




The Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School

Sixth Form  
Prospectus  
2018







## We believe

that the role of the Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form is to ensure that our students develop and learn within a Catholic environment. We welcome applications from all backgrounds and faiths and believe that it is important to develop our students both as learners and citizens, allowing them to make informed choices about their future. It is our aim to ensure that we maximise the potential of all our students through inspirational teaching, support and guidance.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

## You can achieve

great things through hard work and dedication. Wiseman students have constantly excelled and experienced great success; be it from attending Oxford or Cambridge to studying medicine at UCL or engineering at a Russell Group University. If you are ambitious and have a lust to achieve, then you too can be one of those people.





# Welcome to the Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form

My promise to you is that The Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form will provide the highest quality teaching, guidance and support for the future you are planning. In 2017 Cardinal Wiseman was the third ranked state school in Central/West London and amongst the top fifty in the country (Real Schools Guide 2017). Our outstanding Sixth Form Team, led by Mr Hickman, will ensure that the transition to the increased rigor of Sixth Form study is smooth and will provide personalised support to every student. Our aim is to position each student so that they have a variety of positive options at the end of Year 13.

These will range from attending Russell Group Universities to high quality apprenticeships. There is no achievement ceiling for our Sixth Form students – in each of the last six years students from Cardinal Wiseman have achieved Oxbridge entry. We employ an experienced full time UCAS advisor, Mrs Sowa, to ensure that students are given comprehensive guidance towards their post-18 choices.

Our Catholic school community is special and very much inclusive. Students from other schools will be warmly welcomed in joining our fantastic Year 11's as they move into Year 12.

Should you choose to join the Wiseman Sixth Form I am certain that in the years ahead, you will look back to one of the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences in your life – a time when you clarified your occupational choices, achieved well and established and strengthened friendships that will last a lifetime.

**Mr M Kiely,  
Headteacher**



## What does Ofsted say about the Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form?

*'The Director of this large successful Sixth Form is unrelenting in her ambition for students. Along with her established teaching and support staff, she ensures a broad, holistic education for students of a very high quality.'*

*'Sixth Form students' attitudes exemplify fundamental British values of tolerance, decency and mutual respect. In all of their community relationships, these young adults model warmth and compassion.'*  
Ofsted (October 2014)

## A vibrant and distinct learning community

The CW6F is a very successful sixth form and we are proud of all of our students. Young men and women make excellent progress at our school with 53% of all exams taken in 2017 achieved an A\* - B opening up a vast array of future opportunities. Students here attain places at top universities across the country including Oxford and Cambridge. I believe that all students should be supported in achieving their best, whether that is with fulfilling their academic potential or developing more holistically through taking opportunities in some of the many enrichment activities that

are available to them. I am very proud of the way our students act as role models to youngsters across the school and it is clear that students thrive here. We have a unique community with specialist, experienced teachers and a dedicated 6F team who provide the highest standard of pastoral care. I am in a privileged position to be able to work with and support our amazing young people at this important stage in their lives and I look forward to welcoming you into Year 12.

**Mr A Hickman, Senior Assistant Headteacher (Director of Sixth Form)**



# Sixth Form provision

## Learning Pathways

There have been many changes to AS and A Levels. From September 2017 we will be offering full linear courses in all A Level subjects. We will ensure that students are provided with clear advice and guidance on the appropriate subjects and pathways for them. We offer an inclusive provision to cater for students of different abilities. We have three distinct learning pathways:

### The Accelerated Pathway


...is for those students who wish to follow a more traditional A Level route and choose to study facilitating subjects as identified by the Russell Group universities. These students will have achieved 5 x Level 9 to 7 GCSE passes and will find themselves in a subject that is set according to ability.

### The Academic Pathway

...is for those students who would like to study 3 A Levels from a wide range of subjects, both academic and practical. These students will have achieved 6 x Level 9 to 4 GCSE passes including a grade 4 in English Language. These students will have mostly achieved B and C grades.

### The Technical Pathway

... is for students who would like to study a BTEC Level 3 course. We offer pathways in Media, Business and Travel & Tourism, with opportunities to pick up additional Level 3 courses to supplement some of these BTEC's. These courses have a more applied and practical approach. Students will have the opportunity to progress to suitable courses at university or embark on an apprenticeship. These students will have achieved 4 or more Level 9 to 4 passes including a grade 4 in English Language. For those students who do not achieve a grade 4 pass in Maths, re-sit exams will be available.



*'Sixth Form study programmes are well matched to every learner. Such carefully planned curriculum and qualifications menus result in rapidly improving achievement and very high retention levels across subjects.'*  
Ofsted (October 2014)



## Higher Education – UCAS & Careers Advice

The Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form has an outstanding reputation when it comes to the university application process, UCAS. Often, our students are the first in their family to attend university and we have high aspirations and expectations of all of them.

We have a full time experienced and specialist UCAS Advisor, Mrs Sowa who provides excellent guidance and support to all students completing their university applications. We send off applications well in advance of the deadline which often results in our students being made early offers. Mrs Sowa has developed strong links with a number of universities, including Imperial College London, Oxford and Cambridge where Admissions Tutors come into our school and help students successfully win places at elite universities with interview preparation and personal statement workshops. Mrs Sowa updates the 6F blog daily with opportunities for students to attend seminars, open days, residentials and work experience programmes. Our students successfully apply to Imperial to join their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programme in Year 12 as well as the King's College K+ mentoring scheme. We hold a UCAS and Careers Conference every year where we invite professionals from different backgrounds, as well as Apprenticeship providers to help inspire our students to aim high.

