



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Fond Farewells

Today we will say goodbye to two members of staff – Lesley Grant and Bernie Harris. Bernie has been a great support to the Science Department and we wish her well in her new post. Lesley has been a steady presence in the school since before I joined it. I was fortunate enough to work with her at a previous school. I have admired her strength of purpose, calmness under pressure and humility in great leadership ever since. We will miss her more than we can know and more than she can appreciate.

Warm Welcome

I am delighted that we have two new receptionists joining the Admin team at Cardinal Wiseman - Mrs O'Hara and Mrs Woodley. I am sure that you will make them feel welcome to our school community.

Fundraising for our pupils

I would like to inform you about some wonderful fundraising that has been taking place which will go towards supporting some of the children in our school. A total of £700 has been raised by the Thomas Bromwich Society and Maryvale Youth Group. The Maryvale Youth Group had a charity night which was attended by the local parishioners. The money raised will be split with £500 going towards DofE and £200 towards the Year 11 retreat to Taize in France in the summer term. A big thank you to Paul Chawner, one of our parent governors who organized this event and to everyone who attended – your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Inter-house Music Competition

The Challenge Music students took part in their own Inter-house Music competition on Monday and Tuesday this week. Students were required to perform a piece of music of their choice to the rest of the group and students from the Theatre Skills Challenge group. Students had prepared themselves well for this challenge performing accurately, expressively and stylishly. The top four performances were as follows:

Year 8

1st = Perry Lindo (Newman)

for sensitively performing a very challenging accompaniment on the piano.

2nd = Chloe-Louise Hinchley (Teresa)

for singing Yours by Ella Henderson with a beautiful tone and expression.

3rd = Kevin Igbinomwanhia (Teresa)

for singing and accompanying himself on the acoustic guitar which is exceptionally challenging.

4th = Louis Prom (Bernadette)

for playing a complex grade 3 piece on the piano with great technique.

Year 7

1st = Katie Bowen (Bosco)

gave a confident and stylish vocal performance of 'Lips are movin' by Meghan Trainor. She sang as part of a group but really stood out in her solo parts.

2nd = Viet Nguyen (Bernadette)

performed the melody of 'Lean on Me' on the French Horn. The French Horn is a difficult instrument to play and Viet showed good technique to produce a clear and accurate sound.

3rd = Yamikani Ajuti (Newman)

- did a vocal and cornet mash up of a variety of pop songs. He rapped, he sang and then finished with One Direction's 'Light Up My World' on the cornet.

4th = Shana Westcarr-Stephenson (Bosco)

took on a real challenge learning a keyboard part and singing Taylor Swift's 'I Knew You Were Trouble'

All pupils who participated gained points for their house and those that were in the top four gained additional points for their house group. Well done to all pupils who rose to the challenge & had the courage to share their unique talents in this supportive and friendly competition.

Mr Beckett and Mr Gardner

Fantastic Fundraising £1,500.24

A small group of our Year 11 students have been raising money throughout the school year to help fund their Trip to Taize in the East of France. This trip takes place at the end of their GCSE exams. It will be a wonderful opportunity for them to take some time out to reflect and strengthen their faith.

They have organised many fundraising activities, including a staff car wash, weekly cake sales, and sponsored silence, rent a prefect, non-uniform day and delivering a talk at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

These students have been amazing; they have all worked so hard. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who have helped and supported them. Thank you so much for your generosity.

During our stay you will constantly be in our prayers, and we will put you forward for the intentions of the mass.

Lucy Hurley (Senior Lay Chaplain)



'Team Wiseman' to take on the Great Midlands Fun Run

Great Midlands
FUN RUN
walk, jog or run


On Sunday 31st May 2015 a team of pupils and staff from Cardinal Wiseman will be running, jogging, walking and perhaps even crawling the 8.5 mile route of the Sutton Fun Run. Miss Edwards, Assistant Headteacher, completed the run last year and was inspired by all the school teams who entered, "I felt that this was something Cardinal Wiseman could get on board with. Not only does it raise money for a worthy cause, it helps to foster a team spirit amongst both the staff and pupils. Our pupils regularly raise thousands of pounds for charity but we have never taken part in this great local event – this is the year we intend to take it – and beat it!"

