



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cardinal Wiseman Celebrates Success

Following our highly positive and successful Ofsted report the staff at Cardinal Wiseman rewarded the pupils for their part in the rapid progress being made at the school.

On Friday 16th January the normal timetable was suspended for the day. Pupils came in dressed in their own clothes and staff wore the Cardinal Wiseman uniform, which caused a great amount of amusement (the PE staff even wore a Cardinal Wiseman PE kit for the day).

All pupils took part in a variety of fun activities throughout the day and attended a pupil led assembly in which Tom Lafferty, Jack Steele and Kwame Oteng-Adusei from year 10 presented the key messages from the Ofsted report.

“The whole day was devoted to celebrating the school’s Ofsted. There has been a real buzz about the school since the visit,” said Tom Lafferty.

“It’s amusing seeing our teachers in school uniform, and it’s great that we’ve been able to get involved in the celebrations. From the spirit shown about the school today, it is clear that we are certainly improving and moving forward together. As the Ofsted report states ‘we are all truly proud of our school,’ said Jack Steele.

Important Year 11 News

Parents are asked to attend an information evening on January 29th between 7 and 8pm. Advice on how to help your child revise and post-16 applications to schools and colleges will be discussed. A letter with further details is in the post.

Assembly update:

On Monday 26th January, Bishop Walsh Catholic School will be attending our assembly to show what they have to offer in Sixth Form.

On February 2nd the National Citizens Service will be doing a presentation on their nationally advertised ‘Challenge’ programme, which sixteen of our Year 11 students from last year attended.

On February 9th Great Barr School will be presenting their Sixth Form offer.

Online Safety – a message from the police

On Wednesday 14th January 2014, the NSPCC launched a public education campaign called **Shareaware**, aimed at helping parents of 8-12 year olds to keep their children safe online. Please go to the following website for more information: www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware

Best regards,

Paul T Chester

Police & School Partnership Manager

(East, North and West & Central Birmingham)

Natasha Desborough Visits CW

Monday 19th January

This week, UKLA award nominated author, Natasha Desborough visited years 8 and 9 to complete presentations and workshops surrounding her novels, Weirdos vs. Quimboids and Weirdos vs. Bumskulls. In these sessions, pupils were interactively working alongside Natasha to come up with ideas of their own whilst using her ideas for support. All sessions were a huge success and Natasha pointed out her stars of the day as: Morgan Mulholland, Jordan Booker, Hannah Hall, Amy Horne, Leah Martindale, Chelsea Beet, Chloe Capnerhurst, Tylone Nzolani, Tina Mfuamba & Priya McLean-Brade! Well done for taking part so spectacularly!

Natasha spoke very highly of our pupils and said, "I really did have a great time. You have some very funny, imaginative students and as I've already mentioned - some of the ideas they had in the workshops I will use again as examples in future workshops."

Jordan Booker, 9W, also said, "It was a very exciting day for us because we had a visit from the author to explain to us how she got to where she is today. I enjoyed meeting Natasha and finding out about how she became a writer. The day has made me want to start writing my own novel. It was a brilliant day."

Miss Hennessy



Showtime 2015!

Showtime last year was a highly successful event providing the opportunity for our pupils to develop their confidence and performance skills. It was the first large scale production for many years and involved Dance, Drama and Musical performances from pupils in all years which were performed to family, friends and to all pupils in the whole school.

During assemblies on Friday last week all pupils were informed about this year's production (Showtime! 2015) and how it is going to be bigger and better than last year. First of all we are going to have two performance evenings. This will provide more opportunities for more pupils to take part in the show. Pupils from all year groups now have to start rehearsing their performances. Showtime 2015 is going to be combined with the Challenge Curriculum in years 7 and 8.

The Challenge Curriculum is where our pupils have opted to study an additional subject in smaller class sizes than normal in years 7 and 8. Pupils who study the Dance, Theatre Skills and Musical Performance will all be performing their work during the Showtime performance in the evening. Prior to Showtime, pupils who study the Creative Writing, Sport, French, Philosophy for Children, Environmental Studies will be exhibiting and presenting their class work to friends and family.

Therefore every child in years 7 and 8 will be either performing or presenting their work which will allow parents to see the fantastic work that their child has been doing at Cardinal Wiseman. We hope all parents will take up this fantastic opportunity.

The dates of these events are shown below. Please put them in your diaries.

Date	Challenge Exhibitions 5.30 to 6.30pm	Showtime 2015! 7 – 8.30pm
Wed 11 th Feb	Year 7 only Philosophy for Children Environmental Studies Sport French Creative Writing	Performances from all groups including year 7 Challenge Dance, Drama and Music.
Thur 12 th Feb	Year 8 only Philosophy for Children Environmental Studies Sport French	Performances from all groups including year 8 Challenge Dance, Drama and Music.



