needle and elephant football which the children enjoyed too. Throughout the day the sports day Team Wiseman supported the children and accompanied the teachers in giving out awards and equipment. The year 10 prefects also contributed a great amount as they helped direct parents and give out drinks to parents, pupils and teachers. It was a very successful day which everyone would agree with and would love to do again next year.

“I had a truly great day; I loved working with the primary school as it really helped improve my leadership skills.”



Mr Beckett has asked me to thank the year 10 Prefects who helped out with the Sports Day. The prefects involved were: Ben Campbell, Jordan Hall, Courtney Harper, Luke Hayward, Matthew Jeffries, Savannah Nesbitt, Kajal Patel, Joshua Peralta and Kristal Ramdeen. Well done.

### **Walk a mile Celebration**

Yesterday a group of pupils attended the 'Walk a mile Celebration' at St Chads Cathedral Birmingham concelebrated by his grace the Archbishop.

The walk a mile was set up by the Fr Hudson's society. Every year they set up a project within schools. This year's project was 'Honouring our Elders' a project that we here at Cardinal Wiseman hold close to our hearts as we work closely with the Maryvale Community project preparing the summer and Christmas parties.



Two of our pupils, Connor Jeffries and Tania Mfumba were asked by the Fr Hudson's society if they would read during the service. Both pupils were a credit to the school and were thanked by his grace after the service.

During the service a member from the OAP club at Maryvale Community centre gave a talk about the Tuesday club and Cardinal Wiseman School was mentioned with regards to the Summer and Christmas parties that we organise every year.

Thank you to Connor Jefferies, Conor White, Lucy Burbidge and Tania Mfumba.

Ben Neville - Lay Chaplain

### **Soup Kitchen**

On Tuesday evening five members of staff from the RE and Chaplaincy departments went to help at a soup kitchen in Birmingham City Centre. Every evening, different organisations hand out hot drinks, soup and sandwiches to around 120 homeless people living in Birmingham. They also try to supply clothing, sleeping bags etc. The organisation we joined is called the St Vincent De Paul Society and they do this twice a month.

It was a wonderful experience, we were able to meet many people who have benefitted from the charity's assistance and hear some of their stories.

We are keen to get involved in helping this charity by fundraising throughout the school and to raise awareness.

Amy Grattidge (Lay Chaplain)

### **Spanish Speaking Success**

Year 10 Spanish speaking exams took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The majority of the students were amazing, as always. In particular I would like to mention the following for their superb effort, not giving up and performing amazingly on the day:

Paulette Nzolani was amazing (A\* grade), Ryan Best, Aleksandra Zurowska, April Barlow, Natalia Brown, Callum Brookes, Parmis Hashmezadeh, Shanelle Paul, Imran Miah, Charlotte Pearsall, Megan Pearsall, Jahmaiah Richard, Kristal Ramdeen, Natalia Brown, Kaine Cooksey, Kathryn Deakin, Ben Green, Katie McDonald, Charlie Morgan-Beet, Kajal Patel, Joshua Peralta, Versace Powell and Keyleigh Savage.

Mrs Gatton-Magaz

At the time of writing this, the Music Department is currently rehearsing with the choirs from Christ the King and St Margaret Mary for a joint concert of vocal/choral music which I will inform you more about next week.

Please ensure that you carefully read the dates for your diary section below to ensure that you know about the important events in the future. It is a particularly busy final few week of this academic year.



Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson



Dates for your diary
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. <b>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.</b>
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.

	<p align="center"><b>STAR OF THE WEEK!</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Daisy Savage (year 10) for an excellent improvement in punctuality to school. Nominated by Mr. Swanwick</b></p>	
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Pupil	Class	Teacher	Reason
Owens Rehbaum and Harry Kirby	10S2	Mr Mulcrow	For being the first to share their contributions to a keyword activity in RE.
Brad Malone	8S	Mr Mulcrow	Excellent creative design outside of the classroom.
Kyle Connelly Thomas Lafferty Shenade Moran	9C	Mr Crawford	Excellent response to Animal Farm.
Zahlemah Douglas-Wright Anopaishe Johwa Tyesha Richards Aaliyah Edwards Kevin Igbinomwanhia Destin Awere Lois Owusu	7W	Mr Beckett	Working so hard on a very challenging performance which includes singing, harmonising, rapping and beat-boxing. The quality of vocal performance is very impressive. Well done!
Bethany Smith	Year 9 History	Miss E Edwards	Achieving a top level answer when completing a practise GCSE exam question.
Christina Swoffer	10S-1	Mr Allen	Being a massive help in the classroom
Erin Cole Kieran Cullen	10S-1	Mr Allen	For a hugely improved attitude to learning
Thomas Mcdonald Tina Mfuamba	8F	Mr Allen	For improving their level in English
Aimee Baillon	9S	Mr Allen	Consistently excellent attitude to learning

<b>Thembekile Mhlope</b>	9F	Miss Kharod	Improved attitude and effort in Science lessons
<b>Coran Allen</b>	9F	Miss Kharod	Excellent practical work in Science
<b>Joshua Brookes</b>	7Y	Miss Kharod	Good effort and work in Science
<b>Liam Matthews</b>	8C	Miss O'Connor	For being an outstanding mathematician, specifically achieving outstanding results in his recent assessment!
<b>Steven Deathridge</b>	8C	Miss O'Connor	For exerting himself fully into a difficult homework task and producing excellent work.
<b>Chelsea Reeves</b>	10C	Miss O'Connor	Taking responsibility for her own learning and demonstrating an outstanding attitude to success in Mathematics.
<b>Tyler Knight</b>	9W	Miss Penn	For improved behaviour and brilliant attitude to learning during his science lessons.
<b>Bradley Moraghan</b>	7S	Miss Penn	For his improved attitude to learning and excellent behaviour during practical work.
<b>Jason Cullen</b>	8C	Miss Penn	For his continued excellent attitude to learning and independently helping others during lessons.
<b>Billie Macauley</b>	8B	Miss Nuttall	For improved behaviour and attitude to learning and showing fantastic knowledge development through class discussions.
<b>Kieran Cullen</b>	10S1	Miss Garside	For improved effort during science lessons this week and excellent behaviour.
<b>Courtney Hadley</b>	Student librarian	Miss Garside & Mr Crawford	For being such a superstar helping out in the library this week.
<b>Charlotte Harper Thomas McDonald Charlie Sheppard Nikira Parris Kaytlyn Parkhill Bethany Pritchard Decklan Prosser Dean O'Carroll</b>	Library	Miss Garside & Mr Crawford	For helping out in the library this week during their breaktime.
<b>10 opt 2 Geography</b>	10 opt 2	Miss Mcinerney	For their continued hard work during their controlled assessment
<b>Regan McKenna and Stanley Fraser</b>	8W	Mr Toms	For a creative and inspirational short drama recreating a Barcelona tourist information centre. Very impressive boys, well done!

<b>Jordan Booker, Amy Horne, Hayley Arkley, Mun Ni Yew and Konnie Slattery</b>	8S	Mr Toms	For being role-models and outstanding learners during a cover lesson. Keep it up!
<b>Ellie Russell</b>	7Y	Mr Kerr	Excellent attitude to learning.
<b>Connor Shepherd Jake French</b>	9S 7W	Miss Monk	Improvement in both attitude and behaviour during Science this week. Keep it up!
<b>Millie Grigg</b>	Year 9 History	Miss E Edwards	Continued hard work and effort in class. She is a genuine pleasure to teach.
<b>Ben Campbell</b>	Year 10 History	Miss E Edwards	Excellent oral answers during a class discussion on segregation in America in the 1920s.