



Summer School August 2021

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and have been able to enjoy the summer break. Although there is a long way to go, we are hoping that the impact of Covid-19 will be much reduced this coming term and we can get back to a sense of normality and routine.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new parents and carers to our school community, whether joining in Year 7, transferring schools, or joining our excellent Sixth Form. We are delighted that our community continues to grow to now over 1300 students and as a staff body, cannot wait to restart our journey together.

This will (hopefully!) be the first full academic year that students will complete since 2018-19 finished, and that means that even our Year 9 students begin this year having never had an uninterrupted year of education. Bearing this in mind, we want to try to ensure that we all get back into good routines and habits and we ask that you and your children do have a conversation about:

- the expectations regarding uniform and Sixth Form dress code, as appropriate
- the importance of attendance and how it linked to success
- our behaviour guidelines
- no use of social media and mobile telephones within school grounds.

It is so helpful if parents and carers run through the systems with their children to aid their general organisation and we genuinely appreciate all of your support.

I am absolutely delighted to start this year as it will be the first full academic year since being appointed to post in February. I will however, be taking a very short leave of absence for paternity, as my wife gave birth to a beautiful baby boy last week.

I cannot wait to welcome our children back and see them back in the classroom. Enjoy the weekend.

God bless

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RETURN TO SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Following a transformational summer, we are looking forward to welcoming our young people back to school for the Autumn Term.

As you will be aware, the implications of COVID are still with us. In line with guidance provided by the Department of Education and the Local Authority, we are making some adjustments to the start of our school year.

All students are required to complete TWO Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) during their first week back in school. We have made the following arrangements to ensure this happens safely and with minimum disruption to the children's education.

MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Years 7 and 11 students **ONLY** invited to take part in COVID testing at the following times:
Morning 9:00am - 11:00am
Midday 11:30am - 1:00pm
Afternoon 1:30pm - 3:30pm

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

All students return to school by 8:50am for the first day of term. Years 8 and 9 students only invited to take part in COVID testing, form by form, during the school day.

As we have already received consent from parents of students in Year 8 to 13 who attended our school during the 2020/2021 academic year, there is no need to complete another consent form. However, if you no longer wish for your child to take part in testing, please contact us as soon as possible by emailing testing@cwcscoventry.co.uk. Parents of students in Year 7 will be contacted separately regarding consent for the new academic year.

If a student's test is positive, then we will contact home immediately and ask you to arrange a PCR test for your child. Your child will need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the PCR test result.

As with previous guidance, if your child is displaying COVID symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not send them to school.

In a change from last academic year, we have been advised that close contacts of positive cases do not need to self-isolate. Instead, close contacts who are not displaying symptoms, should continue to attend school while we await the result of the PCR test.

As a school, we will remain vigilant and maintain certain safeguards to help mitigate the risks of COVID-19 for our community. We will therefore continue with our heightened cleaning regime and increase ventilation around the site. We will continue to regularly update our risk assessment and review our health & safety protocols in line with the advice and guidance provided by the authorities.

This information, along with all information regarding the school's response to COVID-19 can be found via our website.

We very much look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school over the coming days and are looking forward to what promises to be another exciting and prosperous year.



**Cardinal Wiseman
Catholic School**

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COVID-19 Update

There are changes for this year to self-isolation if we do have positive cases in school:

“From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. 18 year olds will be treated in the same way as children until four months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.”

It is also worth noting that if there were a significant number of positive cases in school, the requirement to self-isolate could be re-introduced.

Face coverings will generally no longer be required for pupils, staff and visitors, either in classrooms or in communal areas, although if your child would prefer to use one, that is absolutely fine. However, there are some circumstances where face masks will be needed, including on the school buses.

School Uniform Reminder



At Cardinal Wiseman we have very high standards for school uniform.

The full uniform policy is on the school website or can be accessed using the following link:

[School Uniform Policy](#)



Welcome Year 7!

Mrs Taylor (Head of Year 7) and Mr Alcott (Head of Key Stage 3) are thrilled to welcome our new Year 7 students as they begin their journeys at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School.

There will be a variety of exciting activities that will allow the children to settle in, including a fun activity called 'Mrs Taylor says' and an activity of reflection with our Chaplaincy Team. Students will also be given a full, in depth tour of the school and supported with understanding the operational elements of the school day.

ALL students will be provided a complimentary meal on Tuesday 7 September only.

Please be reminded that all students will need to complete and bring their “All About Me” book for their first day of school on Tuesday.



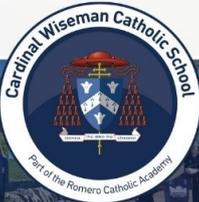
Mrs Taylor
Head of Year 7



Mr Alcott
Head of Key Stage 3

A large collage of various school activities, including sports, assemblies, and social events. The collage is held together by two black paper clips at the top. In the center, a white rectangular area contains the text for the prospective year 7 open evening.

