



Cardinal Langley RC High School

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

14th October 2015

Dear Parent /Carer,

As we approach the October half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support so far this year and to bring a few things to your attention.

Parent Governor Nominations

We are delighted to report that Mrs Newton has been reappointed to the school's governing body as a Parent Governor. As we only received the one nomination, it was not necessary to hold an election. Mrs Newton will be serving her second term of office.

Assessment Grades

The way we carry out our student assessments and academic reporting has changed. Instead of reporting termly to students, parents and carers, we will be providing academic information every half-term. There are considerable changes taking place nationally regarding assessment and the A*-G grading system at GCSE is being replaced with a 1 – 9 numeric system. Unfortunately, this will not apply to all subjects at the same time, as the Department for Education is staggering the introduction of its new specifications and it will take a number of years until these are embedded across all subject areas.

We will be sending out assessment information next week, along with guidance on how to interpret it; if you have any questions, please contact your child's Form Tutor.

Exam Preparation

Students in Year 11 are studying hard towards their Summer GCSE exams. "Pre-Public Exams", which used to be referred to as mock exams, will be taking place in December and March to help prepare them and timetables for the December exams have been given to students. Results will be issued to students on Friday 15th January 2015.

October Half-Term Holiday

The school breaks up for half-term on Friday 23rd October. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-4 and **students will be dismissed after lunch and afternoon registration at the earlier time of 1:30pm**. Please be aware that the school buses may not run at this time and there may not be a school crossing patrol. We return after the half-term break on Monday 2nd November.

Holiday Club

Cardinal Langley is once again running its sports and activity club over the half-term holiday with activities suitable for children aged 4 (Reception class) to 13. The core session runs from 9:00am-3:00pm at a cost of £9 per child per day, with an "early bird" and "staying late" option available. More information and details on how to book can be found on the school website. Alternatively, please contact the School Games Partnership by email to rbsgp@clrchs.mobi or by telephoning 0161 643 4009 (ext. 244)/ M: 07800672502 or pick up a flier from Reception or the Community Sports Office.



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Applications for Year 7 Places – September 2016 Entry

If you (or other members of your family and friends) have children who will be moving up into secondary school in September 2016, you will need to apply for a school place. For more information or to apply online please visit www.rochdale.gov.uk/schooladmissions or contact Rochdale Council directly to request an application form. If you live outside of the borough, you will need to apply through the Local Authority in which you live.

The closing date for applications for September 2016 admission is 31st October 2015.

Lunchtime and After-School Activities

There are a number of activities, homework and other clubs taking place for students at lunchtimes and after school that your child/ren can take advantage of, whether to help them make new friends, settle into school or get extra support with homework and coursework. If you would like to see what is available, please visit the school website <http://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/extra-curricularschool-trips/>

Privacy Notice – Data Protection Act 1998

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Wellbeing Day – Monday 30th November 2015

This is just a reminder, especially for parents and carers of children who have recently joined us, that Wellbeing Day this year is on Monday 30th November. This is a school holiday, traditionally taken at the end of November or beginning of December, and forms part of the school holiday pattern. Please be aware that the school is closed to students on this day.

Staying Safe

We would like to ask parents and carers to remind their children about the importance of staying safe over the holidays, especially at this time of year when the clocks go back and the evenings are getting darker.

We are pleased to see that more students are cycling to school but must ask that parents/carers ensure that any student who cycles acts responsibly (especially on busy main roads), wears a helmet for safety reasons and is visible to other road users.

We hope that all of our students and their families have a safe and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 2nd November.

Yours faithfully,

A Bridson
Headteacher