



The **Cardinal Wiseman** Catholic School

**Prospectus 2024 – 2025**



⋮ “ I have my mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection  
⋮ between persons. He has not created me for naught. ”  
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⋮ *Cardinal Newman 1848*

# YEAR 7 ADMISSION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2025-26

Closing date for applications: 31st October 2024

(Recommended submission date from LA: 20th October 2024)

Thank you for your interest in applying to our Outstanding School. Applications must be submitted online through:

1. The Local Authority ([www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)) - you will receive a Reference Number
2. Our website ([www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk](http://www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk)) (Joining Us/Admissions/Admissions from Primary Schools 2025-26/Apply Here)- you will be asked to type the Local Authority Reference Number to proceed with the application.

Not applying to both the Local Authority and our school, will affect your child's application ranking; please refer to our Admissions Policy 2025-26 to understand how the criteria is applied.

***All applications must be submitted to the Local Authority and the School prior the deadline - 31 October 2024; failure to do so, will exclude your child's application from the Main Round Offers, on the 1st March 2025.***

## CHECKLIST

The below Check list will help you to ensure you have followed the correct application process.

Tasks	Yes	No
1 Did you apply to the LA?		
2 Did you read our Admissions Criteria?		
3 Did you apply to our school?		
4 Did you select 1 criterion only which applies to your child's admissions criteria?		
5 Did you upload the required documents (faith and residence)?		
6 Did you submit both the applications prior the 31st October 2024?		

If you have any questions, please contact us at:  
[Admissions@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:Admissions@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk)

# FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome you to the Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School.



Daniel Patrick Coyle  
**Headteacher**

As you read this prospectus and visit the school, I am confident that you will come to share my view that this is a phenomenal institution.

We are guided by the mission and inspiration of “All things for Christ”. As a result, our students are loved, supported and challenged. Our commitment to them is unwavering. This means, in practice, the appreciation of a well-rounded education which pays attention to the intellectual, spiritual, moral, social, cultural and physical development of your child.

Our curriculum ensures that this “human ecology” is developed to its potential. The curriculum is of course supported by teaching of the very highest quality. In consequence Cardinal Wiseman excels academically. We are incredibly

proud of our examination success and are determined to further improve our accomplishments in this area.

The rich curriculum offer, allied with superb teaching and learning, is underpinned and enhanced by first class behaviour and attitudes from our young people. Cardinal Wiseman is a happy, joyful school. It is a genuinely amazing place in which to work and study.

In conclusion, we are driven by our relentless fidelity to “All things for Christ”. This ensures that all children within this community flourish as individuals, and grow into positive and active citizens of our future society.

We look forward to meeting you.

Mr D P Coyle  
**Headteacher**

“ Outcomes are exceptionally high. This is driven by a commitment to high aspiration for all. ”

*Ofsted 2024*



“ Pupils follow an ambitious and rich curriculum. Teachers set purposeful activities to deepen and consolidate learning. Knowledge is logically sequenced, so pupils return to, practise and embed key concepts. ”

*Ofsted 2024*

“ A hallmark of Cardinal Wiseman is its leadership and management which are outstanding. Excellent systems and procedures are in place which ensure the school runs efficiently and smoothly. ”

*Westminster Diocese Report*

“ Behaviour is exemplary and pupils are highly motivated to learn. Pupils are safe at the school and attend very well. ”

*Ofsted 2024*

“ Despite receiving many accolades and awards, the school is anything but complacent. The schools self-evaluation has accurately identified its strengths, acknowledged areas for development and drawn up very rigorous and robust plans for improvement. ”

*Westminster Diocese Report*

# EALING'S ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School serves the Ealing Deanery and area Parishes.



We employ a full time Chaplaincy Team, providing students and staff with full spiritual guidance and support. Liturgy and prayer are a daily feature of school life. All students are given the opportunity to reflect upon their spiritual growth through the school's retreat programme.

Students at Cardinal Wiseman are encouraged to give themselves both to the school and the wider community, through serving others. Roles of responsibility are undertaken by students from every year group, reflecting the demands of our motto: "All things for Christ."

All students fundraise and support local, national and international charities throughout the liturgical year.

• “ Staff are dedicated to the school and feel proud to work here. Leaders  
• at all levels are reflective and strive for continual improvement. ”  
• *Ofsted 2024*

“ Pupils recognise the strong emphasis on Catholic identity and the Christian ideals which set out the work of the school. There are great opportunities given and taken for personal, moral and spiritual development. ”

*Westminster Diocese Inspection Report*







# TEACHING AT CARDINAL WISEMAN

The standard of teaching at Cardinal Wiseman is excellent, with a relentless focus upon ensuring this is maintained.

We work in collaboration with other schools to share “best practice”, as we continually seek to improve the range and quality of learning opportunities for our students.

Outstanding teaching is evidenced by the Department of Education figures for attainment and progress of students from Year 7 to 11. The school is in the top 1% nationally for progress and the top 3% nationally for attainment.


Our curriculum is designed to provide a breadth of learning experiences with a core of literacy and numeracy delivered through English, Mathematics, Science, RE, Social Studies and Modern Languages.

