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Welcome to Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to know that your child has been offered a place at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School.

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.

Here are a few other points about why Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is an exceptional school:

- ✓ We have been heavily oversubscribed with long waiting lists for many years - we have over 90 pupils on the waiting list for our current Year 7.
- ✓ Since 2020, we have invested over £3.5million in refurbishing classrooms, corridors, toilets, changing rooms and a brand new fitness suite.
- ✓ Our progress measures in the summer of 2024 were the best in the history of the school. This measures how much progress a child makes from Year 6 SATs to when they get their GCSE results in Year 11. Our latest progress measure is one of the best in the local area;
- ✓ 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.

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 2025	<b>Primary School Visits.</b> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> July 3.30-6pm	<b>Induction Evening.</b> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Induction Day.</b> 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.
Date to be confirmed	<b>Additional Transition Sessions</b> – we offer an additional transition session for pupils that are coming from a primary school with only 1 or 2 pupils. We also offer opportunities for pupils that find transition challenging. This is in conversation with primary school teachers and parents/carers.

I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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)