



**Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School**  
Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

# Newsletter

An Inuit nativity scene from Canada

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin this week by congratulating our students who have taken part in extracurricular activities, especially those who have represented the school in difficult and challenging circumstances across the Midlands. There have been some outstanding victories, especially for our basketballers.

We have also been delighted to award British Sign Language (Level 1) certificates to three of our magnificent Year 13 students who have completed this qualification alongside their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. We are hopeful that they will continue this to the next level and that it inspires our younger students to take up this hugely important aspect of language and communication.

Finally, this Sunday is more commonly known as Gaudete Sunday, where we rejoice. I would urge you, as we move into the final week of this term, to find the joy around you and in the smallest of things as we move rapidly towards Christmas.

God bless.

Mr Everett  
Principal

## IMPORTANT

Please be reminded that our last day of term is **Friday 17 December 2021**. The school day will end at 12.30pm and buses have been arranged for this time.

The school site will close on this date and remain closed to students until

**Wednesday 5 January 2022.**

Please note that you will be contacted if a staggered start is required.

Following a recent Government announcement, we will be conducting mass COVID testing on site during the first week of the Spring Term. Further information about this will follow shortly.



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## Important

### Electronic Consent for Your Child's Flu Vaccination Years 7—11

- The link below gives you access to an important letter from the NHS concerning the flu vaccination available for children in Years 7—11.
- The vaccinations will take place on 6 January 2022 **but the link included in the letter will close on 15 December.**
- Please note that if you have more than one child at school you will need to complete a separate form for each child.
- If you do not wish to give consent, you must indicate this on your form.
- If you have previously completed a form, you will need to submit a new form for this vaccination.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ks\\_b1vMdwlfFXgCXy3D52A\\_6r6sv-gV/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ks_b1vMdwlfFXgCXy3D52A_6r6sv-gV/view?usp=sharing)

The Year 8 netball team played away last Thursday, 2 December, at Cardinal Newman School. Despite playing outside in freezing temperatures, the girls played their best but eventually were beaten 8-2.

The player of the match was given to Janeva W, who was selected by the students from Cardinal Newman as having played the best in terms of movement around the court.

Well done everybody and enjoy a well deserved Christmas break before more matches next term.

Ms Jefferson

## Netball Report





## Year 7 Dodgeball at the Coventry School Games

On Tuesday, fourteen boys and girls from Year 7 attended the School Games Dodgeball Competition at the AT7 Centre. Both teams enjoyed some very well fought games and were competitive right from the start. The focus of this year's school games is on the core values of teamwork, respect and honesty. Teams ranked their opponents on each of these values at the end of each game and teams achieved extra points based on their sportsmanship.

The boys rallied well, defeating all of their opponents on the way. However, the girls showed true sports games values and achieved the most points and were therefore the victors! They will represent Coventry East in the next round of the competition. Fantastic!

Mrs North



## Basketball Triumph!

On Thursday 9 December, the Key Stage 3 and 4 boys basketball teams travelled to Coundon Court School for their first competitive league games of the season.

The Key Stage 3 team played first and, after trailing 4-2 in the first quarter, they finished by winning 14-4.

The Key Stage 4 team performed very well and won 33-9 with some excellent performances including Josh O scoring three slam dunks!

All in all, the boys showed incredible team spirit and the Wiseman values of respect, resilience and ambition were shown throughout. Well done boys!

Mr Page



# Peace

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



This week's Advent theme is peace. As a "School of Sanctuary", we asked three students, who arrived in the UK as refugees, to describe what peace means to them. The following link shows a video of their responses so we can all reflect on how we can work to build a better, more peace filled world!

<https://youtu.be/QzN2AMuJAPY>

Monday 6 December was the feast day of St Nicholas. This is a really big feast for many Christians across the world particularly those in Central and Eastern Europe. St Nicholas is also the inspiration for Santa Claus (so don't let anyone tell you he is not real!!).

This week, therefore, our "Saint of the Week" was St Nicholas. The link below is a video explaining more about him! A huge thank you to Shia for filming this!