Significant curriculum time is directed to ensure that all students are taught Physical Education, the Arts, Design Technology and ICT. Many of our students will develop their careers in these areas; all of our students lives will be enriched by experience and understanding of them. Students are placed in mixed ability teaching groups from year 7. These groupings have enabled students to make greater progress in all areas.



“ Pupils excel and flourish at this school. This is due to the ambitious curriculum provided and the strong sense of community. The school has high expectations for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). ”

*Ofsted 2024*

A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue school jacket over a grey sweater and a striped tie, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. She has her right hand raised high in the air, smiling. On the desk in front of her are several open books and papers. The background shows a blue wall with some text and a whiteboard.

“ Teachers have strong subject knowledge and demonstrate techniques and skills with expertise. For example, in art, teachers enable pupils to experiment with an array of materials and styles, including ink printing, clay, textiles and acrylics, as well as exploring a diverse range of artists and movements. ”

*Ofsted 2024*

# CARE AND SUPPORT

The safety and well-being of our students is paramount. Students at Cardinal Wiseman feel safe, happy and supported, through clear policies that are consistently applied by all members of the school community.

All staff work tirelessly to remove barriers to learning. Where work or pastoral concerns are identified, intervention is rapid. We have a widely acknowledged track record of working effectively with students and families, to overcome issues as they emerge.

Outstanding care and support is underpinned by the high quality of teaching at the school and the consistent application of our Code of Conduct. Students fully understand the consequences of behaviour outside the parameters of the Code. As a consequence, incidents of poor behaviour, including bullying, are rare.

Throughout the curriculum students are taught how to keep themselves safe, not only in school but also in and beyond their communities. This includes the growing importance of e-safety.



“Pupils’ are highly respectful and kind to one another. Staff have high expectations of pupils’ behaviour both in and out of the classroom.”  
*Ofsted 2024*



“ The school encourages pupils to get involved in service to others. Pupils support local homeless shelters, refuges, welfare charities and food banks. ”

*Ofsted 2024*

# WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Cardinal Wiseman provides an outstanding education for our students and fully acknowledges those working with us to ensure that this is maintained.



We are not complacent and will continue to strengthen links with existing partners and to develop new relationships that support our learners.

**Parents** – we rely upon the strong support that we receive from parents and are committed to consulting with them in relation to all important issues. We acknowledge parents as ‘first teachers’ and work in partnership to support our young people. Strong home-school relationships are key to a child’s social, emotional and academic success.

**Parishes** – all of our children come from in or around the Ealing Deanery Parishes. Local priests from each of the parishes lead weekly mass on Friday mornings at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Church.

**Primary Schools** – we have strong links with our local Catholic primary schools and work in collaboration on curriculum projects and visits.

“ Parents have high confidence in the school and are impressed by the high level of pastoral care provided alongside the academic rigour. ”

*Ofsted 2024*

### The Emmaus Partnership

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is working in collaboration with St Augustines (Ealing), St Benedicts (Ealing) and The Sacred Heart Convent (Hammersmith) to support each other and promote Catholic education across the wider west London community.



“ More widely, pupils benefit from the school’s focus on literacy and oracy. Pupils are highly articulate in their responses and are confident to take part in discussions. Reading is a priority in this school. ”

*Ofsted 2024*



# LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our mission and ethos demand that we fully develop the gifts of each student; this includes potential in areas that may not be fully realised through the curriculum.

Almost every curriculum area offers additional lessons or learning opportunities, offsite visits, and in many cases, trips abroad. The activities range from sports, music and drama clubs to debating teams, army cadets (in conjunction with St Benedict's School) and the Duke of Edinburgh Award club.

In the twenty first century, academic achievement alone is not enough. Wider learning participation develops communication skills, self-confidence, leadership and the ability to work with others in a team. These wider social skills will support our students careers moving forward, and prepare them as active and contributing citizens.



“ Provision for pupils’ personal development is excellent. A wide variety of enrichment activities is available and charity work is firmly embedded. ”

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“ Leaders are clear that they want their pupils to make a positive contribution to society as well as being equipped for their next steps. They prepare students well for the next stage of education, employment or training. Pupils are provided with careers advice, careers days, workshops and lectures on numerous careers and pathways. ”

*Ofsted 2024*



# SIXTH FORM

The overwhelming majority of students move into the Sixth Form, choosing a Catholic learning experience which offers a broad, holistic education for students of a very high quality.

We offer a diverse range of courses alongside traditional A-Level courses, to ensure students are on the right pathway to either Higher Education or vocational based learning. The Curriculum offer is supported by our commitment to providing the highest standards of teaching and learning, within a strong academic environment.

Students are given comprehensive guidance and support around their work, and in preparation for pathways following the completion of Sixth Form studies.

We have the highest expectations of our Sixth Form students as strong role models and mentors for the younger students. Sixth Form students provide additional support in hosting parental and community functions. In return, the school offers a comprehensive and varied enrichment programme. All Sixth Form students study a Religious and Moral Development course.



We are very ambitious and aspirational for our students. We are proud that many go on to attend Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities.

A new dedicated Sixth Form study area provides a world class, purpose built study facility for our senior students.

“ In each subject, teachers routinely check that key knowledge is learned before building on this learning with more complex ideas. As a result, pupils make excellent progress and produce high-quality work. This relentless drive for excellence and high aspiration for all continues into the sixth form. ”

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