



Monthly Mail – July

Dear parent/carer,

At the time of writing this, preparations are fully underway for our brand new Awards Ceremony for pupils in Years 7-10. I know that this is going to a wonderful occasion, full of joy and celebration for the vast number of pupils who have achieved incredible things this year. A full list of award winners is at the end of this letter. We will share some photos and when we return in September.

On Thursday 23rd June, students and staff at Cardinal Wiseman School in Kingstanding had the privilege and pleasure of welcoming Ruth Shire to speak with them. Ruth was part of the Kinder Transport program in the 1930's where she and 9,900 other children aged 3-16 escaped Nazi occupied Europe and became a refugee in England aged 13. She returned to Germany shortly before the war and witnessed the terrifying events of Kristallnacht before returning back to England to seek refuge. Ruth also experienced her Father being taken to Dachau concentration camp before he was released, stripped of all of his property and possessions and then escaped to England. Ruth is now 95 years old and still humbling the hearts of all whom she meets especially the year 7-10 students who heard her story and had plenty of questions to ask Ruth about her life and her experiences.

Year 10 student Morgan Mulholland said "Ruth is a lovely person. Her experience was completely different to what I anticipated. I was surprised when she said she never questioned her faith and during the war, her English family never asked her to convert. They were always behind her 100%. She was a very funny lady but had quite a harrowing tale to tell". Year 10 student Konnie Slattery, "Ruth was truly inspirational. She said she never searches for hatred but instead tries to find understanding. We could learn a lot from her personally and her experiences." Having Ruth come to school reminded us that we have to learn from history otherwise we are condemned to repeat it. We realise the privilege we had of having an eye witness of these historical events coming to tell us what they were like and enabling us to pass these stories and lessons on to future generations. Megan Cox



Newly Elected Student Leadership Team

Where students get to vote on the school council reps, staff were asked last month to vote on the new student leadership team. The votes were all counted and verified and the results are as follows:



Head Girl	Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy
Lauren Taylor	Jordan Booker	Mariam Amjadi	Shane Slattery	Paris Murphy	Bartosz Lisowski

Congratulations to all of the students who were nominated and particularly well done to the students above who will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

ATTENDANCE @ CARDINAL WISEMAN

Whole school Attendance for Year So Far: 96.40%

Attendance by Year Group:

YEAR 8: 96.63%

YEAR 9: 95.98%

YEAR 10: 96.14%

YEAR 11:

96.46%

Well done to all years!

Percentage of Students with 90% below attendance: 6.59%

In order for us continue to maintain good attendance this has unfortunately seen 3 of our parents being given penalty notices and fines issued in January 2016 and 1 parent in May 2016 after being placed on our spotlight campaign.

NOTE: Last days of terms/ non-school uniform days are ALL COMPULSORY school days where all children MUST attend.



Science Club Project - Ugly Duckling

This half term we have incubated some duck eggs in science club. We cleaned the duck eggs and placed them in the incubator. Over the next few weeks we monitored them weekly. We were able to observe the process by shining a torch on them. We could observe how they were developing.

Unfortunately, they did not all fertilise. The first egg to hatch contained 'Ducky Mcduck' [Named by Mr Matthews]. One egg did not hatch and we broke the shell to find that the duck had died. The other eggs failed to fertilise. Miss James – the senior technician then bought two other ducks to keep Ducky company.

[Nugget and Foghorn]. **By Neve Bessant - 9Te**



I am so proud of the caring pupils and staff at our school. We have been inundated with pupils and staff in the science block during the last few weeks to look at and care for the ducklings. A special thanks to Senior Technician Miss Sarah James for all the time she has given to this project, which has brought much joy to many pupils and staff alike. **Miss Kharod – Head of Science**

Summer VIP Party



On Tuesday 12th July pupils of Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Technology College, Birmingham put on a spectacular summer party for their local senior citizens.

The party was held at the Maryvale Community Project; the pupils of Cardinal Wiseman decorated the hall, prepared the food, sang summer songs, and were on hand to serve the senior citizens. The afternoon was full of fun and smiles. There were over 50 senior citizens who attended. The afternoon consisted of bingo, a quiz and we ended with a raffle.

The work that the pupils and staff of the school put in to making this event was very much appreciated by all who came along to the party.

As a Catholic school we believe that it is important to remember the elderly and by organising this event it is a small token of the school's appreciation and support for the elderly people of the local community.



Wiseman Rocks @ Wembley

On Thursday 14th July, 120 students from Cardinal Wiseman boarded four coaches and travelled down to Wembley Arena to attend Transformation Trust's Rock Assembly 2016. We joined over 10,000 young people from schools all around the country in celebrating their schools.

The day began with an amazing careers fair which included stalls by Life Skills – Barclays, Nationwide, Pret, Which? and other businesses. After the careers fair we were brought into the arena where we were greeted by the faces of our year 9 and 10 students on the big screens in videos they had created talking about where they would like their careers to be in the future and how they can achieve their dreams.

