



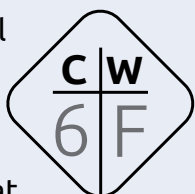
The Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School  
**Wider Learning**  
in the Sixth  
Form



# Aspiration | Ambition | Adventure | Achievement

## Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School Sixth Form

At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we believe that learning transcends the boundaries of the traditional classroom.



Education should never be passive and students must actively seek opportunities for enrichment. They need to embrace challenge, to strive for excellence in a known field, and to attempt new and exciting experiences. Our students may do this, secure in the knowledge that they have the full support of a caring community. At Cardinal Wiseman we recognise our students' enthusiasm and value their contribution to our success.

### Visit to Cambridge University

A group of 40 Gifted and Talented students visited Jesus College at Cambridge University. The aim of the visit was to introduce our pupils to what life at a top university such as Cambridge would be like. Students had an opportunity to chat to a group of current undergraduates who took the group around the College. They were also treated to a delicious lunch in an amazing dining hall full of old portraits of distinguished professors. The day culminated with a short lecture, followed by a talk from Admissions Tutor for Recruitment, who gave very detailed information about the admissions and interview process. Feeding our students' enthusiasm and building their confidence has hopefully convinced



them that studying at a top university may well be the right choice for them.

### Russell Group University Projects

Every year a number of our students participate in the STEM Potential (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programme run by the Imperial College, Pathways to Law at LSE and the K+ Programme at King's College London. As part of these programmes students are provided with mentors and workshops to boost their applications to elite universities.

**KING'S**  
*College*  
**LONDON**

**Imperial College**  
London



### BBC Connect

**Media students travelled to the BBC New Broadcasting House to take part in BBC Connect, an exciting event organised by the BBC Comedy and Entertainment department.**

It was specifically tailored to students who had been thinking about a career in the media and creative industries but may have had the perception that a career in television or the media may be out of their reach. The workshops

helped to equip participants with the basic knowledge of the TV, music and creative fields, as well as the confidence and skills to get started in these areas. Some of the stars of the show were Romesh Ranganathan (Agent Provocateur), Charlie Sloth (Radio 1 and 1Xtra DJ), Radzi Chinyangania (Blue Peter presenter) and Cadet (Grime Artist).

It was a truly amazing day enjoyed by everyone

## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

"You'll enjoy loads of new experiences, discover talents you never thought you had, challenge yourself and meet loads of people just like you. Plus you'll do things you love and get a kick out of. ...you'll make a difference to other people's lives and your community."

***DofE website***



"The 6th Form provides many activities for us, ranging from sport to academic options. Whether you are interested in football, debating, reading, or the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, there is something for everyone.

You can become a Prefect, a Mentor, or take part in the charity fundraisers, all good ways of contributing to the school community."

***Y13 student***

## Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe visit

**In July 2016, as part of our annual UCAS and Careers Conference, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe visited our school.**

This was a very inspirational visit as Sir Bernard addressed the students about his own career from high school through to A Levels and then how he rose through the ranks to become the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. He answered many questions put to him by our students, on topics ranging from; the challenges he faced as Met

Commissioner following government cuts to the police service; tackling the growing problem of knife and gun crime in London; the Met Police's ability to cope with the Paris style multiple terrorist attacks; and sharing with the students his views on the controversial subject of 'stop and search'. Sir Bernard was also able to offer advice to students on possible careers within the Police Force and whether being a graduate would open up more opportunities within the Met.



## Morgan Stanley

A group of current Y13 Maths students enjoyed a visit to Global Investment Bank Morgan Stanley.

They were guests of Mark Looker, EMEA Head for Enterprise Infrastructure (a group within Technology & Data). The Enterprise Infrastructure are piloting The Professional Degree programme and are inviting our students to apply. The purpose of the visit was to give students information about an Investment Banking in general and the way Morgan Stanley is structured. Students were specifically told about a range of career opportunities in the Technology & Data department, which is the largest department



within Morgan Stanley. They also learned about the degree programme, which will offer the successful applicants an opportunity to combine working and studying for a degree in Digital and Technology Solutions (Software Engineering)

From September 2018 we will be offering:-

- visiting speakers
- cultural opportunities
- masterclasses
- clubs
- life skills
- out of school activities
- community service
- sporting activities
- work experience

## Lumina 2017



In July, thirteen of our Gifted & Talented Year 12 students participated in a week long Lumina Course, organised by Harrow School for Boys and Twyford C of E Academies Trust and supported by John Lyon's Charity. Lumina is a free course for Year 12 students attending state schools in London

and considering application to Oxbridge or other competitive Russell Group University.

Over the course of five days, students learned more about Oxbridge, its admissions process and how to choose the right course and college. They also enjoyed day visits to both Oxford and Cambridge. One of the advantages of attending the course was an opportunity to meet like-minded young people with similar ambitions and getting the inside story from current Oxbridge students. It all helped to demystify Oxbridge and gave our students the confidence to make a strong application to university.

## Looking to the future

We intend to offer our students a broad learning and enrichment programme. We are impressed by the ambition and dedication demonstrated by our students. Our common aspiration is for their success at every level.

## School Community

Sixth Form students volunteer in many areas of the school. Some students help as Tutor Buddies where they assist with homework but also help with any worries or problems the younger students may have. Others are involved with Maths Mentoring.

'Becoming a tutor 'Buddy' allowed me to build a rapport with younger students and it was immensely satisfying to see them blossom in confidence throughout the year.'

### **A Sixth Form Tutor Buddy**

'I really enjoyed these teaching opportunities as they helped to improve my confidence and showed me I can explain things clearly and concisely.'

### **A Sixth Form Maths Mentor**

## Voluntary Work

We have strong links with special schools St. Ann's and Mandeville and many of our current students help with weekly activities with young people with severe physical and learning disabilities.

"I am a volunteer in a Care Home and I am able to empathise with others and have good skills in communication."

### **Sixth Form Charity Volunteer**