



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that students in our school make excellent progress. In simple terms, progress is how well our students achieve when they leave Cardinal Wiseman in comparison to what they came in with in Year 7. According to our latest Raise Online report in December 2014 it states that **“Progress of pupils in the school is significantly above national progress. Our English results are in the top 14% nationally for pupil progress and Maths is in the top 38%”**. Next week we are holding special Awards Assemblies to congratulate the students who have been making excellent progress in all subjects across all year groups during this term.

When you read the next two reports you will notice how our pupils are also achieving exceptional results in two contrasting enrichment activities. In both Tchoukball and debating we have been beaten only by the best teams in the country. I know it won't be long before we have a national winning team!

Student Report by Kwame Oteng-Adusei

On Saturday 7th March, a Cardinal Wiseman Tchoukball team, consisting of eight Year 10 pupils and led by Mr Powers and Mr Matthews (who is involved with the GB team), travelled to Bedford to compete in a national competition where they achieved greatly.

Overall, they came 2nd in the U15s category and 3rd in the U18s category, only succumbing to two professional standard teams which compete at a high national level. Although we lost our first two games to the teams described, the team rallied on to overcome in their four remaining matches despite very little training in comparison to some other teams.

A player to mention amongst a fantastic line-up was Mitchell Ryder who played astoundingly in centre. Other mentions go to Maurice Nesbeth and Christian Lukoki for their pin-point shots, Kane Prigg and Connor Campbell-Elliott for their rapid defensive recoveries and me and Brandon Paul for some all-around defensive work along with Bailey Jarrett whose ball distribution was very good.

CW debate their way to the next round

Last Tuesday 10th March Cardinal Wiseman hosted their first ever debating competition, in partnership with Debatemate. Five other schools travelled from all over Birmingham to debate issues such as, "This house would introduce a quota for racial and ethnic minority officers in the police service" and, "This house believes that football clubs should be responsible for the behaviour of their fans." Fourteen teams competed altogether and each debate was judged by Debatemate mentors. The quality of the debates was incredible and the twelve students representing Cardinal Wiseman were outstanding ambassadors. Cardinal Wiseman finished the competition in second place only to be



beaten by the National Champions which means that they're now through to the Debatemate Cup at Birmingham University next month.

Very well done indeed to all involved!

We have received a message from the Police & School Partnership Manager.


Are you concerned about someone travelling to, or returning from, Syria or another conflict zone? Are you worried about someone showing signs of being radicalised? To access relevant support and advice call local police on 101. Alternatively, please go to the following website for further information www.preventtragedies.co.uk.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary
Thursday 26 th March 6.30pm – Year 8 Options Evening
Friday 27 th March - school closes at 12.30pm for pupils.
Monday 13 th April – Summer term begins.
Week beginning 13 th April – Year 10 Test Week
Thursday 16 th April 4.30-7pm – Year 9 Parents' Evening



Superstar of the week

Paulina Reczek (10C)

Achieved a C-grade in a practice paragraph, which is an incredible achievement, as English is a relatively new language for her. Nominated by Mr Allen.

Subject:	Person and Reason:	Class	Nominated by:
Physical Education	KS3: Louis Prom: For sustained improvement in PE	8 East	Mr Powers
	KS4: Paulina Zielinska: For a huge improvement with BTEC sport	10 BTEC	
Maths	KS3: Connie Luong: Consistently excellent attitude to learning in maths.	8W1	Mrs Barnes
	KS4: Mudaser Latifi: Positive attitude and producing good work.	9Y	Mr Ives
English	KS3: Megan Battenbough - Showed a huge improvement in her attitude to learning, and helped support another student in emulating this.	8W	Mr Allen
	KS4: See Superstar of the Week.	10C	
Science	KS3: Jake French – Consistent good effort in lessons and	8E1	Miss Monk

	consistent attendance to science club.		
	KS4: Niall Culley - improved effort and attitude in lessons	9F	Miss Monk
DT/ Graphics	KS3: Ben Stroud for supporting other students with practical work	year 8	Miss E Smith
	KS4: Rhonan Crotty for improving his controlled assessment up to A* standard	Year 10	
R.E.	KS3: Nicole Cullen - always working hard and to the highest standard	8W1	Miss Grattidge
	KS4: Millie Grigg - for using an exceptional use of key words in her answer. An RE star!	10	Mrs Meersand
History	KS3: Lauren Miller - for trying hard every History lesson and working to the best of her ability;	7w2	Miss Edwards
	KS4: Thomas Lafferty - excellent oral contributions in every History lesson. He takes a real interest in the topics we study.	10	
Geography	KS3: Evie Millerchip - Excellent work in Environmental studies	8CH	Mrs Biddle
	KS4: Bethany Smith - A positive attitude to Geography	10 op2	
Chaplaincy	KS3: Amy Jones - For being so confident and positive whilst at St Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School last week.	7 Ne	Lay Chaplains
	KS4: Emily Hastings - For being a great new addition to the student chaplaincy team.	9Te	
Drama	KS3: Aaliyah Edwards - Her positive attitude and hard work in Drama lessons.	8E1	Mr Kearns
	KS4: Demi Hodson - Her practical work while exploring a play text in Drama lessons.	10op2	
Music	KS3: Katie Bowen - For a good improvement in her attitude to learning and playing and singing 'Drunken Sailor' in a group performance.	7E1	Mr Gardner
	KS4: Dominic Jordan McPherson for his musical composition in BTEC Music.	Yr9 Op	
Spanish	KS3: Alicia Fagan for always working so hard.	7W1	Mr Beckett
Child Development	KS4: Mya Ying - for working exceptionally hard each lesson.	Yr9 Opt2	Mrs Jinks
LSC	KS3: Stacey Cawser - for always being polite and hardworking.	7W2	Miss Bygrave
	KS4: Chantelle Taylor - For brilliant attitude and work effort in Maths	10Ne	Mr Darby