[https://youtu.be/nhU9\\_mWVo3Q](https://youtu.be/nhU9_mWVo3Q)





AN EVENING OF

# Carols by Candlelight

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR OUR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 6PM-8PM.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE ON PARENTMAIL.

ANY PROBLEMS BOOKING THE TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL [ADMIN.CW@ROMEROMAC.COM](mailto:ADMIN.CW@ROMEROMAC.COM).



**GOV.UK**

## Coronavirus Update

- Face coverings are now recommended to be worn in communal areas by staff and pupils in secondary schools.
- Students should continue to test regularly at home and to report results.
- Students should self-isolate after contact with a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant.
- Pupils or students who are self isolating are expected to make good use of Google Classroom and other educational resources available through the school website.
- On [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) there is information and guidance on how to take and report lateral flow tests at home translated into Polish, Chinese, Punjabi, Romanian, Arabic, Gujarati, Persian, Urdu, Slovakian, Turkish, Welsh, Somalian, Bengali, Hindi, Dari and Pashto. [Doctors of the world](#) have also translated information on vaccines, how to register with a GP and COVID-19 topics which you may find useful.
- For further information visit: [Guidance for parents and carers](#)

# The Romero Christmas Card Competition

We had a wonderful response to our Christmas card competition and the decisions to choose four winners (one from each Key Stage) were made very hard by the high standard and creativity of the designs. The theme given to pupils was 'From Coventry with love' to reflect the status of "City of Culture" in Coventry for 2021/2022. We were not disappointed with the creativity of pupils across the schools, with many drawing inspiration from unique features that make Coventry special.

We are delighted to announce the winners are:

- Lily A                      Saint Patrick's (Early Years)
- Erin W                     Saint Gregory's (Key Stage 1)
- Freddy M                 Sacred Heart (Key Stage 2)
- Emma D                 Cardinal Wiseman (Key Stage 3)



Thank you to everyone who submitted a design. We have displayed the entries in the Reception to Cardinal Wiseman alongside our Christmas tree. We will be turning the designs into Christmas cards and sending them far and wide to all the partners of the Romero Academy in Coventry and beyond.



Congratulations to all our winners, we hope you enjoy your printed Christmas cards that are on their way to you to send to family and friends!

Mrs Quinn, Catholic Senior Executive Leader

CARDINAL WISEMAN

# Christmas Jumper Day

FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER

£1 TO TAKE PART

IN AID OF CAFOD,  
SAVE THE CHILDREN  
AND ZOE'S PLACE

Students and Staff



# ARTIST OF THE WEEK

## KONYINSOLA A.J. YEAR 11

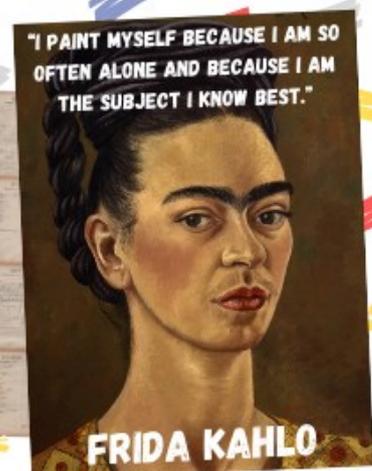
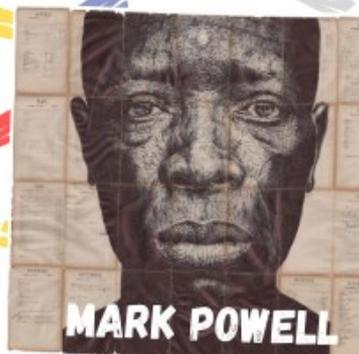
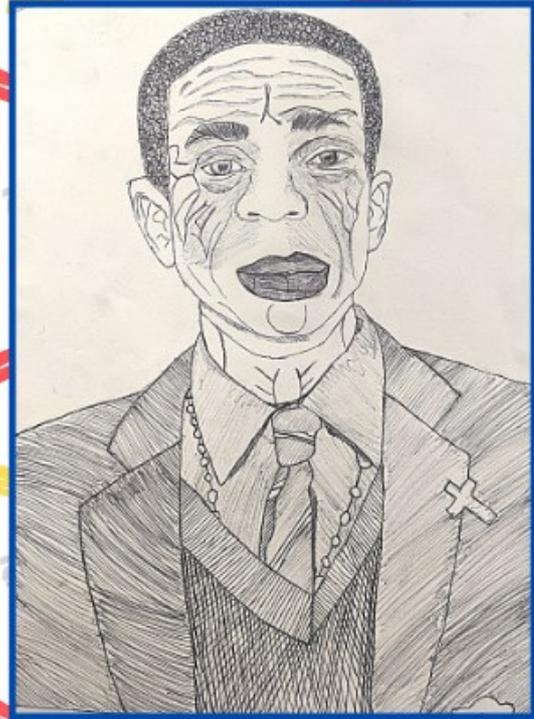
Konyinsola is our chosen artist of the week. He created these development pieces for his GCSE theme 'Strange Folk'. He was inspired by artists Frida Kahlo and Mark Powell.

