



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

In January 2018, as in previous years, 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. They met with all of our ex-Wiseman students who are currently at Cambridge University, studying such a variety of subjects from Natural Sciences and Chemical Engineering to Law and History. They went on a tour of the various colleges and also visited the Law Faculty. They were 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**

### NHS visit

Last September a group of Year 12 and 13 students participated in a visit to Ealing Hospital.

This was an opportunity to receive a tremendous amount of knowledge from the medical and healthcare professionals. The aims of the visit were to give students a better understanding of hospitals, to learn about skills needed by medical and care practitioners,


to help explore their career plans and to follow a patient's journey. Students participated in activities in four learning hubs: Emergency Unit, Treatment & Care Unit, Diagnostic Unit and Health Promotion & On-Going Care Unit. This has helped them to understand if a career within NHS is for them, so they can make informed choices when applying to university or higher education.



## 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**

A person wearing a dark blue hoodie with 'SWIS 10' on the back and dark trousers stands on a rocky peak. Their arms are raised in a 'V' shape against a clear blue sky. The background shows a vast, green mountain valley with a dirt path winding through it.

"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**

## Maths trip to Oxford

**In September, 19 Further Maths students went to the Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford.**

They participated in an Introduction to Complex Numbers workshop. They were working with students from other schools in Oxfordshire. In the competition they were given 30 minutes to complete a series of challenge questions. The answer from challenge A had to be used in

challenge B and so on. They had to get one set of challenge questions right to begin the next set. One Wiseman team finished the challenge in 15 minutes. The other 5 minutes later. The non-Wiseman teams did not finish at all. Members of the Further Mathematics Support Programme told us that some of our pupils are exactly the kind of students they are looking for at University of Oxford. We are very proud of them all.



## 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**

## Lumina 2018



In July, seven of our Gifted & Talented Year 12 students participated in a 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 three days, students learned more about Oxbridge, its admissions process and how to choose the right course and college. 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. We will be working with Lumina again this year, as it has always helped our students in their successful applications to Cambridge and other top Russell Group universities.

## Morgan Stanley



**We are really excited that five of our last year students successfully applied to the Morgan Stanley Investment Bank's Professional Degree Apprenticeship Programme.**

They are now fully employed by the bank with a very competitive salary, as well as enrolled with the Birkbeck University as the Undergraduate students of Digital and Technology Solutions (Software Engineering) degree, with their university fees all paid by their employer. The programme is designed to run for four years, after which hopefully they will all continue their full-time employment with the Morgan Stanley Technology and Enterprise Department. We wish them all the best in their future.

## From September 2019 we will be offering:-

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

## 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.