



# Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School



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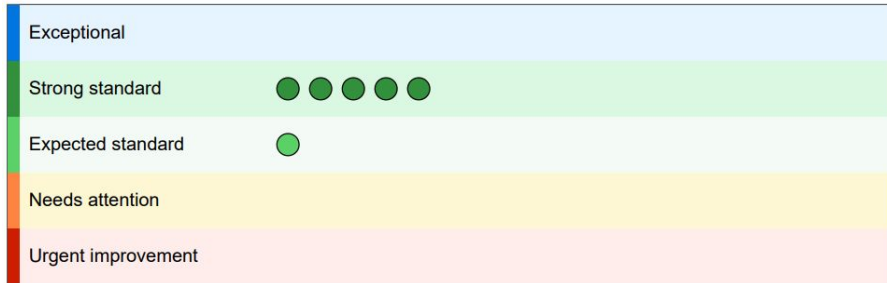
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# Latest Inspections



## Inspection report: 14 April 2026



## Summary of key findings

### Overall effectiveness

The overall quality of Catholic education provided by the school

### Catholic life and mission (p.3)

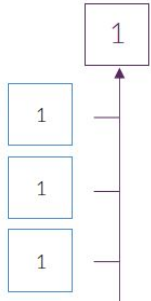
How faithfully the school responds to the call to live as a Catholic community at the service of the Church's educational mission

### Religious education (p.5)

The quality of curriculum religious education

### Collective worship (p.7)

The quality and range of liturgy and prayer provided by the school



Our latest Ofsted report awarded five Strong Standard judgements, placing us among the highest-performing schools inspected under the new report card framework and recognising consistently excellent provision across key areas of school life.

As a Catholic school, we also get inspected by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. Our CSI report from Feb 2026 shows that we were graded outstanding, which is the highest possible grading, in all areas of the inspection.

# CARDINAL WISEMAN - A CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Omnia Pro Christo - All For Christ

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: loving, hopeful, attentive, learned, curious, faith-filled, wise, generous, learned, prophetic, grateful, eloquent, discerning, intentional, compassionate, truthful, and active. The word 'learned' is repeated twice, once horizontally and once vertically.



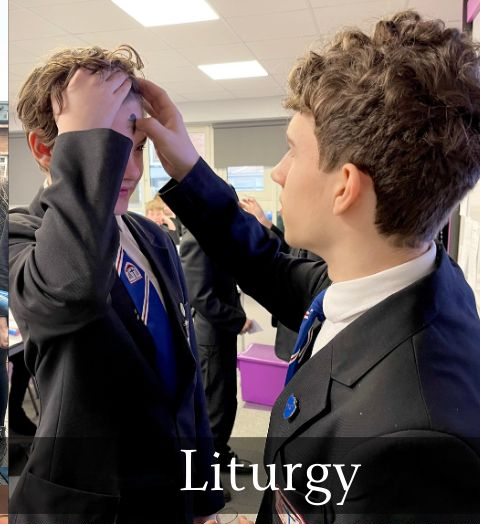
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Fundraising



Mission



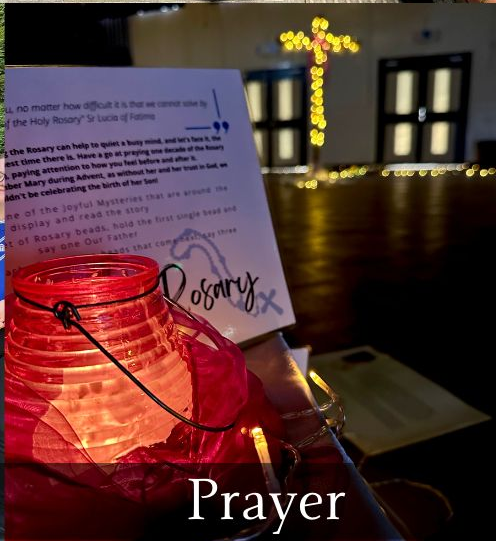
Liturgy



Retreat



Stewardship



Prayer



Service



# Y7 Alton Castle Residential

2nd - 4th December '26

# *‘Safeguarding is Everyone’s Responsibility’*

The safeguarding standards are met.

“Pupils are confident that staff care about them. They feel safe and valued as members of the school community.

