



The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Prospectus 2022 – 2023

"The school's ethos places the individual pupil at the heart of its work. Staff know pupils well and respond to them as individuals to ensure that they are safe, happy and can make progress".

Ofsted 2018



"I have my mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught." (Cardinal Newman 1848)

From the Headteacher



Daniel Doyle,
Headteacher

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

As an outstanding Catholic school, we will ensure that your child excels due to both the high-quality education and the wide variety of opportunities that are on offer at our school. This is underpinned and constantly reinforced by the school motto: "All things for Christ".

The choice of a secondary school is unquestionably one of the most significant decisions a parent can make for their child. As the new Headteacher of the school, my starting point is to repeat the message of my predecessor, "Our students are loved and challenged. Our commitment to them is unwavering".



“Outcomes for pupils are outstanding. Overall, pupils’ progress is in the top 3% of all schools nationally. Work in pupils’ books indicates that these high standards are maintained in all year groups. This is because of consistently strong teaching.”

Ofsted 2018



“Teaching, learning and assessment are outstanding. Leaders have ensured that teaching is consistently strong across all subjects. This enables all pupils, whatever their ability, to make excellent progress.” *Ofsted 2018*

“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

“Pupils’ behaviour is outstanding. They have exceptional attitudes to learning and their conduct around the school is exemplary.”

Ofsted 2018

“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 of 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."

One of many examples is the Sixth Form students' annual fundraising to allow disabled children to visit Lourdes, and to support these children throughout the trip.



“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



“Their leadership has ensured that the school is a harmonious and welcoming community with a strong ethos of care and academic challenge. They are never complacent and deploy their range of skills effectively to drive the school forward.”

Ofsted 2018



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.



“The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is excellent across and within subjects. There is very little inconsistency as a result of leaders’ work to reduce any variation and provide pupils with high quality learning experiences, whatever class they happen to be in. Consequently, pupils across the ability range make exceptional progress.”

Ofsted 2018

Outstanding teaching is evidenced by the Department of Education figures for attainment and progress of students from Year 7 to 11. In each of these categories the school is consistently placed in the top 5% nationally.

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 ability sets from Year Seven in all core subjects.



“Teachers’ subject knowledge is excellent. They plan learning activities which challenge all groups of pupils and ensure that all make progress. Teachers show pupils how to use subject language and ideas in sophisticated ways.”

Ofsted 2018



“There is a strong rapport between teachers and pupils. Pupils have exemplary attitudes to learning. They participate in activities with huge enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment. For example, during a Year 9 science class, a group of pupils excitedly called the inspector over to their experiment to show the chemical reaction that was taking place.”

Ofsted 2018



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' conduct is exemplary. Pupils are self-aware and regulate their behaviour around the site. They are confident and relaxed with each other and respectful and polite with adults, including visitors. Pupils have excellent manners. They are a credit to themselves and their school."

Ofsted 2018





“Pupils behave impeccably in classes. They have very positive attitudes to learning and there is almost no disruption of any sort. Pupils are fully focussed on their work and support each other to learn effectively.”
Ofsted 2018

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 our virtual learning environment (VLE), giving parents instant web access to their children’s attendance, punctuality, progress and homework tasks. The VLE provides an additional direct line of communication to teachers.

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 are working hard to strengthen links with our local Catholic primary schools through collaboration in a number of curriculum projects and visits.



“Parents see the direct link between the school’s leadership and the experience of their child. They greatly appreciate the school’s work.”

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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.



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.Benedicts school) and the Duke of Edinburgh Award club. These activities will be disrupted through 2020-21 but will resume fully as soon as possible.

“Pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education. They have access to up-to-date and impartial careers guidance within school, speakers and visits. Curriculum subjects also develop pupils’ understanding of a wide range of careers.”

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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’ spiritual, moral and social and cultural development is excellent. Pupils are very well prepared for life in modern Britain and can reflect on their own and other perspectives. They develop skills of empathy through the curriculum and in their day-to-day interaction in school.”

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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 was opened in September 2020, providing a world class, purpose built study facility for our senior students.



"The sixth form provision is outstanding. Students are supported effectively to achieve their best. A high proportion of students progress to university."

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"The leadership of the sixth form is exceptionally strong and shows continuing improvement in the quality of learning and support for students."

Ofsted 2018

"There is an effective transition programme for pupils joining the sixth form within the school and outside. Students who join the school at the start of Year 12 are effusive about the welcome they receive from students and the induction and support they get from staff. Parents also support this view."

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