Konyinsola used himself as the subject of his work, as Kahlo often did. He also adopted her impassive facial expression.

The first piece of work was inspired by Powell's technique of creating a detailed drawing using a biro only. The outcome is a self portrait of his imagined elderly self.

The bottom piece was created using acrylic paints and demonstrates wonderful colour mixing skills, as well as blending of tones.

**WELL DONE,  
KONYINSOLA!**

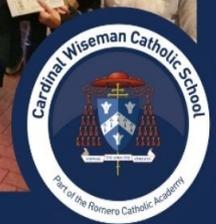


# MOBO AWARDS

Four of our students were hand picked to attend last week's MOBO awards ceremony, held at the CBS Arena in Coventry.

Invited as part of the Guardian Ballers Young Leaders Programme, Wiktoria, Roland, Daria & Light were chosen by Kieran Joseph of the Guardian Ballers and Miss Seth for their commitment in promoting mental health, diversity and inclusion across the school community.

We are incredibly proud of our fantastic four sixth formers and grateful to Kieran and the Guardian Ballers team for extending the invitation to our students, allowing them to attend such a historical and special event for the city.



#WhyWiseman #Beincredible

## An Important Message About Vaping



Dear Parents and Carers

It has come to our attention, and through communication with other schools, that the use of Vapes is becoming more widespread amongst young people outside of the supervision of their parents, carers, teachers or any other responsible adult. These Vapes are commonly named Geek Bars or Elf Bars. Often they can be bought easily and are relatively cheap. We would like to stress that they have a health risk and we are aware of these items causing severe reactions in students who belong to other schools.

Please can I ask that you be vigilant with regard to these Vapes, often they are difficult to distinguish from stationery highlighters or make-up.

I would like to stress that Vapes are a prohibited item at Cardinal Wiseman School and students found to be in possession of them or using them on school site are likely to have a fixed term exclusion sanction.

Ms Burtonwood  
Vice Principal





# Modest!

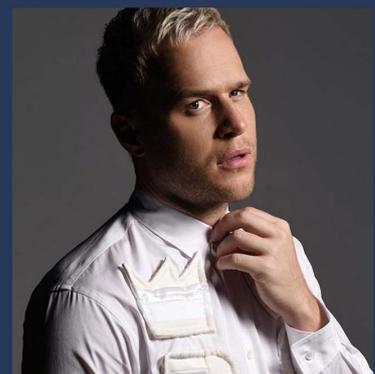
## OPEN CASTING CALL

Modest! Management, the team behind acts such as One Direction, Little Mix, JLS and 5 Seconds of Summer are holding open auditions for male and female singers aged 15-19 to be part of an exciting new project launching in 2022.

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

See Miss Seth, Miss Greenway, Miss Myers or Mrs Taylor

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS  
31st DECEMBER 2021



## 12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

- 1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS**  
Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.
- 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**  
Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.
- 3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE**  
This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.
- 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS**  
This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.
- 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION**  
Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.
- 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**  
Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.
- 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES**  
Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.
- 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.
- 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**  
Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.
- 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD**  
This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.
- 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**  
When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.
- 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY**  
Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.