



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Brand New Library

As you know, we take reading very seriously at Cardinal Wiseman. In January we started the DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) programme to improve our students reading skills which was praised in our most recent inspection. On Tuesday we opened our brand new library. The feedback from staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive with students impressed and wowed by the quality of the library.



Students from the School Council played their part in the initial design of the library asking for soft seating and a variety of warm colour which is provided by the lighting wells in the ceiling which can change to any colour. The students also asked for it to look modern and funky. I am sure that you will agree that we have listened to our students in providing a modern, spacious and inviting library. Even though the new library is much more open and spacious, it has been designed so that students have numerous discreet zones either side of the central shelving units where they can study and focus on reading.

The library is a silent area for reading which students can access throughout and beyond the school day. It is open every day from 8.00am and after school until 4pm. It includes a special glassed-off study area which is for the use of year 11 students only for independent study.



We are currently in the process of purchasing more books to further enhance the DEAR programme. As stated in Edition 17 of the Friday letter, parents and carers have an important role to play in monitoring and encouraging the reading that their child does. I encourage you to get your child to read at home on a regular basis.

I would like to thank Miss McNamara for organising the books with the support from so many of our wonderful students who she has mentioned in the 'Star of the Week' section of this letter. This is a wonderful new facility at Cardinal Wiseman and we look forward to seeing our pupils using it on a regular basis to improve their education.

### **Year 10 Graphics Trip into the City**

On Tuesday, a group of year 10 Graphics students went into Birmingham city centre on a walking tour of the city taking in the New Birmingham Library and The Art Gallery. They were gathering photographic evidence of different aspects of our city as the starting point for their GCSE Coursework final pieces in Graphics. One pupil wrote of the trip:

"The Graphics visit to Birmingham city centre was one of the best trips I've been on this year. We got to explore the mesmerising places of Birmingham, and, in fact, I saw places I have never



seen before. We went to Mailbox, Symphony Hall, Chinatown, the canals, the Custard Factory, the Library of Birmingham, the Birmingham Art Gallery, and many more. It really gave us an opportunity to see lots of different aspects of the city, which we may not have normally been to before, and we took pictures of these places to support our graphics coursework. I would personally describe Birmingham as, 'The City of Art'." Benita Ezech.



### **Birmingham Schools' Netball Competition.**

Years 7, 8 & 9 played in the Birmingham Schools Netball Competition on Wednesday 7th May. The team played some amazing netball throughout the tournament and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship as they represented Cardinal Wiseman. Four other schools participated in the event. Year 9 came 4th place whilst years 7 & 8 were just beaten to 1st place due to goal difference. They finished in 2nd place overall.



Congratulations to all of the students involved! Mrs Morgan & the PE department.

## Year 11 - Attendance

The exams will be in full swing on Monday 12th May. It is essential that year 11 students attend every day to ensure they are receiving all the help and support they need with the revision and exam preparation. Students who strive to meet all of our expectations will be rewarded with an invite to the school prom, which will be taking place at The Pavilion on July 4th. It would be wonderful if all students were able to invited – keep going year 11 – we're nearly there!

## Swimming Club

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College are delighted to team up with a local Swimming Club to offer further opportunities for our students to develop their swimming ability by providing fun and exciting swimming lessons to our students.

There will be no charge for the first session that your child attends; each session following this is just £1. There are 10 swimming lessons in total. We have 20 places on offer for each of the 2 sessions. Swimming places will be given to students on a 1st come 1st serve basis.


The swimming sessions are being held every Thursday and commence on Thursday 8th May.

Session 1: 4pm - 4.45pm (years 7 & 8)

Session 2: 4.45 – 5.30pm (years 9, 10 & 11)

There are still places available, if you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the PE department or PB Swimming club.



Mrs M Morgan (Head of Girls PE)

Dates for your diary	
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> May Year 7 – Science Home Learning Project starts. Year 8 – PE Home Learning Project starts.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Year 9 Parents' Evening	

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

	<b>STAR OF THE WEEK!</b>	
	<b>Parmis Hashmezadeh (10CW)</b>	
	Achieved an A* grade in her recent B3 mock exam. Miss Kharod (Head of Science)	

Student	Class	Staff	Reason
<b>Rhett Crotty</b>	10S2	Mr Mulcrow	Continued insightful contributions to discussion in RE
<b>Connor Shepherd</b>	9S	Miss Crown	For a noticeable improvement in behaviour and attitude around school this week. Well Done Connor!

<b>James Clarke</b>	9C	Miss Crown	Fantastic group work, contributions to class discussions and improved effort and motivation in RE.
<b>Nicole Vyse</b>	11C	Mr Allen	Improved English grade in mock exam.
<b>The whole class</b>	8W	Miss Easthope	For showing great enthusiasm towards our new topic and producing excellent work as a result!
<b>Ayida Evans David Aigbe Aaliyah Edwards Kevin Igbinomwanhia Oliwia Bednarek Tysha Richards Anopaishe Johwa Lois Owusu Weronika Wojcik</b>	7W	Miss Easthope	For creating and presenting excellent speeches in English.
<b>Mollie Cowley Caitlin Carpenter</b>	11S	Mr Crawford	An impressive mock exam response.
<b>Shannon Smith Thomas Sullivan</b>	11Y	Miss Hennessy	For exceeding their target grades in their recent English mock exam!
<b>Dorcas Sarpong Jack Steel Maurice Nesbeth Mary Dosumu Mitchell Ryder Areej Bibi</b>	9C	Miss McNamara	For all their help in setting up the new library.
<b>Nisa Prosser Karla Davis</b>	9Y		
<b>Ben Stroud</b>	7S		
<b>Nial Culley</b>	8Y		
<b>Esosa Ilevba</b>	7Y		
<b>Mina Vanu</b>	9W	Mr Toms	For her recent effort and concentration in Spanish, she has really impressed me and I think she is starting to realise she might have a hidden talent as a translator!
<b>Krzysztof Czaplicki</b>	8F	Mr Toms	For his continued effort and determination in Spanish. He is participating more confidently in class and producing some incredible

			answers. I am extremely proud of him.
<b>Janun Alley Bethany Bird Arianne Rose Osarodion Rehbaum</b>	7S History	Miss E Edwards	Superb Home Learning Project on the spread of the Black Death in the Middle Ages.
<b>Cardinal Wiseman Netball Team</b>	7, 8 & 9	Mrs Morgan	Outstanding Performance in the Birmingham Schools Netball Competition - Well done for your hard work and commitment.
<b>Victoria-Jade Beard Reece Henderson James Lawler</b>	7C	Mr Gardner	For their excellent music performance to the rest of the class.
<b>All of 8C</b>	8C	Miss Hennessy	For behaving so maturely and respectfully during their visit to Maryvale Primary School and the Kingstanding Library for the English Writing project. Well done for being such a credit to the school!
<b>Daniel Sarpong</b>	11	Mr Beckett	BTEC Music. Recording and performing 'Für Elise' by Beethoven in one take. Well done on performing a challenging piece with accuracy and style.
<b>Aaron Fumagalli</b>	11	Mr Beckett	For outstanding persistence in learning to perform 'Roar' by Katy Perry.