Once we had been seen to our seats and the arena began to fill up the concert started. We were treated to a whole host of musical artists from all different genres which the students really enjoyed. Connor in Year 11 said, 'The Dixon Brothers were my favourite performers, they got everyone going and in the right spirit'. Mrs Meersand was surprised when it was announced that she had won a spot on the Hall of Fame – Teacher of the Year Award where a picture of her was shown on the main stage screen in front of all the people who had gathered there. After hours of fun, singing and dancing we piled back on the coach for our journey home and although we were all tired after such a busy day, the smiles remained all the way home! Alessio in Year 10 said, 'I really enjoyed the whole day. It was so nice to spend the day with my friends. My favourite part of the day was the concert.'

Rock Assembly 2017, here we come!





Spirit of Summer

On Thursday 7th July, Cardinal Wiseman School entered into the spirit of summer with an end of term summer party! It wasn't just any party, with all of the money raised from the event going towards funding our annual summer party for the senior citizens of our local community. With a Hawaiian, summer theme, staff and students were adorned, head to toe in floral shirts, face paints and flower lays. Ice creams and doughnuts were sold and devoured whilst summer games of limbo, volley ball and hula-hooping were played throughout break and lunchtime. The atmosphere in school was one of celebration and was a great time to come together and celebrate the summer term at school as well as raising money for such a worthy cause. Lucy Hurley, Lay Chaplain said of the day, "The atmosphere of the school was exciting and upbeat. It was so nice to see our children and staff engaging with raising funds for our local senior citizens and wanting the best for these VIPs." Megan Cox



We were joined in school by various groups and people who have dedicated their lives to following God's plan for them. They spent the day sharing their lives with the students at Cardinal Wiseman School. Life, Sion Community and Marriage Care came in, among others, to speak about why they have chosen to listen to God's call for them. The students from every year group listened to every speaker and then got a chance to ask them questions.

The students were very interested in why these people had chosen to go into religious life or to dedicate their life to God. One year 10 student said, 'I've never thought about becoming a priest, but after meeting Father Simon and seeing that he's just a normal person has given me a bit more to think about'.

Our vocations day came in the middle of our World of Work week which gave our students the chance to explore a more spiritual way of life. Zion Community came and spoke about how they work and pray as a community every day. Life spoke about relationships and most of our students enjoyed this session the most. A year 9 said, 'I loved the Life session, learning about how a baby grows and when its heartbeat starts and fingernails grow!'.

We look forward to our next vocation day and hope our students were inspired!



At this time of year we often have to say goodbye to staff and this year is no exception. We are saying goodbye to Mr Manford, our data manager who is retiring – we wish him a happy and fruitful time – I know he will be busy! Mr Burley is leaving us to take up a teaching post closer to home – he has been a tireless worker for the school and our pupils and we will miss his commitment and integrity – his role is being replaced by Mrs Jennings – now Head of Business and Computing who joined us in January. Mr Gardner has taught so many of you to sing, make music and perform and our masses, concerts and school shows have been transformed by his talent and ability to coach the best from our pupils. He takes up a post in Walsall as Head of Music – his teaching will be taken up by Mr Beckett, one of our Assistant Headteachers.


Miss Poxon is leaving us to move to St Edmund Campion – she has been a stalwart of the Maths department as they have worked to improve standards and outcomes for our pupils. We wish her all the very best. In June Miss Manikkaratnam, who comes to us from Hamstead Hall, joined the Maths department and in September we will be joined by Mr Singh and Mr Hodgkiss. Mr Matthews is leaving us for a PE post in another school where he will no doubt continue to be an outstanding practitioner and a huge asset – we are sorry to see him go. His teaching will be covered by Miss Gannon – so Mr Powers finds himself in the enviable position of working with a team of wonderful women!

Miss Hennessy is leaving us to take up a post at Barr Beacon school – she will again be sharing her expertise in the library and her enthusiasm for all things English! Miss McNamara is going to a post in Solihull to teach History and Miss Grattidge is going 'down south' to a school in Marlow. All three of these teachers were trained at Cardinal Wiseman and is a great credit to their guide and mentor, Mr Kearns that they are now successfully embarking on the next steps in their careers. I know they will continue to be excellent teachers and make a difference to the lives of children.

In the chaplaincy team we have change as Steven leaves us to start training as a priest in September – it's not often that I get to write that! And Siobhan who has been with us for a few months is returning to her home ground in

the north to take up a post there. In September Emily Tierney will be joining the chaplaincy team – we wish all of them the very best in all that they do.

Finally, you may have heard that the school needed to undertake some redundancies. This is a hard and sad thing for any school to be faced with, and although most schools are now doing the same it doesn't make it any easier. As you know earlier this month one of the teaching unions called a national strike to bring attention to the lack of proper funding for education, but as things stand we have to manage on an ever-shrinking budget and with no sign of any quick remedy. Consequently we are saying goodbye to Mr Torhan (DT technician), Miss Jinks, (SENCO) Miss Stridgen (RE) Miss Patel (cleaner). We are so sad and wish them all the very best for the future.