On average 90% of our students' progress on to university – this is a fantastic achievement and one we are very proud of!



# Sixth Form life

“The Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form team are in one word, phenomenal, as they have pushed and helped me to fulfil my potential. Achieving A\*AB at A-Level is no easy feat and I could not have done it without them and so I thank them dearly for that. I had a truly wonderful sixth form experience filled with laughs, motivational assemblies and putting in hard work to get to where I needed to be in the end.

As I begin a new chapter in my life I will always be thankful and appreciative of the Sixth Form team and staff and would like to thank them once again for getting me into one of the best universities in the country (Loughborough) as well as helping me grow as a person.”

*Leon Dzapasi*

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sixth form the warm and welcoming community at  
could not have made the process easier. The 6th  
is incredibly supportive, helping me quickly  
at school. This sixth form has given me the  
ability to develop as a learner and grow as  
a person. I will always be proud to be able to  
say that I attended sixth form at  
Cardinal Wiseman."

*Morgan Hill*




"I could not have received better support from the Sixth Form Team, who gave it their all in helping me with the lengthy Cambridge application process."

Continual motivation, both in lessons and assemblies, from the Sixth Form team and my subject teachers helped me to achieve my grades. It's truly amazing how they managed to cater to my individual needs while juggling the needs of hundreds of other pupils."

*Suneet Dias*





A young woman with dark, curly hair and glasses is smiling and looking down at a book. A man in a grey suit and blue tie is looking at the same book. They are in a library or study area with bookshelves in the background.

## Care and support

One of the key strengths of our Sixth Form is the pastoral support that the students receive as they are nurtured through what can be a very stressful period in their lives. The Sixth Form team views the link between pastoral care and curriculum support as vital to the success of our students. We work closely with subject teachers to ensure students are making progress and receive additional help to reach their target grades. Gifted and Talented students are identified early and have a specific programme focusing on Oxbridge entry. Experienced Heads of Year, tutors and Academic Support Assistants all help to ensure appropriate interventions are put in place so that all students achieve to the best of their ability.

We are fortunate enough to have a Connexions advisor working in school, who regularly meets with students to provide careers advice. Confidential counselling is available to our students should it be required, as well as a Chaplain who offers guidance and help to all students.





## Enrichment opportunities

Whilst we regard academic success as paramount at the Cardinal Wiseman School, we also recognise that it is vital that we help to produce well rounded students. With this in mind, the school has a co-ordinated enrichment programme designed to help develop our students holistically and also prepare them for life in the wider world. It is also undeniable that universities seek out students who have more to offer than 'just' academic grades; they want students who actively seek to enrich their own lives.

The Sixth Form team holds the Catholic ethos at its core and stresses the importance of the Gospel values to all of our students. Sixth Form students study a Religious Moral Development course and are given opportunities to work with local charities as well


as accompany disabled children in a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We offer the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to all students who are interested in working independently on a research topic of their choice. We also have leaders in Art, Community and Sports as well as a strong prefect team who are fully engaged in all aspects of school life. We have strong links with a local special school and many of our students participate in a weekly volunteering programme working with young children with a diverse range of physical and learning disabilities.

Many students also partake in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award or become 'buddies' to Y7 and Y8 students. Y12 and Y13 are particularly successful in debating and regularly run clubs for lower school students thereby developing their communication and leadership skills.

*' Sixth Form students enjoy excellent careers information and guidance. Such advice is consistently tailored well to individual needs. As a result, many Sixth Form students are the first in their family to successfully apply to university and such success is repeated year on year.' Ofsted (October 2014)*





*'Small group and individual tutorials are powerful accompaniments to larger whole-class lessons. Such practice, along with skilled marking by teachers, results in students making rapid progress across a wide variety of subjects.'*  
Ofsted (October 2014)

## Learning facilities

The Sixth Form is housed in the new Jerusalem building and provides excellent learning facilities.

The study area is based on a 'university library' where students can complete work during their study periods. There is access to computers, printers, laptops and iPads as well as WiFi throughout this area.

There are separate social facilities and collaborative learning spaces where students can work together in small groups. The dining area is open all day for Sixth Form students to use.

The school has a new library. It is equipped with journals, newspapers and academic books for the students to use to help them progress with their studies.



# Great expectations

## You can expect:

- High quality classroom teaching, using a variety of teaching methods and strategies.
- Support for independent learning outside the classroom.
- Guidance and support from your tutor, Head of Year and the rest of the teaching staff.
- Regular feedback on your progress and discussions about your targets and how to reach them.
- A wide selection of extra-curricular activities and travel opportunities.

## In return, we expect:

- You will give your best effort in all areas of study.
- Excellent attendance and punctuality so that you can succeed in the Sixth Form.
- You to get involved in the wider life of the school.
- You to show respect to all students and staff.
- You will act as a role model and ambassador for the younger students.

## How to apply

Simply complete the application form that is enclosed with this prospectus and return it to the school by **Friday 15th December 2017**.

Cardinal Wiseman students should hand this form to their tutor. External applicants will need to provide a reference and send this to the Sixth Form Administrator at the school.

Formal offers are made in the Spring term and are conditional offers based on GCSE performance.







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