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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.

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

Pupils at CW ranked their wellbeing as being highest compared to their peers at other mixed gender secondary schools across the city in 2025/26.

Since the start of this city wide data collection, we have always been in the top 5 schools.

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
- Counselling/Mentoring services bought in

<p><b>Mrs Buckle</b></p> <p>Deputy DSL &amp; Assistant Head Teacher responsible for pupil and staff wellbeing</p> <p><b>Mental Health Lead</b></p>		<p><b>Ms Evitts</b></p> <p>Deputy DSL &amp; Safeguarding Officer</p> <p><b>Mental Health First Aider</b></p>	
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<p><b>Mrs Scovell</b></p> <p>Higher Level Teaching Assistant &amp; Assistant Head of Year for Year 7</p> <p><b>Mental Health First Aider and qualified counsellor</b></p>		<p><b>Mrs Lynch</b></p> <p>First Aid Officer and Assistant Head of Year for Year 11</p> <p><b>Mental Health First Aider</b></p>	
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<p><b>Mr Kerr</b></p> <p>Deputy DSL &amp; lead for LAC pupils</p> <p><b>Qualified Counsellor</b></p>		<p><b>Mr Beckett</b></p> <p>DSL &amp; Senior Assistant Head Teacher</p> <p><b>Mental Health First Aider</b></p>	
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# Worried about a child

Alternatively, you can contact Birmingham Children's Trust: [www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk/report-a-concern](http://www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk/report-a-concern) or call CASS (Children's Advice and Support Service)

## **CASS - Children's Advice and Support Service**

CASS provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about another child in our community.

They want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child, please contact CASS. They will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

If you're not sure whether a child is at risk you can discuss the circumstances with CASS.

### **CASS daytime contact details (Monday to Friday only)**

- Monday - Thursday 8.45am - 5.15pm, Friday 8.45am - 4.15pm. Phone 0121 303 1888 select **Option 2** then **Option 2**

### **CASS Emergency Out of Hours (including weekends)**

- Phone 0121 675 4806

**If your concern is urgent, due to a child being at risk of immediate and significant harm. please call 999**

# Online Safety

1. All school devices are monitored for safeguarding reasons - this includes when a child logs into any device using their school log in.
2. All pupils are taught and reminded about our monitoring and filtering.
3. Pupils are taught about online safety in computing lessons and as part of our PSHE programme.
4. Mobile phones - pupils are allowed to bring their mobile phone to school. Pupils are expected to lock their mobile away in a pouch provided by school - this is monitored every morning.
5. What online safety measures of you have in place as a parent/carer?





University of  
**Salford**  
MANCHESTER

# Academic Culture



**Durham**  
University



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“All teachers have been trained to ensure that the individual needs of pupils are consistently met. They implement effective teaching strategies for all pupils regardless of their barriers to learning. This work is highly effective in supporting the learning of all pupils. Consequently, pupils achieve very well.”

# 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.’***

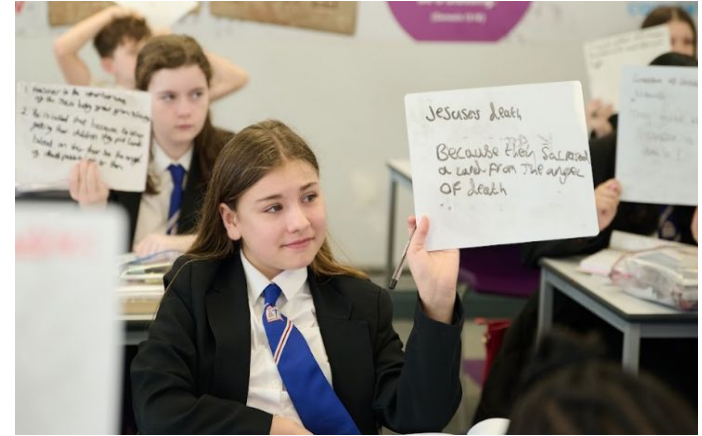
At Cardinal Wiseman our curriculum aims are:

- 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

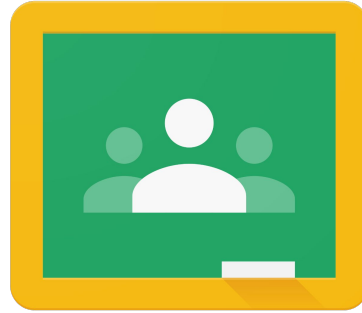


# How does our curriculum look?

- Students study a **full range of subjects**
- **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)
- 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



Google Classroom



**CENTURY**

## Personal development and wellbeing

Strong standard 

The school's work to promote pupils' personal development is remarkable and highly effective.



