



# Cardinal Langley RC High School

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9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parent /Carer,

We are fast approaching the end of this academic year and the Summer issue of the school newsletter will be coming out later this term. In the meantime, I would like to bring certain items to your attention.

## Year 7 Retreats to Savio House - June & July

Retreat Dates	Form Class/es	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	7MJW	7HSF
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	7AMR	7VM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7NJ	7RMC
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	7LA	

Children attending Savio House must arrive in school by the usual time of 8:20am on the day of departure and should be wearing own clothing rather than school uniform. On the day of return, they will remain in school until the normal finishing time of 2:30pm (1:30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July).

More information about the Savio House retreats, including a kit list and emergency contact numbers, can be found on the school website.

## KS3 Awards Evening - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

We are once again holding an awards evening to celebrate the exceptional hard work, commitment and achievements of some of our younger students and the positive contribution they make to our school community. This will take place in school from 6:00pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Nominations are made by form tutors and subject teachers and invitations will be sent to the families of those Year 7 and Year 8 children nominated for an award.

## Open Evening - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June

If you are considering applying for a Year 7 place for your child here at Cardinal Langley, our open evening for Y4 & Y5 children and their parents/carers is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

(If you are a student considering your next move into further education, our Sixth Form open evening is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm)

## Inset Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Parents/carers are reminded that there is an Inset Day in our school calendar on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** and **the school will be closed to students on this day.**

### **Mission Week - 4<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July is the start of our Mission Week, celebrating the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will be a week of prayer and activities, reflecting on the mercy of God and how we experience and bear witness to this in our own lives.

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

Gee Walker will be our guest speaker; her son, Anthony, was murdered in an unprovoked, racially-motivated attack in Liverpool, aged 18. Gee will be talking to Year 9 and 10 students about how she has drawn on her Faith to be able to forgive her son's killers.

The Mercy Bus will be in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July: All students will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation or a blessing - or simply have a chat with one of the priests on the bus.

There will be a CAFOD Activity Day aimed at Year 7 and 8 students and throughout the week there will be lessons based around the theme of mercy as well as various charity fundraising opportunities for all students.

### **Founder's Day - Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Mission Week culminates with Founder's Day on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. This is a celebration of the distinct Lasallian character of our school and the Saint on whose teachings it is founded, St Jean Baptiste de la Salle. Mass will be celebrated in school in the morning after which students will take part in various activities throughout the day. Students should arrive at their normal school starting time and be wearing full school uniform.

**As per the established tradition on this day of celebration, students will be dismissed early at 1:30pm, after lunch.** If this early finish will cause you any problems, please contact the school and we will make arrangements to supervise your child until the normal finishing time.

### **Harry Potter Studio Tour - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

We are looking forward to taking a group of students to the Warner Bros Studios near Watford, going behind the scenes of the Harry Potter films to see how they were made. If your child is due to go on the trip but hasn't received an updated letter with regards to arrangements for the day, please ask them to collect one from Mrs McKee. A small number of additional places have become available: if any student is interested, they will need to see their English teacher for further details. Any outstanding balances should be taken to the finance office before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Help us to win £5000 of new books for our library!**

A competition has been organised by National Book Tokens to give one lucky school the chance to receive £5000 of book tokens to spend on stock for their school library. To enter, please visit the school's homepage [www.clrchs.co.uk](http://www.clrchs.co.uk) and click on the link 'Help - Library Books' to take you to the site's entry page. It will take no longer than a minute to complete and your time would be very much appreciated. You may even win a £100 book token to enjoy for yourself. Thank you in advance for your support with this: the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

### **Sports Day - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Day this year will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Lessons will run as usual Periods 1-3 with lunch at the earlier time of 11:45am. All students should come to school in the morning ready dressed in their PE kit.

### **Rewards Day - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

As a reward for those students who have shown excellent behaviour, punctuality and attendance, as well as commitment to their studies this year, we are arranging a trip to Blackpool just before we break up for the Summer holiday. The trip will cost £27 per person and students will need to see their Head of Year for more information.