In preparation for the run the PE department have been putting on training sessions after school every Thursday to try to improve the fitness of the runners. Miss McNamara, History teacher, is both scared and excited at the prospect of the run. "If you'd said to me at the start of the year that I would be running approximately 13 kilometres I would have been in utter disbelief, but by following a programme of regular road running and the training sessions put on after school I am feeling much more confident about the run next Sunday". All the money raised by the Cardinal Wiseman team will be donated to Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

We would love to see pupils, parents and staff supporting the runners from the side-lines so please pop down to Sutton Coldfield on Sunday 31st May from 11am onwards to cheer us on.
Miss Edwards



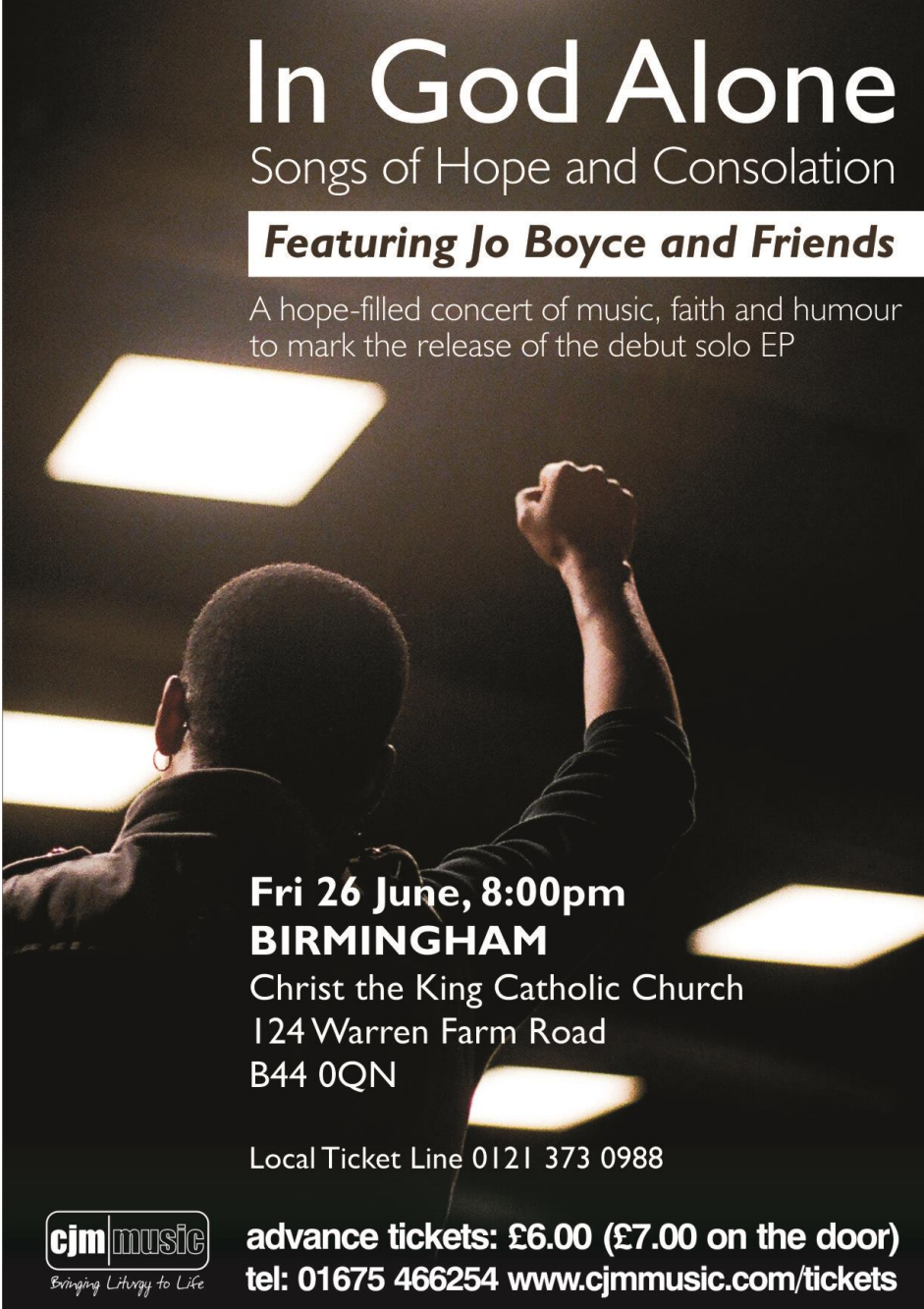
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Dates for your diary	
Week beginning 25 th May – Half-term	
31 st May – Sutton Fun Run	
Week beginning 1 st June - Year 7 Test Week and STAR Reading tests	

