



# Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School



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# CARDINAL WISEMAN - A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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We are a community built on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We value every child as a child of God, and aspire to do all we can to support them to grow in Christ through their living and learning.



## Chaplaincy

A key feature of our school is the chaplaincy team  
They will provide support for your child alongside their teachers

# WISEMAN VIRTUES



A word cloud of virtues arranged in a cross shape. The words are in various colors and orientations. The central word is 'learned', oriented vertically. Other words include 'loving' (vertical, green), 'hopeful' (horizontal, purple), 'curious' (horizontal, blue), 'wise' (horizontal, grey), 'grateful' (horizontal, green), 'discerning' (horizontal, red), 'compassionate' (horizontal, green), 'active' (horizontal, blue), 'truthful' (vertical, orange), 'intentional' (horizontal, yellow), 'eloquent' (horizontal, orange), 'generous' (horizontal, green), 'faith-filled' (horizontal, purple), and 'attentive' (horizontal, red). A small bird icon is perched on the word 'grateful'.

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prophetic





Liturgy



Community Work



Fundraising



Retreats



Work with KYT



Prayer



Mass



Humanitarian aid



# Y7 Alton Castle Retreat



6th - 8th December 2023





University of  
**Salford**  
MANCHESTER

# Academic Culture



**Durham**  
University



**Keele**  
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF  
**OXFORD**



**Loughborough**  
University



UNIVERSITY OF  
**BIRMINGHAM**

# **ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER** **(Quality of Education)**

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# What is the curriculum?

***‘The curriculum defines the purpose of a school and the journey it wants its pupil to take’***

***The curriculum at Cardinal Wiseman is best defined as ‘knowledge engaged.’***

At Cardinal Wiseman our curriculum aims are:

- To empower all students to achieve to the best of their ability to enable them to be successful in life
- To enable pupils to seek and find the Truth about the world
- To promote the intellectual development of all pupils



# How does our curriculum look?

- Knowledge books are used in all subjects and in all year groups
- Subjects teach rich and crucial knowledge that is deemed fundamental for students (not only in preparation for exams but to provide essential knowledge for life)
- Powerful knowledge can enhance and change students' understanding of the world around them and broaden their horizons
- All students have access to the same rich knowledge
- We do not differentiate work but we do scaffold to enable all students to access the rich knowledge that we have deemed important
- Frequent retrieval practice
- Students are provided with regular feedback
- Curriculum is carefully sequenced across the 5 years

# INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- Booklets
- Half an hour for 7 subjects in week 1, 7 subjects in week 2

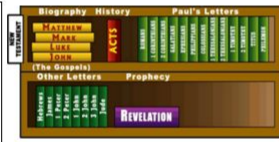
Maths and Science completed online (Sparx and Tassomai)

- Knowledge quiz and a revision activity (self marked)
- Checked weekly
- Independent learning support, 3.15-4pm on a Wednesday.
- Additional support in SEND Hub after school

## Week 1 RE – New Testament

No.	Question	Answer	
1	The New Testament is a part of the Bible	True	False
2	The Bible is the Christian Holy Book	True	False
3	What language was the New Testament originally written in?		
4	How many books are in the New Testament?		
5	The Gospels are all about Jesus Christ	True	False
6	Who are the Acts written about?		
7	Paul wrote the majority of the letters	True	False
8	What is the final book of the New Testament?		

Application task: Explain the important writings found in the New Testament

<p><u>Gospels:</u></p>		
<p><u>Acts of the Apostles:</u></p>	<p><u>Letters:</u></p>	<p><u>Book of Revelation:</u></p>



# ***‘Safeguarding is Everyone’s Responsibility’***

*“The arrangements for safeguarding are effective”.*

*“There is a strong culture of safeguarding and care for pupils throughout the school. Staff know that keeping pupils safe is their top priority. They are vigilant for signs that pupils might need extra help. Leaders ensure that pupils get the help they need, when they need it, from external agencies when appropriate.”*

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# Safeguarding Team

[dsl@cardinalwiseman.net](mailto:dsl@cardinalwiseman.net)

If you have any concerns about the safety of your child or another child, please report it immediately.

**Online safety** - the online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.





# Mental Health & Wellbeing Team



*"Mental health is about our feelings, our thinking, our emotions and our mood. Looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health."*

Anna Freud – National Centre for Children and Families

Mental Health Provision at CW is **excellent**.

2nd best out of 18 secondary schools across Birmingham in Sept 2022

What do we do:

- Specialist Wellbeing Team
- Part of our PSHE programme
- Assemblies
- Activities throughout the year to bring our school community together
- Loving and compassionate community

We will share some advice regarding transition before we break for the summer.

