



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our annual Awards Evening for last year's year 11 students on Thursday 4th December. **Therefore school will be closing school at 12.00pm.** Pupils will have an extended break so that they can have a meal. Home Study Support and enrichment activities will not take place on Thursday.

On Thursday last week, we held our Year 11 Parents' Evening. In addition to our normal parents' evening, we did other things to improve the effectiveness of the event which we will continue to do in the future. We targeted parents of students where there was a particular concern and wrote to them to inform them that they needed to attend. This included areas of concern such as academic achievement, homework, behaviour, attendance and learning support. We also provided every parent with a pack of exemplar student work for all subjects so that they can see what is required for their child to gain a high, middle or low grade. Many parents were very pleased to have access to this kind of information. For those parents who were unable to attend, we have either sent the exemplar work home with your child or through the post. Please ensure that you go through this information together.

Finally, Mr Mulcrow did two information presentations in the hall about why parents should, and how parents can support their child with their studies.

As you can see from the survey analysis below, parents and carers who attended were exceptionally positive about most things. Where there has been a concern, we have either spoken to parents or directly to pupils about the issue.



Year 11 Parents' Questionnaire - November 2014



72% attendance

No	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at this school	31%	46%	3 pupils	
2	My child feels safe at this school	31%	62%		
3	My child makes good progress at this school	38%	62%		
4	My child is well looked after at this school	50%	50%		
5	My child is taught well at this school	46%	46%	1 pupil	
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	31%	69%		
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	31%	69%		
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	38%	38%		
9	This school is well led and managed	31%	62%		
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	46%	46%		
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	46%	54%		

No.	Question	Yes	No
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	100%	
No.	If you would like to comment on any of your answers, please write below and clearly indicate which question you are referring to.		
12	It depends what their needs are. I always mention it is a small school (less pupils), which I like.		



Year 11 Parents' Evening



No.	Question	Yes	No	Don't know
1	Do you feel that Parents' Evenings are arranged at times that allow you to attend? <i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i> I have child care issues on Thursdays. Not all the time. Sometimes I'm at work.	92%	8%	
2	Do you feel that you were given the opportunity to discuss the progress of your son/daughter? <i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>	100%		
3	Following discussions with staff, do you feel able to support your child at home with their learning? <i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>	100%		
4	Do you feel that this evening was helpful and informative? <i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>	100%		
5	Do you feel that the education your child receives is at the right level? Has it enabled your child to make good progress? <i>If no, please comment on how this could be improved:</i>	100%		
6	How would you rate the quality of education provided for your child whilst at Cardinal Wiseman? <i>Comment:</i>	Outstanding 31%	Good 69%	Requires Improvement Unsatisfactory
7	<i>Additional comment:</i> I like the seating arrangements. Sometimes in the hall, it can get confusing, where to wait and some people tend to push in.			

Geography Residential Trip to Whitby



As students in year 10, we were given a great opportunity to go to Whitby to help with our Geography knowledge. We

visited many different coastal areas such as Robin Hood's Bay, Scarborough, Flambrough Head and Mappleton. We have been able to experience a wonderful trip with our friends and made new friends from Baxter College. We have also walked up and down 199 steps into Whitby's town centre on Sunday evening. Overall it was a fantastic time, we both loved it and we wish to go again next year. Written by Nicole Hayes and Emily Howes.

I decided to come on this trip so I could develop my understanding of coastal erosion and visualise ways to protect land, homes and tourist attractions. It has been a good opportunity to see things you wouldn't usually see on a daily basis. On Sunday we left school and travelled to Whitby and settled into the Hostel. On Monday we went to different coastal locations to experience the different management methods used. Tuesday we spent the day in York looking at what York has to offer tourists. We made new friends and have done a lot of walking. But overall it has been a great experience. Written by Chloe Roberts.

Our trip to Whitby was a great experience. We enjoyed our stay and made new friends from Baxter College. During our stay we went to coastal areas along the North East of England. We went to iconic places such as Scarborough and Robin Hood's bay. We looked at how erosion has damaged the coast and how they are trying to prevent it. During our time we have made many new friends and it has been overall a wonderful and educational experience. Written by Bly Garrett, Thomas Lafferty and Jake Fumarola.



I would like to thank Mrs Biddle and Steven Fleming (our new chaplain) who made it possible for our students to attend this Geography field trip. It is a first for pupils at Cardinal Wiseman to be able to take part in this kind of field work to enhance their understanding and knowledge.

Home Study Support


Over the last few weeks we have seen an increasing number of pupils who want to stay in school to complete their homework using the facilities that we have in the library and room 13 which is fantastic. This is something that we whole-heartedly encourage.