Year 7 Trip to Symphony Hall and the Library of Birmingham

On Tuesday 90 year 7 students spent an enjoyable day in the city centre visiting Symphony Hall and the Library of Birmingham. Seated at the top of Symphony Hall the students looked down upon the impressive CBSO (City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra) who performed pieces ranging from Mozart and Beethoven to theme tunes to Angry Birds and Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

After the concert the students are lunch and had a tour of the library of Birmingham. They explored the Children's Library and the Secret Garden, as well as all the different floors of books.

Here are some quotes that students had to say about the visit:

'I was impressed because they play dance songs e.g. happy and also play angry birds really well!'

'I learnt that they don't just play classical music!'

'Orchestral music is amazing!'

'I find Beethoven impressive!'

'I might even do orchestral music in the future!'



Dates for your diary

Week beginning 26th January – **Year 8 Test Week**

Thursday 29th January – **Year 11 Parents' Information Evening**

Thursday 5th February – **Year 10 Parents' Evening**

Wed 11th February – **Showtime! / Year 7 Challenge Evening**

Thur 12th February - **Showtime! / Year 8 Challenge Evening**



Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

STAR OF THE WEEK!

**Kwame Oteng-Adusei, Thomas Lafferty
and Jack Steele** (year 10)

for presenting the post-Ofsted assemblies so well.

Nominated by various staff.



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Pupil	Class	Teacher	Reason
Radarnae De Costa	9W	Miss Hennessy	For an outstanding response in his English assessment this week.

Connor Harris	10	Miss E Edwards	A vast improvement in his History GCSE lessons. Keep it up!!
Devontay Maragh	7e2	Mrs Biddle	An excellent piece of work on designing an animal to live in the desert.
Liam Delaney Tom Lafferty	10	Miss E Edwards	Continued effort in their GCSE History studies.
Enoch Dzurekey	10F	Mrs Poxon	Fantastic work on Data Handling in Mathematics.
Yamikani Ajuti Emily Elson Regan Farebrother Rylee Flood Jessica Hindmarsh Amy Jones Kandida Khalil Crystal Latham Hasaya Maye Grizzle Lauren McGuinness Lauren Miller Cedric Musungay- Kashala Joshua Nesbeth Alysha Ogendo Courtney Steele Tyler Prosser	Y7	Mrs Grant	100% Attendance in the Autumn Term
Tania Mfuamba	9C	Mrs Poxon and Mrs Bayley	Exceptional work and helpfulness on reception duty
Dontay Maragh	8	Mrs Jenks	For excelling in his reading test. Well Done!!!
Charlie Sheppard Shane Slattery Bradley McMahon	9F	Miss C Edwards	For producing an excellent example of creative writing whilst studying Macbeth.
Areej Bibi	10 art	Miss S Gamble	Areej attempts all tasks with a positive attitude therefore creating beautiful artwork in both lesson and homework tasks.
Sinead Wickett	10 art	Miss S Gamble	Sinead is dedicated to her art GCSE which is apparent by the high standard of her artwork.
Lukasz Kansik	10 art	Miss S Gamble	Always attempts tasks with a positive and creative attitude
Kane Prigg	10W	Miss C Edwards	Fantastic verbal responses in his English lessons.
The Whole Class	8E2	Mr Beckett	For working so hard and with great enthusiasm in Spanish. Well done!

Alicia Fagan	7W1	Mr Darby	For getting an outstanding mark in a Year 9 maths test.
Jordan Booker Priya McLean-Brade Tylone Nzolani Tina Mfuamba Morgan Mulholland Chloe Capnerhurst Paris Murphy Leah Martindale Amy Horne Hannah Hall Chelsea Beet	Year 9	Miss Hennessy	Excellent contributions to the workshops this week during the author visit. You were superb and nominated by the author herself - well done!
All of 7E2	7E2	Miss Hennessy	For perfect behaviour recently and for understanding poetic terms superbly. Keep up the good work!
Writing project pupils	8E1/W1	Miss Hennessy	For putting together a fantastic presentation ready to deliver to parents and students next week. The entire project has been a success because of your commitment and hard work. I am proud of you all.
Bethany Smith Chloe Purcell Liam Adams Rhys Gallagher Demi Hodson Aimee Baillon Kerryann Brannigan Lauren Chancellor Sinead Wickett Lukasz Kansik Jay Keen	10S	Miss Hennessy	For showing a consistently positive attitude in English and always striving for success.
Matthew Hegney	10S	Miss Hennessy	For a huge improvement in attitude to learning in English. I am very pleased with your progress.
Akhil Shaine	7e1	Mrs Biddle	An excellent piece of work on designing an animal to live in the desert.
Billy Booth	10F	Mr Crawford	An excellent and very noticeable improvement in handwriting!
Kwame Oteng-Adusei	10W	Mrs Gaton	For achievement the highest marks in the writing exam. Well done!
Jeffery Asaju	10W	Mrs Gaton	Jeffery only joined us a while ago but he has made a remarkable progress, achieving a very good mark in his writing exam. Excellent!