Emma  
Edwards

Deputy DSL  
Assistant  
Headteacher  
Responsible  
for pupil and  
staff wellbeing



Mental Health Lead

Lauren  
Evitts

Deputy DSL  
Safeguarding  
Officer



Mental Health First Aider

Sarah  
Scovell

Higher Level  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mental Health First Aider

Keri  
Heaton

Senior Lay  
Chaplain



Mental Health First Aider

Dominic  
Kerr

Deputy DSL  
Head of  
Emmaus  
Centre



Qualified Counsellor

Anthony  
Beckett

DSL  
Senior  
Assistant  
Head  
Teacher



Mental Health First Aider



# Aiming High

Secondary school is where pupils discover what particular talent and passion they have; what job or role is going to make them happy and then we start them on their path to brilliance.

The journeys they will make are their own; the learning belongs to them but we will walk with them and enable them to be their best in every aspect of themselves.

# Transformation Curriculum



Taekwondo (Korean Martial Art)  
Archery

JASS - Junior Award Scheme for Schools

Debatemate

Sports Leaders Award

DofE (Duke of Edinburgh Award)

Digging Deep - gardening

Creative Drawing inc Manga and Anime

Creative Writing

Couch to 5K

Electrics - the basics

Polish School Exchange

Centrestage

Interior Design

Chess

St. Chad's Sanctuary - helping refugees

Reading with Primary School Children

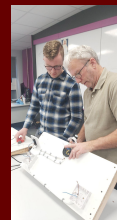
Musical Theatre - School Production

Business Enterprise

Young Writers Competition

Poetry

Speak Like a Star



# Why are we doing this?

- To develop pupils character - including your confidence, independence and resilience.
- To broaden your horizons with new opportunities and enriching experiences.
- To enable you to develop and discover your interests and God given talents.
- Develop positive/stronger working relationships between pupils and staff.
- Prepare you to be active citizens who contribute positively to society.
- Prepare you for your adult lives.
- Strengthen your sense of belonging within our school community.
- Develop your social skills - working alongside pupils from other year groups and within the community.



# WHY SHOULD PUPILS GET INVOLVED IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

- ✓ Make new friends with people who have a similar interest
- ✓ Defines you as a person - your character
- ✓ Improve your social skills
- ✓ Improve your academic performance
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Extend your knowledge and understanding
- ✓ When applying to schools and colleges it shows that you are an interesting person – they like to know how you spend your free time

