



The Cardinal Wiseman  
Catholic School

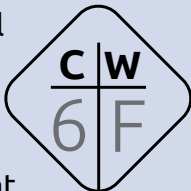
**Wider Learning**  
in the Sixth Form



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.

## Speakers

With the General Election approaching fast and with so many of our students turning eighteen before the 7th May, it was important to make them aware of the registration process and the reasons why they should vote. We invited Mr Steve Pound, our MP for Ealing North since 1997 and Mr Ciaran McCartan, ex-Wiseman student and youngest elected Councillor in Ealing, representing Hobbayne Ward in Hanwell, to speak to our 6F students. It was truly inspiring to see our students challenging both politicians on diverse issues ranging from drugs legislation, immigration to the housing policy and students' fees. Anyone who says that young people do not care about politics should have seen this discussion.



## Russell Group University Projects

A number of our students have successfully started the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programme at Imperial College, London as well as being accepted on to the K+ programme at King's College where students are provided with mentors and workshops to boost their applications to elite universities.



## Work Experience

Students are offered the chance to work in Spain or France to improve their language skills.

"My work experience in a hotel/restaurant in France increased my independence, and gave me confidence in the language. I enjoyed overcoming obstacles, both practical and linguistic."

### **A Sixth Form Languages Student**

Our specialist UCAS and Enrichment Advisor has organised placements for Y12 students at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, a highly reputable multinational law firm in central London.

## Sky Studios

All year 12 BTEC and AS Level students from the Media department visited Sky TV in Brentford in October 2015, in order to participate in the Skills Academy where they used state-of-the-art studios to produce their own news programme. It allowed them to gain a wealth of knowledge about the production process and potential careers within the Media industry.



## Visits

"After seeing the Houses of Commons and Lords up close, the buildings where the laws that govern all our lives are made, we were given the opportunity to interrogate the MPs. One was Conservative, the other Labour and we laughed at how much they seemed to agree with each other even though they were meant to be arguing..."

### **A Sixth Form Politics Student**

## 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***

## Morgan Stanley

Year 12 Economics and Maths students enjoyed a two day visit to Global Investment Bank; Morgan Stanley. They were guests of Net Eire & Co-operation Ireland Youth Initiative. They learned not only about the financial services industry, but also about a range of other career opportunities, networking and personal development skills. Some of the highlights of the two days were a visit to the Bloomberg Office, including a Bloomberg TV, Employability & Skills presentation, Project Management Exercise, visit to the Trading Floor and the main part of the second day – Entrepreneurship workshop and a presentation.



## 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**

## HCPT (Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust)

'What an eye-opening experience, it really puts things into perspective and you end up learning more about yourself than anything else.'

'Going to Lourdes with the HCPT and the school was an amazing opportunity. We had a great time preparing and fundraising and it was a truly uplifting and unique week – a life changing trip!'

### **Comments from Sixth Form helpers.**



## Induction

Year 12 students are given opportunities to develop their leadership and communication skills through team bonding physical activities and games.

## 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."

"Organising charity events and teaching English to asylum seekers are amongst the responsibilities I have undertaken at the Society of Afghan Residents."

### **Sixth Form Charity Volunteers**

From September 2016 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 on every level.

