



The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School



Wider Learning in the Sixth Form



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Aspiration | Ambition | Adventure | Achievement

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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 Oxford University

In January, a group of over 40 students visited St John's College at Oxford University.

The aim of the visit was to introduce our pupils to what life at a top university such as Oxford would be like. They met with all of our ex-Wiseman students who are currently there, studying a variety of subjects. They went on a tour of the various colleges and were treated to a delicious lunch in an amazing dining hall full of old portraits of distinguished professors. The day included a lecture from a PhD student about Environmental Sciences and concluded with 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.

Imperial College
London

KING'S
College
LONDON



Ex-pupil visit

We were delighted to welcome back our ex Wiseman student Stefan Browne, recent graduate from Medicine at UCL and currently working as a Junior Doctor at Barnet Hospital.

Stefan talked to a group of Year 11 and 12 students hoping to apply to medical schools. He gave them lots of advice on how to write an outstanding personal statement for the UCAS application and prepare for the entry exams and interviews. He also talked very frankly about the reality of life of a medical student and now Junior Doctor. It was a very inspirational talk.

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

ADVERTISING UNLOCKED

What a fantastic day our Media students had at the Red Brick Road advertising agency in Clerkenwell, London.

We were there as part of the Advertising Unlocked event organised annually by the IPA (Institute of Practitioners in Advertising). This was a second time Cardinal Wiseman students participated and we loved it so much that we have already signed up for next year. This is an incredible opportunity for young people thinking of a career within the advertising

industry. They learned so much about different roles that they could have within an agency and what would be the best routes to get there. They met fantastic and inspirational people who were really generous with their time and advice. No doubt some of our students will be taking full advantage of the networking opportunities given to them.

Professor Winston Talk



In February a group of Year 12 Biology students met Lord Robert Winston, Professor of Science and Society and Emeritus Professor of Fertility Studies at Imperial College London.

They listened to an amazing talk about the pioneering surgical techniques he developed in the 1970s that improved fertility treatments and IVF and later allowed screening for genetic diseases. Some of the students were inspired to apply to a degree in Medicine.

Sport Conference



Last December a group of Year 12 students attended Sport Conference at Wembley Stadium. They met industry leaders, experienced lectures, networked with professionals and explored many undergraduate degree courses, including Sport Business and Law, Sport Psychology and Events management.



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

Drama and Creative Industries Talk



It was a great pleasure to welcome back our ex-student, Marvin Brown, on a visit to London from LA, where is now based and running his own company Ordinary Creatives as a Creative Director and Choreographer.

Marvin’s talk to our Drama, Media and Film students was truly inspirational. His message was very

simple: if you are truly passionate about something - believe in yourself, never give up, be nice to people, create positive energy around you, surround yourself with people who will support you and work hard, grabbing every opportunity life presents. He also offered a lot of practical advice such as the use of social media and internet to build up a portfolio and reach out to people.

Lecture by Cherie Blair CBE QC

On 16th October, Year 12 Law and Politics students travelled to Harrow School where they attended a Leadership Lecture on ‘Women & Education - The Path to Power’ by Mrs Cherie Blair CBE QC.

Mrs Blair’s message was an inspiring one: hard work and dedication can deliver your

dreams. As the granddaughter of a miner, she was the first in her family to attend university (The London School of Economics and Political Science) where she studied Law. Mrs Blair now promotes the transformative effects of education and campaigns for equality. She inspired many of our students to apply to study Law at university.

From September 2021 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.