April 2026

# Personal development includes:

## CIEAG

(Careers, Information,  
Education, Advice and  
Guidance)

## PSHE

(Personal, Social,  
Health and Economic)

## SMSC

(Spiritual, Moral, Social  
and Cultural)

Character  
development

Citizenship

## RSHE

(Relationships, Sex and  
Health Education)

Wider  
opportunities

(includes enrichment, trips,  
extra- curricular,  
Transformation Curriculum)

British Values

Protected  
Characteristics

# Formation

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Year 7	Activity	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>Optional</b> see folder for notices which must be shared with pupils. Suggestions for other things include school council, further PSHE, <i>admin, ind reading</i>	<b>In the News, Careers, British Values and Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>
	Prayer	All assemblies begin with a prayer	Slide 1 followed by House Patron prayer	Slide 2 followed by Weekly Reflection	Slide 3 followed by Personal Development prayer	Slide 4 followed by Personal Development prayer
Year 8	Activity	<b>Optional</b> see folder for notices which must be shared with pupils. Suggestions for other things include school council, further PSHE, <i>admin, ind reading</i>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>In the News, Careers, British Values and Protected Characteristics</b>
	Prayer	Slide 1 followed by House Patron prayer	All assemblies begin with a prayer	Slide 2 followed by Personal Development prayer	Slide 3 followed by Personal Development prayer	Slide 4 followed by Weekly Reflection
Year 9	Activity	<b>Optional</b> see folder for notices which must be shared with pupils. Suggestions for other things include school council, further PSHE, <i>admin, ind reading</i>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>In the News, Careers, British Values and Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>
	Prayer	Slide 1 followed by House Patron prayer	Slide 2 followed by Personal Development prayer	All assemblies begin with prayer	Slide 3 followed by Weekly Reflection	Slide 4 followed by Personal Development prayer
Year 10	Activity	<b>Optional</b> see folder for notices which must be shared with pupils. Suggestions for other things include school council, further PSHE, <i>admin, ind reading</i>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>In the News, Careers, British Values and Protected Characteristics</b>
	Prayer	Slide 1 followed by House Patron prayer	Slide 2 followed by Personal Development prayer	Slide 3 followed by Personal Development prayer	All assemblies begin with a prayer	Slide 4 followed by Weekly Reflection
Year 11	Activity	<b>Optional</b> see folder for notices which must be shared with pupils. Suggestions for other things include school council, further PSHE, <i>admin, ind reading</i>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>In the News, Careers, British Values and Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
	Prayer	Slide 1 followed by House Patron prayer	Slide 2 followed by Personal Development prayer	Slide 3 followed by Personal Development prayer	Slide 4 followed by Weekly Reflection	All assemblies begin with a prayer

# 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

Boxing @ 2nd City Boxing

Electrics - the basics

Working with the Army

Centrestage - LAMDA (acting exams)

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 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.**

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is a  
**School of Character**  
**Quality Mark + Award**  
May 2023



*ACE School of*  
**CHARACTER**

- 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 one of a few leading schools in the country for Character**

# RAISING STANDARDS LEADER

Miss Reeves

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

*“Pupils’ behaviour is impeccable. They are friendly, welcoming and a pleasure to speak to. Leaders have established a positive culture grounded in the ‘Wiseman Virtues’ that are lived by all.”*

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# 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, your mobile phone pouch 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!**



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Record of Achievement  
2023-24

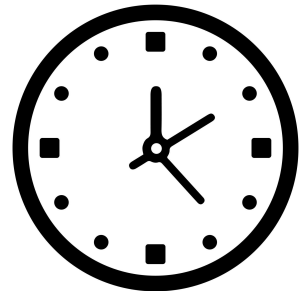
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Formation group: \_\_\_\_\_

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					

# Attendance and punctuality

- Every pupil in the school has a target of **97% attendance plus**.
- 90% attendance and below is classed as **persistently absent from school. This is 19 or more days off over a school year!**
- 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 8.25am on the first day of absence and then any subsequent days - call the school or email [attendance@cardinalwiseman.net](mailto:attendance@cardinalwiseman.net)
- Students have to be in lessons by 8.25am - we start each day with Sparx.