Have a wonderful half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson



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Superstar of the Half Term

Louis Prom (year 8)

for recently passing grade 3 piano and violin. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

Subject	Pupil and Reason	Class	Nominated by:
Physical Education	KS3: Jack Cassidy for outstanding attitude and questioning within PE all term.	8 Core	Mr Matthews
	KS4: Coran Allen for a great attitude to learning within the subject.	10 Core	
Maths	KS3: Mugthalana Allet - Excellent progress shown by recent assessment result.	8E1	Mrs Poxon Mrs Barnes
	KS4: Yves Moro Zahouo - Outstanding attitude in lessons.	9W	
English	KS3: Ronaldo Burrell , for consistently excellent effort in lessons and literacy interventions.	7W2	Mr Allen
	KS4: Liam Matthews , for brilliant effort with class work and homework.	9C	
Science	KS3: Erica Vicente for always working hard and trying hard.	7W2	
	KS4: Tommy McDonald , for consistent hard work and a fantastic attitude to learning.	9Y	
DT/ Graphics	KS3: Francene Brennan - Consistent hard work and confidence in practical lesson	8E2	Mrs Smith
Art	KS3: Brayanna Simpson for outstanding contribution in lessons. Both written and practical work demonstrates creativity and confidence.	Year 7	Miss Gamble
	KS4: Enoch Dzurekey for attending every after school session and achieving outstanding grades for creativity and unique artwork.	Year 10	
Media	KS4: BethanyMallett for all her hard work throughout the year in Media; never giving less than her best.	11Med	Miss Easthope
R.E.	KS3: Ryan Milan for regular, great contributions to class discussion.	7E1	Miss Grattidge Mrs Meersand
	KS4: Mary Ann Swoffer for hard work, great effort and inspirational debating skills this half term!	10C	
History	KS3: Catherine Lillie for an excellent and creative 'Slave Diary'	8e2	Mr Beavan

	KS4: Jack Whitehurst for consistently working hard in lessons	9	Miss Mcnamara
Geography	KS3: Emily Elson - Excellent attitude and classwork within Geography	7E1	Mrs Biddle
	KS4: Jordan Hall for excellent originality in their controlled assessment	11 opt 1	Mr Beavan
Drama	KS3: Abigail Whyke for her fantastic attitude in Drama lessons and her performances this half term.	8W1	Mr Kearns
	KS4: Elizabeth Jones - for her outstanding contributions and effort in all of her Drama lessons.	9op1	
Food Tech	KS3: Tatum Jarrett - Outstanding attitude and practical ability in food.	7w	Miss Lewis
	KS4: Szelina Szabo - Outstanding attitude and commitment to learning.	10op4	
Music	KS3: See Superstar of the Week	8E2	Mr Gardner
	KS4: Jordan Booker for his progress learning to play 'Get Off' a Rockschoool guitar piece	9OP	
Computing	KS3: Kieran Roe for continued enthusiasm, fine work and willingness to help others.	7E2	Mr Mulcrow
Spanish	KS3: Witoria Reczek for making excellent progress and stretching herself to achieve an outstanding speaking presentation.	7W1	Mr Beckett
	KS4: Mina Vanu for continued effort in Spanish	10	Mrs Gatton
Challenge	KS3: Joseph Purcell : For Outstanding leadership with Challenge Sport	7SPO	Mr Matthews
Chaplaincy	KS3: Amy Jones for her outstanding contribution to the Catholic life of the school. Well done!		Lay Chaplains
	KS4: Jordan Booker for his outstanding contribution to the Catholic life of the school and for always making us smile :)		
LSC	KS3: Alicia Fagan for a brilliant attitude to learning and achieving over 80% on a Foundation GCSE maths paper.	7Be	Mr Darby
LSC	KS4: Mudaser Latifi for always being eager to do literacy work and having a great attitude to learning. Well done Mudaser!	9Y	Miss Bygrave