However, pupils must not stay on the school site unless we have permission. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers write a note in their child's planner to confirm that they give consent for their child to stay behind after school. You must make it clear which days you give your consent and the time you allow your child to stay to (no later than 4.30pm). Pupils who do not have permission will not be allowed to stay in school.

Please remember that due to professional development meeting after school on a Wednesday, Home Study Support can only be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Thursday 4 th December – Awards Evening (for students who were in Year 11 last year). School will finish at 12.00pm.	
Monday 8 th December - Parents' Information Evening for the Most Able Students	
Week beginning 8 th December – Year 10 Test Week	
Week beginning 8 th December – STAR Reading Tests	

	<p>STAR OF THE WEEK!</p> <p>Kajal Patel (year 11)</p> <p>for exceptional effort and dedication to her artwork.</p> <p>Nominated by Miss Gamble</p>	
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Pupil name	Class	Teacher	Reason
Kieran Cullen	11S	Miss E Smith	Supporting other year 11 students in Resistant Materials
Decklan Prosser	8RM	Miss E Smith	Excellent knowledge recall in Resistant Materials
La Shaugh Christie	10 opt 2	Mrs Biddle	An improved effort in Geography over the last couple of weeks
Ariann Rose Hubertas Varanauskas Joshua Clougher	8W2	Mr Allen	Consistently excellent attitude in English lessons
Lucy Burbridge	9C	Mr Allen	A very positive influence on other people in her class
Judith Atu	7W2	Mr Allen	Consistently excellent attitude in English lessons
Mary-Ann Swoffer	10C	Mr Allen	Excellent dramatic reading
Connor Coley	11	Miss E Edwards	Improved attitude towards his History GCSE. Keep it up Connor.
Cara Bellingham	9	Miss E Edwards	Excellent homework on the First World War and the impact it had on women.
Rebecca Karaliunaite Chloe Dixon Amy Bennett Oliwia Bednarek Matthew Fleming Chloe Hinchley Lina Koubil	8E1	Miss E Edwards	A superb Independent Learning Project on local historical sites.

Suraj Kandel Victoria-Jade Beard Aaliyah Edwards Caleb Day			
Emily Banner	9 Media	Mr Crawford	An excellent advert analysis.
Connor Jeffries Kane Murphy Emily Hastings Jay Bevan Jade Masefield	9	Mr Allen	Great effort with English assessment.
Rhonan Crotty	10	Miss Gamble	Helping new students in art
Enoch Dzurekey	10	Miss Gamble	Excellent motivation and effort in art lessons and outstanding homework despite only recently joining the school
Hayley Arkley Jonathan Carless Yonatan Tiruneh Adam Hafeez Casey Prosser Luke Tonks Brad Malone	9	Miss Gamble	Independent learners in every lesson, their confidence in art lessons is amazing and they are a pleasure to teach.
Aimee Baillon Mario Bereket	10F	Miss Kharod	Consistent completion of homework with excellent effort
Liam Poyner Lukasz Kansik	10F	Miss Kharod	Improving the quality of their homework - Well Done
Emily Banner Hayley Arkley Jordan Booker Jack Whitehurst Mun-Ni yew	9S	Miss Kharod	They have been a pleasure to teach as they always have a positive approach to their learning.
Mya Ying Mariam Amjadi Rianne Smith Cecilia Luong Kaytlyn Parkhill Abigail Hancox Lucy Morris Hana Taylor Claire Cleal Bethany Hewson Leah Martindale Chelsea-Leigh Rogers Hayley Arkley Paige Barton	9op2 CD	Mrs Jinks	Excellent attitude to learning each lesson. They are hardworking, enthusiastic and a pleasure to teach. They strive for excellence and this is demonstrated in their love of learning. Well done and keep up the good work.
Areej Bibi	10	Miss Gamble	Outstanding Art homework

Sinead Wickett	10	Miss Gamble	Dedication to her art studies at home and in school
Emily Howes Chloe Roberts Thomas Lafferty Bly Garrett Nicole Haynes Jake Fumarola	10	Mrs Biddle	For being excellent ambassadors on the Whitby residential. Well done for all your hard work.
Judith Atu	7w2	Miss Gamble	Helping other students without having to be asked in lesson. Such a kind student.
Connor Cook	11 Spanish	Mrs Gatton	For producing a fantastic speaking exam. Well done Connor!!
Bradley Wickett Robert Hanna	8	Mr Beckett	For working so hard in their Spanish lessons this week.