

## Cardinal Wiseman As a community - Cats Competition

When I look at wiseman, I look not only at a school with students, I see something greater, invisible to the naked eye. I truly see a soul that connects us as one, that breaks all barriers, that sees everyone as an important element in the one body we make. What makes Wiseman different than others is that we are united by the fact that we all are part of one faith, this unity reflects onto us as humans, as we all are shaped by the same values we all believe in. These values are a foundation to making a strong community, in fertile soil. Cardinal Wiseman for over 50 years has been growing this sense of community and they started in fertile soil and I'm proud to say that today we clearly look at a fully grown plant, that is independent and strong. This force that unites us is called the Wiseman spirit. The wiseman spirit, can be described in many ways, but this makes it as such indescribable. When asking different teachers for a short documentary, I've made about the Wiseman Spirit, they all said that this school feels different to the others they've been to. Many were non-religious and joining Wiseman, made them look differently at their spiritual life and made them truly reflect, as it's important to say that 53% of teachers in wiseman are not catholic. This may school, may be catholic but it truly shows that you don't have to be born a catholic, but you can truly become one. God is the power that is stronger than us, and we by learning how to love him in a truly loving environment, can truly experience his love. Teachers, that are not catholics, during many times when priests come or other speakers, always truly listen, as the message of love does never change. From our origins, love is the aspect of humanity that makes us, us. It is even stronger than faith, because faith is shaped around it. Love is forgiving, love does not seek applause, love is forgetful, these words they come from the Bible a text hundreds of years old and it still applies to us. If we go back even further to Greek mythology, the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, love is still important thousands of years ago. In literature throughout the ages love has been represented as we just can't let go of it. Cardinal Wiseman is the ultimate example of love in the youth. Cardinal Wiseman makes a community that sets the foundations of morality in the future life of students and Cardinal Wiseman for me has been truly a journey of discovering myself once again. It has taught me lessons that not only for my head, but also for my heart, add whatever goes into a human's heart, it never leaves. Many people have many different layers to their heart, and at the end of Y11 I truly believe that Cardinal Wiseman manages to penetrate through these layers and touch the hearts of pupils, in the loving community Wiseman is.