Prospective Year 7
Open Evening
Tues 21 Sept 2021



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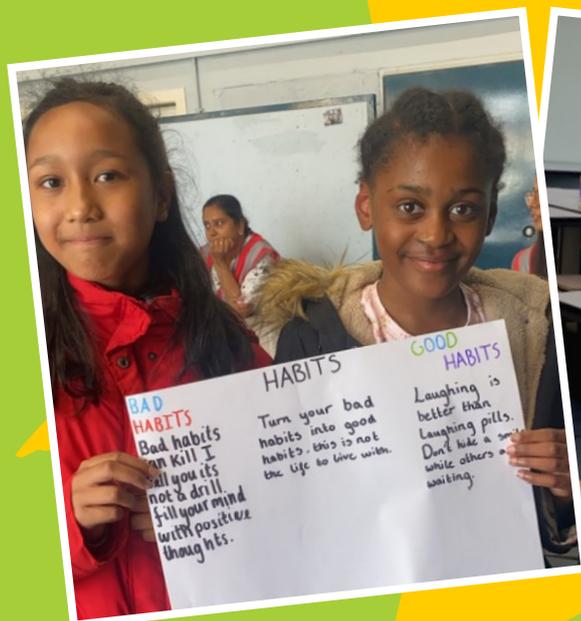
Summer School

We were thrilled to welcome many of our incoming Year 7 students to take part in our Transition Summer School Programme over the summer break.

During the week the students experienced a snapshot of life at Cardinal Wiseman, where they enjoyed a hybrid of academic and enrichment sessions. These included becoming Crime Scene Investigators with the support of our Science team and creative fashion designers in Art. They also let off steam with the Guardian Ballers in some exciting games of basketball.



Miss Seth, Operations Manager, said, "It was an absolute joy to witness first hand the thrill and excitement of our new Year 7 students over the week. For me, it was incredibly important that we were able to support each student and encourage them to make new friends and feel safe in their surroundings, as well as get to know some of their new teachers. Overall the week was a roaring success and I am very proud of the staff here at the school that made the week special and engaging - we cannot wait to see the students return to us next week!"



GCSE Results 2021

Students at Coventry's Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School celebrated some fantastic GCSE results this year.

Among the individual success stories were Student Voice Team Leader, Madison Stafford, who achieved six grade 9's and three grade 8's and will now stay on at the sixth form to study Chemistry, Biology, Maths and History.

She said, "I'm really pleased with my results – I've worked very hard to achieve these and have been supported by every single one of my teachers, I appreciate them all so much.

I'm really enjoying my role as Student Voice Team Leader which gives me the opportunity to gather student opinions about the school and look to make changes on their behalf, and I look forward to continuing this role in the Sixth Form.

I'm really looking forward to A Levels – I hope to go into a career in science which influenced my choices."

Principal Mr Everett added, "Our Year 11 students have shown maturity and determination to achieve success and be the very best they can be. We are very excited that an increased number of our Year 11 students wish to remain as students at Cardinal Wiseman, and we look forward to their future achievements studying Level 3 qualifications at our Sixth Form."



A Level Results 2021

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is celebrating another successful year of A Level results.

Richard Kingshott, Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form, said, "I would like to congratulate all of our students on their fantastic achievements.

Their sixth form experience has been impinged by Covid, but they have shown determination, resilience and diligence and should be immensely proud of themselves.

They have been equipped with the skills they need to succeed in their next steps and beyond, and we wish them the very best of luck for the future."

Individual success stories include Joe Davies. Joe achieved an A* in English Literature, an A in Photography and an A in Media Studies. He is going on to study Art and Design at Coventry University. Joe said, "I tried my hardest and expected some decent results, but I'm really shocked at what I have achieved.

I've actually enjoyed working from home and I am now really looking forward to going to university and seeing where that takes me."





2021/2022 School Terms and Holidays

| | Term Dates | Training Day School is closed to pupils |
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| Autumn 2021 | Autumn Term Autumn 1 Tuesday 7 September 2021 to Thursday 21 October 2021 Autumn 2 Monday 1 November 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021 | Friday 3 September 2021 Monday 6 September 2021 |
| | Half Term Break Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021 | |
| | Romero Teacher Day | Friday 22 October 2021 |
| | Christmas Holiday Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 | |
| Spring 2022 | Spring Term Spring 1 Wednesday 5 January 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022 Spring 2 Monday 28 February 2022 to Friday 8 April 2022 | Tuesday 4 January 2022 |
| | Half Term Break Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022 | |
| | Easter Holiday Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022 Friday 15 April is Good Friday and Sunday 17 April is Easter Sunday | |
| Summer 2022 | Summer Term Summer 1 Monday 25 April 2022 to Friday 27 May 2022 Summer 2 Monday 6 June 2022 to Friday 22 July 2022 | Monday 25 July 2022 |
| | May Day Holiday Monday 2 May 2022 | |
| | Half Term Break Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 Platinum Jubilee Holiday 2 June 2022 Spring Bank Holiday 3 June 2022 | |
| | Summer Holiday Term ends for students on Friday 22 July 2022 | |

**We look forward to welcoming all students, including our new cohort of Year 7 pupils,
back to school on Tuesday 7 September 2021.
All students are expected to arrive promptly, ready to begin the new term at 8.50am on this day.**



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



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