



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good summer. We welcome the new year 7 students and the small number of students from other year groups that have joined us this year. We also welcome the new staff who have joined us. Miss Gamble is our new Head of Art, Mr Cresswell is our new site manager, Ms Fernandez teacher of Spanish, Mrs Harris new lab technician and Ms Lamperez our language assistant.

### **Congratulations!**

Many congratulations to pupils, parents and staff. They worked incredibly hard this year and we are delighted with their achievements. Over 74% of our students made at least expected progress in English and over 40% made better than expected progress. Maths was just below this.

We have a number of students who have achieved outstanding results and deserve particular mention. Roksana Tabin achieved 4A\*s, 2As, 2Bs and a C – she will be studying Music at sixth form. Emma Murphy achieved 4A\*s, 1A, 5Bs and she will be studying Maths. Kai Mendes achieved 3A\*s, 4As and a B. Elizabeth Nicholl achieved 2A\*s, 5As and a B. Well done to all of you!



We did notice some volatility in Maths this year due to Government changes and are working to check how these changes have impacted on individual results. Our curriculum offer is robust and not built on multiple BTEC awards and we are very happy that 58% of students achieved 5 or more good GCSE grades.

### **Cardinal Wiseman Summer School**

Nearly 70 students who are now in year 7 attended a special Summer School. Moving from primary to secondary school can be a worrying time for many children and the main purpose of the Summer School was to ease the transition process.

The pupils got the opportunity to develop new friendships and get to know their new school and new teachers. Over the five days, they participated in a range of exciting activities including team building games, swimming sessions, science experiments, maths challenges and physical activities as well as developing their literacy skills when they learnt about persuasive writing techniques resulting in video presentations about their work.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, the final day of Summer School, they spent the day at Blackpool and went on the rides at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

I would like to thank the staff for providing our students with this great opportunity. It is so pleasing to hear from the staff that they could see how well the students bonded with each other and see how their confidence levels improved from one day to the next.







#### Student Report by Mary Delaney

On Saturday 12th July 2014 myself and some other students and members of Maryvale Youth Group left school to go on our 18 hour journey to Taize in France along with Lucy, Ben and Miss Smith.

We all had an amazing time meeting new people and making new friends. I recommend that the new year 11 students go next year because it will be an experience of a life time. Elizabeth Chawner whom is a leader at Maryvale youth group said, "It's a great place not only to learn about your faith but also to meet some amazing people from different cultures and denominations you would otherwise never had the chance to meet." Clearly you can tell we had a great time especially in the evenings down at 'Oyak' and sitting around outside the tents having laughs and jokes. One good memory of Taize was when I got the group I was in to walk down to the lake with me and we got loads of photos and had a great laugh. I want to thank each and every member of Cardinal Wiseman and the community for all the help in raising money to make our trip happen.



Have a good weekend,  
Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Open Evening - Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.	
Open Day's - Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September. The morning session runs from 9.00am to 12.00pm and the afternoon session is from 12.00pm to 3.00pm.	
Year 11 Test Week – Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> September.	