**We ask our parents/carers to encourage their child to attend extra-curricular sessions.**

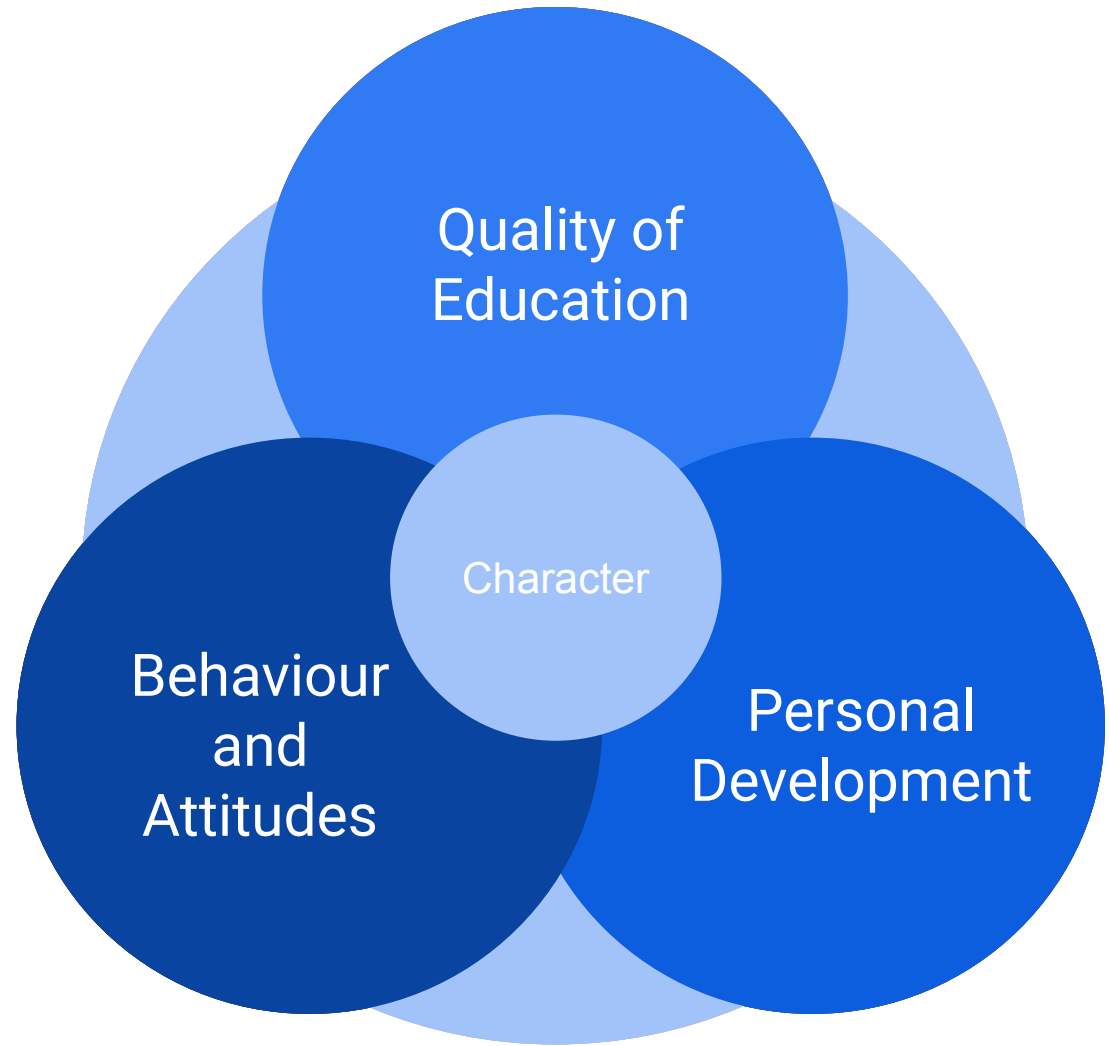
# Character Education at CW



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# How important is character?



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is a  
**School of Character**  
**Quality Mark + Award**  
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*The school's strong focus on moral virtues ensures its character programme develops pupils with a strong moral compass who strive, 'to do the right thing for the right reason,' and become 'good people.'*

- ☐ Wiseman Virtues at the heart of the school
- ☐ Personal Reflection
- ☐ Annual Speech Giving Day
- ☐ Transformation Curriculum
- ☐ Merits / End of term rewards assemblies / End of Year Awards Ceremony
- ☐ Character is taught in the curriculum



**CW is a leading school in the country - we are educating other schools.**

# **RAISING STANDARDS LEADER**

Miss Reeves

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# WHAT IS CULTURE FOR LEARNING?

## *The Wiseman Way*

‘Culture for learning’ is ***the way we do things*** at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School.

Virtues-based and purpose-driven.

The students are **responsible** for their actions and progress.

We want them to be **safe, happy** and **successful**.



# Culture for Learning

Our culture for learning is how we **maximise progress** for every child at our school!

- Be on time for school and lessons
- Carry the correct equipment and your **Record of Achievement** at all times
- Stay on task and follow instructions immediately
- Try your hardest
- Produce high quality homework
- Wear your uniform with pride

**All of us -  
all of the  
time!**

Cardinal Wiseman Achievement Card evidence					
Week beginning 4/9/2023					
Rolling attendance					
Virtue focus	Grateful and generous				
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1					
2					
Reading					
Formation					
3					
4					
5					
6					
Other					



# Top tips for parents/carers

Coming to secondary school can be daunting - but we all managed! Reassure your child and **help them to get into good routines**. It is really important that your child has a good **sleep routine** - **well rested people learn more effectively**.

**Keep track of their progress each day** by checking their Record of Achievement. Please sign this each week.

Be aware of **uniform** expectations.

Monitor and set limits for **mobile phones** and other devices - free apps like Family Link enable you to do this easily.

Always supervise the use of **social media** (Whatsapp, Facebook etc.)

Take an interest in their **independent work**.

**Contact us if you have a question**

**Work in partnership with us** - there is nothing more important than your child's safety, wellbeing and progress.



# Attendance really does matter!

- Every pupil in the school has a target of **97% attendance plus**.
- 90% attendance and below is classed as **persistently absent from school**
- There is a **direct correlation** between school success and school attendance.
- The **attendance team** will chase absence and work closely with parents / carers to ensure consistency around attendance.
- Please **report absence** before 9am on the first day of absence and then any subsequent days.

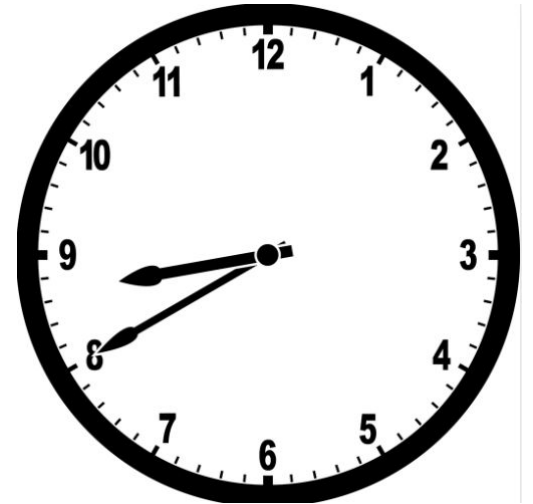
95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days</b>
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day</b>
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days</b>
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days</b>

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

# Punctuality is important!

The school lesson start time is 8.40am. This means that the pupils need to be physically in their lessons at this time - not just arriving at the gate - so that learning can commence. Therefore, we encourage students to aim to arrive at 8.30am each morning.