Dates for your diary	
Year 11 Examination Results – Thursday 25 th August	
Teacher Training Day – Monday 5 th September	
Autumn Term starts for Year 7 students only – Tuesday 6 th September	
Autumn Terms starts for students in Years 8-11 – Wednesday 7 th September	
<i>Please see the calendar on the school website for further dates and key events.</i>	

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer,

Christina Stewardson

It is essential that parents/carers keep the school informed about any changes to your contact details.

Previous editions of Monthly Mail can be found on the school website in the News and Events tab.

The main office hours are from 8am to 4.30pm.

Key Stage 3 Awards

AWARD	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
Headteacher's Award for Outstanding Progress	Aisha Darboe	Courtney Steele
	Jordan Williams	Devontay Maragh
Headteacher's Award for Academic Excellence	Julianne Peralta	Alicia Fagan
	Mikolaj Gralak	Akhil Shaine
Catholic Life of the School Award	Ellie O'Donnell	Amy Jones
	Miguel Fernando Da Rocha	Dylan Green
Wiseman Virtues	Karl Lakha-Roydes	Shana Westcarr-Stephenson
	Demi-Lei Day	Ellesha Richards
	Tayla Judge	Nigel Madya
	Alberta N'Guessan	Viet Nguyen
Highest number of merits	Keavy Murdock (144)	Ellesha Richards (137)
	Derrick Oyovwi (136)	Krystian Zych (129)
Outstanding Attitude to Learning Award	Katie Coady	Julia Dilinskas
	Lemar Thompson	Marcel Poznanski
Homework Award	Chloe Townsend	Rhayanna Simpson
	Jacob Buckley	Dominic Clark
Highest Reading Age Award	Tayla Judge	Katie Bowen
Most Improved Reading Award	Evan Byrne	Courtney Steele
Sports Personality Award	Luke Moore (PE)	Joseph Purcell (PE)
Performing Arts Award	Julianne Peralta	Tia Benjamin (Dance)
Most Improved attendance award	Lauren Conlon	Addiya Bernard
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - English	Maciej Grzybowski	Julia Dilinskas
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Maths	Katie Coady	Emily Elson
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Science	Sunny Kateregga	Marcel Poznanski
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - RE	Marko Kabuiku	Thomas Hone
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Humanities	Natalia Lepiochin - Geography	Ellesha Richards - Geography
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Spanish	Hannah Melaney	Sophia Moulard-Stevens
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - PE / Dance	Jake Yarnell (PE)	Elizabeth Matthews (PE)
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Computing, Media and Business	Luke Moore (Computing)	Courtney Steele (Computing)
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Drama / Music	Ethan Bailey - Music	Nigel Madya (Drama)
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Art / Food	Lois Creta-Food	Ramandeep Kaur

Key Stage 4 Awards

AWARD	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Headteacher's Award for Outstanding Progress	Heeru Bishwakama	Priya McLean-Brade
	Hubertas Varanauskas	Shane Slattery
Headteacher's Award for Academic Excellence	Nicole Cullen	Cecilia Luong
	Liam White	Liam Matthews
Catholic Life of the School Award	Weronika Lopko	Emily Hastings
	Reece Seager	Jordan Booker
Wiseman Virtues	Perry Lindo	Jack Whitehurst
	Jordan McKenzie	Abigail Hancox
	Weronika Lopko	Lucy Morris
	Kerry Bowen	Chelsea Beet
Highest number of merits	Weronika Wojcik (129)	Priscilla Owusu (108)
	Decklan Prosser (131)	Morgan Wiggins (100)
Outstanding Attitude to Learning Award	Mughthalana Allet	Paris Murphy
	Suraj Kandel	Alessio Corbia
Homework Award	Shanay Teale	Emily Hastings
	Reece Seager	Bartosz Lisowski
Highest Reading Age Award	Abigail Whyke	Liam Matthews
Most Improved Reading Award	Nicole Cullen	Alessio Corbia
Sports Personality Award	Victoria Jade-Beard - Dance	Charlie Bath (PE)
Performing Arts Award	Perry Lindo	Dominic McPherson
Most Improved attendance award	Evie Millerchip	Mariam Amjadi
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - English	Suraj Kandel	Jay Bevan
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Maths	Connie Luong	Steven Deathridge
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Science	Rebeca Karulianate	Yonatan Tirunch
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - RE	Osarodion Rehbaum ;	Jonathan Carless
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Humanities	Bethany Bird - Geography	Ilana Taylor - Geography
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Spanish	Oliwia Benarek	Prince N'Guessan
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - PE / Dance	Hubertas Varanauskas (PE)	Lauren Taylor (PE)
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Computing, Media and Business	Rebeca Karulianate	Stanley Fraser (Computing & Business)
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Drama / Music	Abigail Whyke (Drama)	Lucy Burbridge - Music
Subject Award for Outstanding Progress - Art / Food	N/A	Charvett-Kettner Morgan - Art

