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Welcome to Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Dear parent/carer and pupil

It gives me great pleasure to know that you and your child will be joining our wonderful school community in September this year.

We understand that transition from primary to secondary school can be a worrying time for both pupils and parents/carers, however, the table below highlights some of the measures that will take place to ensure that the transition process is as smooth as possible. Please read the information carefully and make a note of the key dates.

Date	Event
May / June 2024	Primary School Visits - staff from Cardinal Wiseman will visit pupils and staff from our feeder primary schools. This is so that pupils have the opportunity to learn about Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, meet a member of staff and for our staff to learn about the pupils who will be joining us. We may choose to do this online if necessary.
Tuesday 2nd July 3.30-6pm	Induction Evening - A parent/carer must attend this event. During this event you will attend an important presentation in the hall for all parents by the Senior Leadership Team.
Wednesday 3rd July	Induction Day - Students from primary schools across Birmingham visit their secondary school for the day - a letter about this event will be sent to you closer to the time.

Clive Mark will be holding 'Cardinal Wiseman' events at their Boldmere store. These will take place on Saturday 6th July 9-5.30 Saturday 13th July 9-5.30 and Sunday 21st July 10-4. Please find enclosed a leaflet offering 10% off and further information. 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.

Induction Evening – Tuesday 2nd July between 3:30 and 6pm. At least one parent or carer is expected to attend. During the event, you will be required to attend an important presentation in the hall which will last approx. 45 minutes.

Due to the number of parents/carers, we have decided to split the year group into two halves. **Please ensure that no more than two people attend the evening.** Ideally this will be two parents/carers or one parent and the child. Please note that it is not essential for pupils to attend this presentation, as they will receive their own presentation during Induction Day on Wednesday 3rd July.

	Students with surnames starting with the letters A - K	Students with surnames starting with the letters K - Z
3:30 – 4:00pm	Register Opportunity to purchase school tie (£9.50) and badge (£7) – cash only	
4:00 – 4:45pm	Presentation in the hall by members of the Senior Leadership Team and your child's Head of Year and KS3 Raising Standards Leader	
4:45 - 5:15pm		Register Opportunity to purchase school tie (£9.50) and badge (£7) – cash only
5:15 – 6:00pm		Presentation in the hall by members of the Senior Leadership Team and your child's Head of Year and KS3 Raising Standards Leader

Our welcome pack and new starter forms, that parents/carers need to complete for their child, will all be online. It is critical that parents/carers complete the admissions form by **Friday 21st June 2024**. You will receive an email from us with a link to the website and a password. All parents / carers will be notified when this is sent out. Please contact Miss Guerin (cguerin@cardinalwiseman.net) if you require any assistance with completing the forms.

For safeguarding reasons, we can not have pupils on our school premises for Induction Day without all of the information such as parent/carer contact details, medical details etc. as this would be a health and safety risk.

If you would like us to be aware of any information of a safeguarding nature, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Safeguarding Team – dsl@cardinalwiseman.net

Your child will be joining Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School at a very exciting time in the history of the school. The school has undergone a massive transformation over the past ten years and in October 2021 we were rated by Ofsted as a GOOD school in all areas of the inspection. If you would like to read the full report please go to the About Us tab on our school website.

- ✓ We are heavily oversubscribed with long waiting lists (over 90 pupils on waiting list in Year 7)
- ✓ Since 2020, we have invested over £3million in refurbishing classrooms, corridors, toilets, changing rooms and a brand new fitness suite.
- ✓ We have become a beacon school in many areas with staff from other schools learning about how we effectively manage behaviour and mental health/well-being
- ✓ On May 16th 2023, we received the Quality Mark + Award in recognition of the work we do as a school in developing the character of our pupils. Only 12 secondary schools in the country have received this prestigious award.

I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 2nd July at Induction Evening at the start of this exciting new chapter in your child's life. I am confident that with your support, your child will be wholly successful at our school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Swanwick (Headteacher)