# Start your day with our breakfast club!

- School gates open at 8am for pupils
- All pupils are invited to attend the Cardinal Wiseman Breakfast Club from **8.05-8.35am** everyday in the main dining hall.
- Pupils can come along to enjoy a free breakfast, socialise with their peers and school staff, and play games. **It is a great way to start the morning!** On Thursdays we also offer hot chocolate and on Fridays fruit.
- Here the pupils can also buy equipment to replenish their tuff bags.
- For their first week here, the breakfast club will only be open to year 7 to help the children settle in. **It is also open tomorrow for Induction Day.**



# HEAD OF YEAR

**Mr Connor**

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# Lines of Communication

ParentMail – payment for trips / dinners / uniform

SIMS Parent App

Phone or email

Wiseman News (half termly)

Website

Progress reports twice per year

Progress Evenings

This is what we ask of you...

Support US in supporting  
YOU



# How to support your child at Cardinal Wiseman

- ❖ Ensure that the school has current addresses and contact numbers (minimum 2) in case of emergency
- ❖ Attend all Progress Evenings
- ❖ Attend any additional events in school e.g. How to support your child with revision?
- ❖ Attendance - inform the Attendance Officer about anything relating to absence from school
- ❖ Speak to your child about their Achievement Card - be supportive - challenge them and be positive
- ❖ Support your child with their independent learning

# Transition

CW staff have met with Year 6 pupils and teachers

Detailed information about each child from their Year 6 teachers –  
transition forms

Additional meetings and extra time in Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School for pupils who need extra support with transition and/or pupils where only 1 or 2 pupils are joining Cardinal Wiseman

# Induction Day - Wed 5th July

- Pupils will be in their Formation groups based on information provided by primary schools. Pupils will move Formation groups at various times throughout the year for a range of reasons
- A range of activities with their tutor, lessons and prayer
- Pupils to wear their primary school uniform
- Snack and lunch will be provided - you can bring your own
- Pencil case and school bag
- Bottle of water
- Arrive between 8 and 8:35am – go to reception - pupils that arrive early can go to breakfast club
- Finish at 3.15 - meet your child outside the school gates

**Induction Day - Wed 5th July**

## **Medication**

If your child needs medication on school site, you must speak to Miss Guerin in the small dining hall.

Miss Guerin will give you a form to complete and this needs to be handed over in the morning with the medication.

# Term Starts Tuesday 5th Sept for Year 7



## Year 7 arrive between 8 and 8.35am

Pupils to bring their:

School bag

Full school uniform

Stationery will be provided

Packed lunch if not eating school lunch



# School Uniform

Clive Mark will be holding 'Cardinal Wiseman' events at their Boldmere store. These will take place on Sunday 16th July from 10am - 4pm and Wednesday 19th July from 9am - 8pm.

Please note that you do not have to purchase your school uniform from Clive Mark. Most items of school clothing are available in local supermarkets.

# Summer Homework

## *'All About Me'* projects

Pupils must learn how to do their own tie.



## **All About Me!**

### **Summer Holiday Project**

**We are so excited for you to join us at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School and to become members of our school community. In preparation for this, we want to learn about you, so that we can support you as much as possible in September.**

We expect you to create a project all about you in whichever way you would like. This could be in any form including:

- An autobiography
- A song
- A poem
- A video
- Some artwork
- A presentation
- Any other idea that you may have

In September, you will be expected to present/share your project to your formation tutor and your peers in your form group. This will help you to have a sense of belonging as well as providing the opportunity for you to impress us; you should spend at least 2-3 hours on this over your break.

#### A high quality project could include:

- ✓ Key information about yourself such as name, birthday, interests, hobbies etc.
- ✓ Fun facts to help us get to know you such as favourite sports, books, films etc.
- ✓ Pictures to show some of the key information.
- ✓ Activities you have been involved in during primary school.
- ✓ What you are looking forward to about secondary school.
- ✓ Dreams for the future.
- ✓ Heroes and important people in your life.

**Due date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding presentations/work.**

**We really look forward to learning more about you and seeing what you can create!**

# For more information go to:

[www.cardinalwiseman.net](http://www.cardinalwiseman.net)



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