



Cardinal Langley RC High School

Headteacher: Mr A Bridson B.Sc. (Hons)

3rd September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to welcome all students back to school following the Summer break, especially those joining us in year 7 and year 12.

I take great pride in being the Headteacher of this tremendously popular and highly successful school. The school is committed to ensuring that every young person realises their potential in a welcoming and caring environment, which is underpinned by the Catholic values outlined in our Mission Statement.

At Cardinal Langley, we have high expectations of all of our students and appreciate the high level of support we receive from parents and carers. This year we are particularly focusing on the pride that students take in their academic work, appearance and behaviour and I am sure I can rely on your continued support throughout this academic year.

At the start of the year there are a number of items which I would like to draw to your attention.

Uniform

Students are proud to attend Cardinal Langley and the vast majority of students reflect this in their high standard of uniform. Over the past year, however, we have noticed an increasing problem with sports shoes being worn and we wrote to all parents/carers at the end of the last academic year. The school has a clear policy on footwear and I would like to again remind you that shoes should be plain, black "leather" with no sports logos and **not Converse, Vans, Nike or Adidas**. This was reinforced to students through Form Tutors and assemblies at the end of the last term. Any student who has incorrect footwear will be expected to have this rectified by **Monday 7th September**.

Another Excellent Year for GCSE and A-level Results!

This Summer saw another outstanding set of GCSE and Sixth Form results and these are a testament to the motivation and commitment of the students, and the support and encouragement of staff, parents and carers.

At GCSE, 74% of students achieved 5+ A*-C grades with 58% achieving the benchmark including English and Maths. The percentage of A*/A grades has increased from 21% to 22% and the proportion of all GCSE grades at A*-C was 77% which is 8% above the national average. This is an excellent set of results and reflects the hard work and dedication shown throughout the exam preparations.

In the Sixth Form we achieved 98% pass rate at A-level with 41% of all grades A*-B. Performance in vocational subjects was again outstanding with the average grade being a Distinction* which places us in the top 10% of providers nationally. These outstanding results were key to ensuring that students were able to fulfil their ambitions of either gaining a place at the university of their choice, starting an apprenticeship or entering employment. We wish all of our students every success for the future.

I am sure that, with continued hard work and the commitment of students and their teachers, we will be celebrating even greater success in 2016.

Open Evenings

If your child is considering his/her next move into further education, our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 24th September from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Students will be able to find out more information regarding the courses on offer.



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If you are considering applying for a Year 7 place for your child here at Cardinal Langley, our Open Evening for 2016 entry took place in the Summer term but if you missed this opportunity, or would like to visit again, we are planning an Open "Morning" on Wednesday 30th September starting at 11:00am with a welcome session in the Hall which will be followed by a school tour and an opportunity to have any questions/queries answered. If you would like to attend, please email us at admin@clrchs.co.uk and we will send confirmation and further details closer to the time.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success. The school aims for 100% attendance with an overall rate of at least 96% expected. Attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern.

In September 2013, the discretion for Headteachers to be able to grant term-time absence for up to ten days was removed under changes to education regulations and Headteachers are no longer able to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'.

The new law does not give any entitlement to parents and carers to take their child on holiday during term time and the school is not permitted to grant term-time absence for family holidays and other similar recreational activities.

Punctuality to school and to lessons is also important, as it is indicative of a student's general motivation and commitment towards school. If your son or daughter has a long journey to school, please make sure that they leave in sufficient time to allow for traffic conditions or delays to the buses or trains.

If you do need to request leave of absence for your child during term time, please fill in a Term-Time Absence Request Form and return it to Student Services in the School Office, giving sufficient notice.

Unauthorised absence is recorded and may result in intervention by the Education Welfare Service and the issue of a Penalty Notice. For more information, please refer to our Attendance Policy and the Local Authority's Penalty Notice Protocol, available from the school website.

School Bus Services

The timetable for the school bus services to and from Cardinal Langley RC High School is published by Transport for Greater Manchester and can be found on the following page of the school website: <http://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-bus-services/>

Daily and weekly saver tickets are available from the driver. Children aged 11-16 require an igo pass in order to pay the concessionary fare on public transport within Greater Manchester. Information about igo passes can be found on the following webpage <http://igo.tfgm.com/>

Students aged 16-19 can apply for a Scholar's Pass. For more information and full terms and conditions please visit the following page of the TfGM website:

http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/Tickets/Pages/tickets_concessionary.aspx

School Meals

The cost of a standard meal-deal has increased to £2.00 with effect from 1st September 2015.

