

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School



Wider Learning in the Sixth Form



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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.

UCAS Conference

At the end of June, Year 12 students enjoyed a week long UCAS and Careers Conference, a blend of online and in person talks and presentations. .

We had a speaker from the Royal Holloway talking about the reasons why students should choose university education. We heard from the London Interdisciplinary School, who have started delivering a very exciting new degree programme. There was also a talk from the Apprenticeships Skills and Knowledge (ASK Programme), outlining the whole apprenticeships process, as well as a talk about CV writing and preparing for interviews. We invited a group of ex-students and friends of the school, who delivered a round of small talks "Meet the Professionals". Subjects covered



ranged from Engineering, Journalism, Fashion Buying, Investment Finance to Medicine and Law. The highlight of the week was a day in central London where students took part in a University Treasure Hunt.

Virtual Talk by Mr Ian King



Our 6F students had a great opportunity to meet online Mr Ian King, Sky News Presenter and Business Journalist.

Mr King delivered a very inspirational enrichment talk, where he highlighted some of the greatest successes as well as biggest challenges of his professional career. This was followed by a frank and very useful Q&A session, where students wanted to find out about the best routes to become a part of a TV and Media production team. The students gained an enormous amount from this and will benefit greatly in the future.

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

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

Doctor in the house



We were delighted to welcome back our ex Wiseman student Stefan Browne, graduate from Medicine at UCL and just finishing his training as a Junior Doctor at Barnet Hospital.

Stefan talked to a group of Year 12 and 13 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 Junior Doctor, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a very inspirational talk. We are also delighted that four of the students who attended his talk have just started their medical degrees at Imperial College, Nottingham, Queen Mary and Brighton & Sussex.

Extended Project Qualification

As Year 12 students finished their AS exams and returned to school in June, we launched our next Extended Project Qualification



At their first meeting students learned about the value of undertaking this research based Level 3 qualification that is entered on UCAS application and worth UCAS points.

EPQ offers our students a chance to develop and improve their own learning and performance as critical, reflective and independent learners, while they develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills. As part of the project they have to extend their planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills.

It offers a perfect bridge between the end of Year 13 and starting university degree programmes, as students can use their EPQ experiences to support their aspirations for higher education and career development. Most of all, EPQ is an excellent opportunity to show a passion for learning.

We are delighted to see a high number of students taking up the challenge again this year. All the initial ideas and proposed areas of research look very exciting. We wish everyone enjoyable reading and researching their topics. Good luck!

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

From September 2022 we will be offering:-

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

LUMINA 2021



In July, five 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.

This year again the course was run online. Over the course of three days, students learned more about Oxbridge, its admissions process and how to choose the right course and college. They also watched live streamed lectures. One of the advantages of attending the course was an opportunity to meet virtually 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

Degree Apprenticeships

We are really excited that more of our 6th form students applied and secured places on various Degree Apprenticeships.

We now have a student on a 7-year placement with Sky News Finance Department, working towards CIMA Chartered Accountancy qualifications, various students working for construction companies such as Mace Group, Turner & Townsend and Taylor Woodrow, while studying towards degrees in Quantity Surveying and Civil Engineering. We still have 5 students

completing the Morgan Stanley Investment Bank's Professional Degree Apprenticeship Programme. They are 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. We wish them all the best for the future.



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

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.