# 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 **8.00-8.25am** 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.
- The pupils can also buy equipment to replenish their tuff bags.
- **Breakfast club is open tomorrow for Induction Day.**



# School Uniform

Clive Mark in Boldmere will have a large stock of our school active uniform & jumpers available over the summer. You can buy a pack from us for £60 via Parentmail (RRP over £100) to be collected on 1st September, which contains the following:

- 2 x school jumpers
- 1 x school tie - collected today
- 1 x tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- 1 x polo shirt
- 1 x zip-up top

# Monday to Thursday - school uniform



- School jumper
- School tie
- White shirt
- Black trousers or skirt (not 'stretch' material)
- Plain black leather (or leather-style) trainers - logos can be worn but they must be black
- No makeup, nail varnish, fake nails, fake eyelashes or jewellery (one pair of studs is allowed)

# Friday - active uniform



Also worn for PE, but students will change into this from their normal school uniform

# HEAD OF YEAR 7

Mr Quirk

# 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.



# Lines of Communication

- ParentMail – payment for trips / dinners / uniform
- SIMS Parent App/ Classcharts
- Phone or email
- Wiseman News (half termly)
- Website
- Progress reports twice per year
- Year 7 settling in evening & progress evening

# Transition at Cardinal Wiseman

- 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 1st 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 (allergies accounted for) - but you can bring your own
- Pencil case and school bag
- Bottle of water
- Arrive between 8:00 and 8:20am through reception
- Finish at 3pm. Pupils will be dismissed from school. It is up to parents/carers to decide and discuss with their child if they want their child to leave by themselves or be met at the school gate.

# Induction Day - Wed 1st July

## Medication

If your child needs medication on school site, you must bring it into reception in the morning - it must be boxed with pharmacy instructions and pupils name clearly visible.

You will need to complete a form detailing the medication your child needs.

Members of the first aid team will be available should you need to speak with them.

Term Starts **Wednesday 2nd September** for Year 7



Year 7 arrive between 8 and 8.20am -

Lessons start at 8.25

Pupils to bring their:

School bag

Full school uniform

Stationery will be provided

# Free School Meals



A reminder that you need to reapply for FSM - these do not carry on from primary school. You have been sent the link already, but it will be sent out again this week.

# Summer Homework

*'All About Me'* projects

## 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

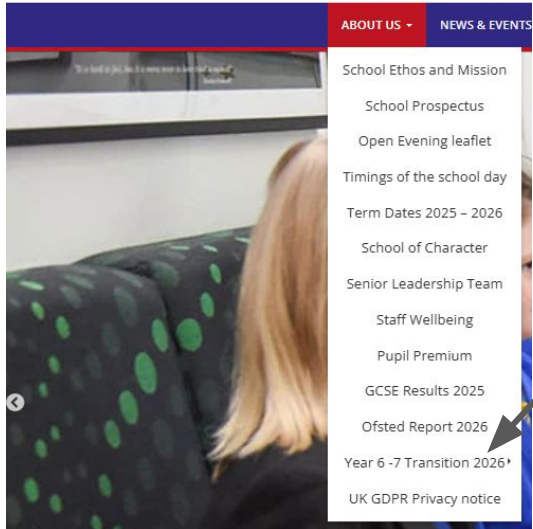
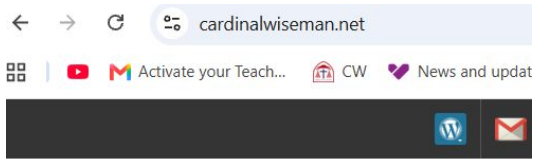
In September, you will be expected to present/share your project to your formation tutor and your peers in your form group. This will help you to have a sense of belonging as well as providing the opportunity for you to impress us; you should spend at least 2-3 hours on this over your break.

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: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

For more information: [www.cardinalwiseman.net](http://www.cardinalwiseman.net)





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