### **Last Day of Term – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

The school will break up for the Summer holiday on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Students should be wearing full school uniform. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-3 and, after an early lunch and afternoon registration, **they will be dismissed at the earlier time of 12:30pm.**

**Parents/carers are asked to please note that when there is an early finish the school buses may not run and there may not be a school crossing patrol.**

### **Student Lockers**

Students will need to make sure that they empty their locker and remove any padlocks before they leave on the last day of term - otherwise, padlocks will have to be cut off by the caretakers. Any personal belongings left behind over the Summer will be kept for two weeks in September, after which they will be given to charity shops. Lockers will be re-allocated in September by Mrs Fisher in Student Services.

### **Examination Results Day**

Examination results will be available in school from Mrs Barton on the following days:

**A-Levels:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Year 13 at 9:00am and Year 12 at 11:00am)

**GCSEs:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (Year 11 at 9:00am and Year 10 at 11:00am)

As always, we would ask all visitors to be considerate of our neighbours when parking outside school.

### **Sixth Form Enrolment – for September 2016**

Year 13: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Year 12: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### **New Academic Year 2016-17**

The 2016-17 academic year will commence for our new Year 7 and Year 12 students at 8:20am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016. The remaining year groups will join them from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The 2016-17 term dates and holiday pattern are attached to this letter and are published on the following page of our website: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-timetable-term-dates/>

## **Summer Holiday Activity Club**

Cardinal Langley is once again running a sports and activity club over the Summer holiday with activities suitable for children from Reception class up to age 13. The core session runs from 9:00am-3:00pm at a cost of £10 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 – or call into Reception or the Community Sports Office for a flier.

## **School Meals**

The cost of a standard school meal is likely to increase to £2.05 from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

Many children in the UK are entitled to free school meals but often parents are not aware that they are eligible or they choose not to claim their entitlement. We would like to encourage parents and carers to apply for free school meals for their child for two main reasons:

Your child can select a good-quality, healthy lunch each school day using their personal catering account, the same as other students and staff do.

The school can claim Pupil Premium funding for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps us to provide a wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child.

More information on how we use our Pupil Premium funding can be found on the following page of the school website: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/school-information/pupil-premium-expenditure/>

For more information about free school meals, please contact Mr Rainey here at school or visit the RMBC webpage [http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools\\_and\\_education/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools_and_education/free_school_meals.aspx)

## **School Buses and Concessionary Fares**

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: <https://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](http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/Tickets/Pages/tickets_concessionary.aspx)

## **School Uniform**

Once again, we would like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring that students come to school in full school uniform. We have clear rules on uniform and appearance; more information can be found in student journals and on the following page of the school website:

<https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/uniform/>

May we remind students that:

- Trainers, boots and canvas shoes are not allowed as footwear; shoes displaying a designer brand or logo are also against policy. Examples of acceptable school footwear can be found on the school website.

- The only items of jewellery allowed are a watch and a single, plain, 'gold' or 'silver' stud in the lobe of the ear.
- Nail varnish, false nails, false eyelashes and make-up are not allowed.
- Hairstyles should be tidy, no shorter than a number 2 and of one, natural colour and not dyed.

Students who do not comply with the uniform rules will face a consequence, which may include removal/confiscation of the items and/or an internal exclusion.

#### **Staying Safe over the Summer Holiday**

Please might we take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to remind their children about staying safe over the Summer holiday, especially on the roads and when out and about near water and other potential hazards such as railways, level crossings and building sites.

More information can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.rospa.com/>

<http://www.rospa.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/children-young-people/>

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/safety-education/information-for-parents/>

Finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of all the staff and governors for your continued support of our school community. We are immensely proud of all of our students and their many gifts and talents.

We would like to wish our students the very best of luck with their exams and a well-deserved and enjoyable Summer break.

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in the Autumn term.

Yours faithfully,



A Bridson

Headteacher



CARDINAL LANGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL  
**SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2016-17**

TERM	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM	TERM ENDS
<b>AUTUMN</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016: Y7 & Y12 Term commences for Y8-Y11 & Y13 on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016  <i>Well-Being Day (school holiday) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016</i>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Inclusive</b>			
<b>SPRING</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Inclusive</b>			
<b>SUMMER</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017  <i>Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 (school closed)</i>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017  <i>Inset Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (school closed to students)</i>
<b>STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 &amp; Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (school closed to students)</b>			