Wiseman lecture series

At the Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form we run the 'Wiseman Lecture Series' during the Autumn and Spring term.

This is a great opportunity for our Sixth Form students, to listen to a 45min session (inclusive of Q&A), where speakers from different professional backgrounds, give up their time to come to our school and deliver insights of their job role and their educational and career path.

The aim is to broaden and enrich the knowledge of our Sixth Form students about the wide range of career opportunities available to them. Through listening to our guest speakers share their personal journeys, students gain valuable insight into different professions, including the educational routes taken, the A Levels studied, and the experiences that led them to their current careers. Speakers also highlight alternative pathways and opportunities that their qualifications and experiences could have opened, helping students make more informed decisions about their own futures.

We ensure to invite speakers from all fields of study including Medicine, Law, Engineering, Banking, Army, Construction, Creative Arts, STEM, Literature and many more.

Furthermore, exposure to these lectures plays a vital role in supporting students with their UCAS applications and personal statements. Universities value evidence of wider learning, academic enrichment, and meaningful engagement beyond the classroom. The Wiseman Lecture Series provides students with the opportunity to hear directly from distinguished scholars and accomplished professionals, broadening their understanding of potential academic and career pathways. By engaging with individuals who have achieved success in their chosen fields, students gain valuable insights, strengthen their applications, and are inspired to pursue their own aspirations with confidence.

Lectures run on Mondays (excluding exams days) at 3:30pm in the school Main Hall.



Lecture on past and present influential engineers

Trip to Overbury at British Airways

In June we had the fantastic opportunity to visit Overbury, an Office fit out and refurbishment company, also providing services in office design and build and Science & research fit outs.

We were invited to their *British Airways Waterside site*, where they were completing new office designs and build.

14 of our Y12 students, with an interest in Engineering, Architecture, Quantity Surveyor, or Project Management had the opportunity to spend an afternoon on site to learn about Overbury, the Projects it runs, Apprenticeships and Graduate schemes they offer, as well as what it means to work for such a global company; providing the space for a Q&A session and an environment where students could engage in interactive conversation.

They also took us on a site walk, demonstrating a newly completed office space, with office facilities and a refurbished look, to provide a better work experience to British Airways employee. It was an incredible experience and a great day enjoyed by all!!



Talk at Overbury at British Airways HQ

Wider Learning in the Sixth Form

Wiseman celebrates success at LSE Law Mooting Tournament!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our Year 13 students, Brandon and Chriselle, who secured 2nd place at the LSE Law Mooting Tournament!

The journey began with students receiving a moot problem, guidance on approaching the case and an understanding of the expectations of legal advocacy – all via email/zoom meetings. Taking on the roles of appellant and respondent. Brandon and Chriselle prepared their legal arguments and submitted a skeleton argument bundle by the given deadline. Their hard work and preparation earned them a place in the final stage, competing alongside 15 other schools!

Invited to the London School of Economics (LSE) for a one-day tournament, our students had the opportunity to put their advocacy skills into practice, presenting their case in a challenging and exciting legal environment. Their achievement was recognised at the awards ceremony by LSE Law Professor Sir Ross Cranston, who spoke highly of Brandon and Chriselle.



The experience continued with a lecture exploring super-curricular opportunities and the realities of studying Law, followed by a Criminal Law masterclass, giving students further insight into university-level legal education.

"At first I was nervous to present a case in front of legal professionals, but the more heats we did, the more exciting and thrilling it got. Chriselle and I made it to the finals, where we achieved second place.

It was great meeting other aspiring lawyers, and to learn how the legal industry works."

Trip to Imperial College London

Twice a year we have the fantastic opportunity to take our Y12 students to STEM orientated talks and/or Taster Lecture at Imperial College London.

Both events take place during the Autumn Term, one related to Bioengineering and the other to Mechanical Engineering.

At the Bioengineering event, our students have the chance to be introduced to the department by the entry administrator, explaining the different routes such courses could lead to and what the entry requirements are. They then shared a taster lecture by a professor, as well as Flash Talks by other Imperial Professors briefly sharing what they do and teach in 15min talks. All followed by a Q&A session with both Professors and undergraduate students.

At the Mechanical Engineering event, our students have the opportunity to attend 4 technical presentations from PhD students on projects they are leading, these span from topics such as 'Where to build your space hotel?' or 'Why do we use water to fight fires?'

Both events are incredibly enriching and most of the times our students use these as extra learning to further research and consequently mention on their UCAS Personal Statements when applying for university in Y13.

These in person extra curricular activities are incredibly useful for students in Y12 to understand if a degree in STEM is truly what they wish to embark on.



