



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday night this week we held an additional Parents/Carers Information Evening for students in years 8-11. I would like to thank those of you who attended the evening. The leadership team spoke to parents about the significant changes to examinations across the country and how we as a school are preparing our students for this.

I know from talking to the leadership team that many of you raised your concerns but also how grateful you are for everything we do for your children – the children we serve.

Soon you will be receiving a letter with information about homework, homework timetables and how we will support children who are struggling with their homework.

Year 7 Trip to the National Space Centre – Tuesday 14th October 2014

A reminder to all students in year 7 that the consent form, medical form and payments of £15 needs to be returned to reception by **Tuesday 30th September**. Spare copies of the letter and forms are also in reception.



Parental Contact with the School

Below is a list of staff emails if you need to contact a member of staff, *particularly regarding homework*:

Head of Year

Year 7 – Miss Monk - lmonk@cardinalwiseman.net

Year 8 – Dr Beavan, - lbeavan@cardinalwiseman.net

Year 9 – Mrs Poxon - spoxon@cardinalwiseman.net

Year 10 – Mrs Meersand – smeersand@cardinalwiseman.net

Year 11 – Mr Kelley - fkelly@cardinalwiseman.net

If you have a concern regarding behaviour and you feel that you wish to take it further than your child's head of year then contact, Mr Kerr: dkerr@cardinalwiseman.net. If the concern regards something to do *generally with homework* email Mr Beckett – abeckett@cardinalwiseman.net or teaching and learning or our new Sixth Form which starts in September 2015, please contact Mr Mulcrow: gmulcrow@cardinalwiseman.net.

If you feel that you have not had a satisfactory answer or response to your concern then contact the Head teacher: cstewardson@cardinalwiseman.net

Information from the police

We have been informed that there will be a high police presence at Circle Park off Kingstanding circle. This is due to the high amount of anti-social behaviour, both after school, evenings and weekends, including fires being started. They made it very clear that it's students from all over the area and all local schools. Please encourage your children to stay away from this area in the coming weeks – you at home and we at school want to keep our children safe and trouble free but this is obviously a trouble 'hotspot' that the police will be watching.

Dangerous Games – Peanuts and Tieday Friday

There are two games which students have been playing in school which are dangerous. **They must stop playing these games immediately.**

The first game is called '*Tieday Friday*' where students pull each other's ties so hard that it can very difficult to undo the knot. This is exceptionally dangerous and some staff have reported to me that pupils are asking them to undo the knots for them which is unacceptable.

The second game is called '*peanuts*' where children join their hands together with the aim of physically bending the other persons fingers and hands back to make them surrender. One of our pupils has recently been to hospital and has sustained a fracture due to playing this game.

Student Report - Good Shepherd's Mass by Abigail Whyke (year 8)

I went to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Monday 22nd September. It was a good experience; we sang some hymns, which were new to me. Connor Jeffries and Weronika Wojick read the bidding prayers. At the end of the Mass we had our picture taken with the Archbishop of Birmingham; this was a wonderful opportunity and a great privilege. After Mass we all went to the Grimshore Rooms where we all gathered together and ate food and talked to other pupils who were involved in Chaplaincy in their school. All in all I had fun and a great laugh with people in my team; I can't wait for the next gathering together.




Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Year 9 Test Week - week beginning 29 th September	
Year 8 Test Week - week beginning 6 th October	
Year 11 trip to Oxford Univeristy – Wednesday 8 th October	
Year 7 Settling In Parent Evening – Thursday 9 th October	
Year 10 trip to Oxford Univeristy – Friday 10 th October	
Year 7 trip to the National Space Centre – Tuesday 14 th October	
Year 9 trip to Oxford Univeristy – Thursday 16 th October	

	<p>STAR OF THE WEEK!</p> <p>Bethany Delves</p> <p>Nominated by Mrs Henman for achieving a grade above her target grade on her recent assessment!</p>	
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	STARS OF THE WEEK!	
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Pupil	Class	Teacher	Reason
Paulette Nzolani Savannah Nesbitt Katie McDonald Daisy Savage	11 opt 2	Mrs Biddle	An excellent assessment on rivers.
Joshua Brown Joshua Nesbeth Kaylen Smith Alicia Fagan Courtney Finlan	7W2	Miss E Edwards	Achieving full marks in their History key words spelling test.
Reece Seager Osardion Rehbaum Joshua Macmillan	Year 8	Mrs Gaton	Excellent helpers and ambassadors of the MFL Department and the school during Open Evening
Kayla Barlow Courtney Finlan Priya McLean-Brade	Year 7 & 9	Mr Gardner	For passing their Copper Music Medals for music performance on the clarinet. These are ABRSM (Royal Schools of Music) qualifications - Well done!
Jack Leigh Natalie Mieczynska	10F	Mr Crawford	For writing at length about the theme of responsibility in An Inspector Calls.
Jack Purcell	7E1	Mr Crawford	Excellent attitude and effort in English

Luke Coyne			
Whole class	11S2	Mr Mulcrow	Exemplary attitude and conduct during their recent RE assessment.
Whole class - Music	Year 9	Mr Beckett & Mr Gardner	For all performing their first solo in front of the rest of the class. This was a big challenge so early on in the course and you did so well.
Molly Hughes Elise Barr Matthew Fleming Abigail Whyke Decklan Prosser Weronika Wojcik Casey Prosser Jordan Booker Richard Uwagboe Connor Jeffries Stanley Fraser Yonatan Tiruneh	7 7 8 8 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9	Lucy Hurley	For being great ambassadors of the student chaplaincy team.
Alan Tulej	8E2	Miss Penn	For the effort Alan has put into his last few science lessons.

Safeguarding Alert - URGENT

All Pupil Watch Safeguarding patrol activity conducted jointly by Education Welfare Staff and West Midlands Police came to an end in July 2014. Under Section 16 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, Police Officers still hold the powers to approach any person whom they believe to be of school age, to ascertain why they are not in school.

It appears that an individual may be using Pupil Watch as a cover for approaching children and or young people.

Please be aware of the following:

- **Pupil Watch patrols have now ceased.** If they are approached by any individual stating they work for Pupil Watch, they must not give any personal information. They should bring this approach to the attention of their parents, school staff and West Midlands Police.
- If any individual stating they work for Pupil Watch requests that the pupil leaves the location with them then **they must refuse to go** and should seek assistance as a matter of urgency from parents, staff and West Midlands Police.
- If any pupil is approached by a Police Officer, even if they are in full uniform then they are strongly advised to ask to see their warrant card and if in doubt seek assistance.