Up to 1.8 million children in the UK are entitled to free school meals but more than 330,000 pupils do not get their entitlement, often because parents are not aware that they are eligible. For more information about free school meals, please contact Student Services in the School Office or visit the RMBC webpage:

http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools_and_education/free_school_meals.aspx



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Communication with Parents

At Cardinal Langley we place a high priority of providing parents and carers with information about the school and the progress of your child. In the last year we have updated our website and have invested in two systems called In Touch and SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG), which will enable parents to have access to child-specific information throughout the year. This will develop further throughout the year and we hope will be a valuable tool for communication.

Privacy Notice – Data Protection Act 1998

Cardinal Langley RC High School is a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We do not share information with anyone outside the school without your consent, unless the law and our rules require us to. You can view the current Privacy Notice under the *Policies* section of the school website.

Road Safety

There is a temporary 20 mph speed limit in effect outside of school during the time when the school crossing patrol is in operation. This is part of the Local Authority's policy for incident reduction and road safety. Please may we stress the need for parents and carers to show care and consideration when dropping off children at school or parking outside of the school building. Please do not park in the disabled bays or obstruct the cycle lane or drives and entrances to neighbouring houses and buildings.

Learning Resources Centre

The Library/Learning Resources Centre (LRC) operates a "Breakfast Club" before school from 7:15am to 8:15am every morning, as well as offering support to students with their homework and independent study and providing a quiet environment for those who simply enjoy books and reading.

If you as a parent or carer would like to know how better to support your child with their exams and studies, or if you have any particular concerns, please contact the relevant subject teacher or Head of Year.

Finally, may I once again thank you for your continued support and your trust in our commitment to providing the best education for your child in a Catholic, caring environment.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school's main office for support.

Yours faithfully,

A Bridson
Headteacher



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School Diary Dates 2015-16

School Holidays	(The school is closed to students)
Autumn Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October <i>(Back to school on Monday 2nd November)</i>
Well-Being Day	Monday 30 th November
Christmas	Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January
Staff Inset Day	Monday 4 th January <i>(Back to school on Tuesday 5th January)</i>
Spring Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February <i>(Back to school on Monday 22nd February)</i>
Easter	Friday 25 th March to Friday 8 th April <i>(Back to school on Monday 11th April)</i>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Summer Half Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June <i>(Back to school on Monday 6th June)</i>
Staff Inset Day	Friday 1 st July
School breaks up for Summer holiday on Tuesday 19 th July 2016	

Well-Being Day: This is just a reminder, especially for our new Year 7 students, that **Monday 30th November** is Well-Being Day. Traditionally taken at the end of November or beginning of December, this is part of the school holiday pattern. **Would parents/carers please note that the school is closed to students on this day.**

Staff Inset Days: Would parents and carers please note that **Monday 4th January** and **Friday 1st July** are staff inset days and **the school will be closed to students.**

Year 7 & Y12 Settling-In Evening Year 7 Welcome Mass

Tuesday 29th September; 3:30pm-6:30pm
Tuesday 6th October; 6:30pm-8:00pm

Open Events

Year 6 Transition to Year 7 (2016 Admissions)
Sixth Form Open Evening
Year 5 Open Evening (2017 Admissions)

Wednesday 30th September; 11:00am-12:30pm
Thursday 24th September; 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thursday 30th June; 6:30pm-8:30pm

Parents' Evenings

Year 11
Year 10
Year 12/13
Year 8
Year 9
Year 7

(3:30pm-6:30pm)
Tuesday 3rd November
Wednesday 13th January
Thursday 28th January
Thursday 25th February
Tuesday 19th April
Wednesday 4th May

Examinations

GCSE November Series
Year 11 Mock Exams
Year 12/13 Mock Exams
January Exam Series
Year 11 Mock Exams
March Exam Series
Year 12/13 Mock Exams
GCSE & GCE Summer Series
Year 10 Mock Exams

3rd November to 12th November
1st December to 11th December
5th January to 13th January
8th January to 12th January
29th February to 11th March
29th February
11th April to 22nd April
16th May to 29th June
20th June to 24th June