Bioengineering Taster Session at Imperial

All things for Christ

UCAS, Apprenticeship and Careers Conference Week

We are incredibly proud of our yearly event, the 'UCAS, Apprenticeship and Careers Conference Week'.



It takes place on the last week of June, after the Y12 mock exams; a week fully dedicated to our Y12 students in preparation for their final year, to support them concretise their future path. The week provides students with the guidance and opportunities needed to make informed decisions about their future, whether that involves higher education, apprenticeships, or entering the professional world.

During UCAS, Apprenticeship and Careers Conference Week, students have a series of planned talks and activities to attend:

- **Universities** - deliver talks on the importance of attending university and what this experience offers.
- **Apprenticeships**- Talks on Apprenticeship programs offered by the company visiting us and the opportunities this pathway offers.
- **Meet the Wiseman Alumni** - students have the chance to hear what each year of university is like.
- **Meet the Professionals** - students have the chance to attend carousel style presentations from their chosen speakers, which come from professional backgrounds such as Accounting, Law, Doctorate, Criminal Justice, Project Management, Creative Arts, to name a few.
- **Mock Interviews** – Students participate in a dedicated school day of mock interviews conducted by professionals from a range of industries and sectors. The experience is designed to replicate real-life interview situations as closely as possible, including guidance on professional dress, interview etiquette, and expectations. Students receive valuable feedback to help them prepare for future interviews, whether for university applications, apprenticeships, or employment opportunities.
- **Trips** - these are arranged during the week to companies that may offer apprenticeships schemes.



WildHearts Global Youth Summit

In November 2025 7 of our Y13 students took part in the Global Youth Summit organised by WildHearts Group, in partnership with Siemens, Nestle and BNP Paribas to name a few.



Our winning students receiving their Award at Westminster Palace

WildHearts supports business ideas for good cause and purpose, to create a global social change in the most deprived countries in the world. Through the Global Youth Summit students were able to learn how corporates support our communities and the environment by also teaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students took part in workshops exposing them to 'business idea' creation to positively impact communities, whilst considering Sustainability and Employability factors.

WildHearts later launched the Micro-Tyco Challenge Competition and 3 Y13 students took it upon themselves to create and prepare a presentation on a topic that would impact their school community. Provided with resources to support them, they reached the final and in May were invited at Clyde & Co to present their business idea in front of 4 corporate judges.

We are very proud to say that Wildhearts was impressed by their idea and awarded them a Seed Funding of £500 towards their project.

Finally, in July all finalists were invited to Westminster Palace for the Award Ceremony, hosted in collaboration with the Partners, who were handing certificates as well as providing a networking opportunity to students.

Below: A testimonial from one of our amazing Alumni!

'Taking part in the WildHearts project and competition was a highly valuable and rewarding experience. It gave me the opportunity to develop a range of skills, including teamwork, leadership, communication, problem-solving and project management.

As part of the Micro-Tyco challenge, I worked with others to create a project that addressed period poverty within our school community.

Through planning, fundraising and implementing our idea, I gained confidence in presenting ideas, collaborating with a team and overcoming challenges.

The experience also helped me develop a greater understanding of social impact and the importance of using business skills to create positive change. I cannot wait to see our project make a real difference as I am sure it will be incredibly fulfilling and will show me how small actions can have a meaningful impact on others.

Overall, I am very grateful to have taken part in the WildHearts competition. It has helped me grow both personally and professionally, strengthened my confidence and provided me with skills and experiences that I will continue to use in the future.

I now believe that the skills I gained I will be able to use and apply in my career and degree apprenticeship applications.'







A day at Jesus College, University of Cambridge



Below: Students taking supper at Jesus College Hall

On the 14th of September 6 of our Y13 students, aspiring to study at Cambridge had the opportunity to visit one of their colleges, Jesus College.

A magnificent agenda was planned for the day. Students had the opportunity to gain full insight of what the Cambridge application process entails and were delivered a presentation by the College Outreach Officer. They also had the chance to have their Personal Statements reviewed by Jesus College Ambassadors, undergraduate students themselves – some on their first year and some on their second or above – who also shared their admission and interviews experiences. Students took part in different workshops to support their application preparation, and they took part in a Q&A session with answers and advice from the Jesus College Senior Entry Administrator and the Ambassadors, who shared the type of questions they were asked, to prepare students on interviews expectations.

Furthermore, they were taken to a city tour to visit a different college, St Catherine's College, and had the experience of dining both lunch and supper at Jesus College Hall, making this day a full 360 experience before heading back home!

What a GREAT day it was indeed!

