

Cardinal Langley's VOICE

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Examinations News

Sixth Form Results 2017

Sixth Form Results in the top 25% Nationally

The Sixth Form results are outstanding this year and in the top 25% of schools nationally for A-levels, AS levels and Applied General courses. This is a fantastic achievement and enabled 97% of students to accept university places or enrol on apprenticeships. The average grade this year was a B- and reflects the high standard of teaching and learning at the school. Many of our students have exceeded their expectations which demonstrates the strength of the Sixth Form at Cardinal Langley.

At A-level, students achieved 100% pass rate with 52% of all results A*-B grades, while in vocational subjects 79% gained a Distinction* which is the highest possible grade. These results show that the school can compete with the best and we expect numbers to increase further this year given the high success rate that students achieve.



Cardinal Langley GCSE Results 2017

It was another successful year for students at GCSE with students achieving success in a wide range of subjects. The majority of subjects are still graded this year as A*-C and in these subjects 70% of all grades were A*-C with 20% A*/A and an amazing 99% pass rate overall.

Students achieved over 80% A*-C grades in Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, French, BTEC Health & Social Care, History, ICT, Physical Education, BTEC Sport, Textiles and BTEC Travel & Tourism. In a year when the headlines have been focussed on national changes, it is a fantastic achievement that so many subjects continued to perform significantly above national expectations.

This year saw the introduction of the new 1-9 grading system and we are very pleased with 63% of the grades being 4 or above which is now described by the Government as a standard pass. Further information about the new grading system can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>



Cardinal Langley is also delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Award for inspiring IAG in recognition of the work and assistance given to students throughout their time with us in developing their career intentions and aspirations. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Take a look at our Careers Facebook Page
@CLHSCareers

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

I would like to congratulate all students on their excellent Sixth Form and GCSE results; I am confident that they will continue to be successful in the next step of their educational journey.

This edition includes useful information for both parents/carers and students for the forthcoming year. If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school's main office for support.

Mr Bridson, Headteacher

New Faces

In addition to our students in Years 7 and 12 students this term, we also welcome new colleagues across various departments:



Miss Anderson
(History)



Mr Bradley
(Maths)



Miss Campbell
(RE/English)



Miss Coffey
(Maths)



Miss Morgan
(PE)



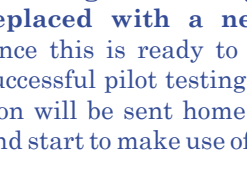
Mrs Myatt
(RE)



Mrs Riley
(Additional Needs)



Ms Russell
(English)



Mr Toland
(Business Studies)



Mr Vodden
(Art)



Miss Weiner
(English)

Mrs Wilkinson
(6th Form)

Keeping You Informed



Dear Parents

Cardinal Langley RC High School

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

Diocese of Salford

– Formation of St Teresa of Calcutta Multi-Academy Trust.

The Diocese of Salford is in consultation with Governors and Headteachers about their proposal to form a number of Multi-Academy Trusts across the Diocese. The proposal is to develop nine geographically based trusts across the Diocese with all Catholic primary and secondary schools in the same area forming one Trust. In the Borough of Rochdale, the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust has been formed and will initially include St Patrick's and Alice Ingham RC Primary Schools. If, in the future, the Governing Body decide that the time is right for Cardinal Langley RC High School to convert to an academy, the school will join the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust.

The Governors and Headteachers of all of the Catholic schools in Rochdale are working together to ensure that we form a strong Trust for schools to join over time. There has been much publicity about the government's plans to force schools to convert to become an academy. This is no longer the case, and it is expected that the nine Multi-Academy Trusts across the Diocese of Salford will grow over time if schools wish to join. Our governors have informed the Diocese that they do not expect to convert in the near future and will only do so if we think that it is the right thing to do for the children in our school.

What will be different if we join the trust? Outwardly very little will appear to change; our school will retain its name and unless staff choose to move on for career progression, we will retain our own school staff, our school uniform and our curriculum. The main difference will be seen in the Governance of the school. Responsibility for the standards in school will transfer from the Local Authority to the Diocese of Salford and the school's local Governing Body will be responsible to a Board of Directors, professional people appointed by the Bishop.

We will keep you updated on developments relating to this matter. If the Governing Body makes the decision to move towards conversion, parents, staff and pupils will all be consulted, and there will be a platform for your views to be heard. However, if you have any further questions at this stage please do not hesitate to contact me at admin@clrchs.co.uk

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

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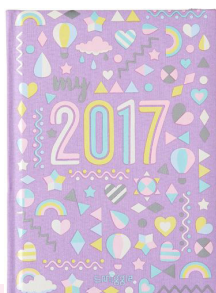


Healthy Schools

Dates For Your Diary

This week:

Thursday 28th September 2017, 6:30-8:30pm:
6th Form Open Evening 6.30pm



October :

Tuesday 3rd October 2017, 3:30-6:30pm: Year 7 and Year 12 Settling-in evening

November:

Thursday 19th October 2017, 7pm: Year 7 Welcome Mass

Wednesday 15th November 2017, 3:30-6:30pm; Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd November 2017, 3:30-6:30pm: Year 10 Parents' Evening

December:

Monday 4th December 2017: school is closed (school holiday)



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.

Changes to regulations came about in September 2013 and Headteachers are no longer able to grant any 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 leave of absence for family holidays or 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 Leave of 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, which could include 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 £2.10 with effect from 1st September 2017.

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/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

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.

Open Evenings

If your child is considering his/her next move into further education, our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 28th September from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Students will be able to find out more information regarding the courses on offer.

If you are considering applying for a Year 7 place for your child here at Cardinal Langley, our Open Evening for 2018 entry took place in the Summer term but if you missed this opportunity, or would like to visit again, we are planning an Information Session on Thursday 28th September starting at 4:00pm. This will provide an opportunity to tour the school and have any questions/queries answered. If you would like to attend, please email us at admin@clrchs.co.uk and we will send further information.

Uniform

Students are proud to attend Cardinal Langley and I have been very impressed by the high standard of uniform since the start of term. I am sure I can rely on your continued support throughout the year. The uniform policy can be found on the school website and there is also specific guidance regarding acceptable shoes. If there are any doubts about the suitability of certain items then please do not hesitate to contact the school before you purchase them.

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 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.



At Cardinal Langley we are committed to ensuring that every young person 'lives life to the full' and I encourage all students to make the most of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities available to them.

A full list of clubs and activities can be found at www.clrchs.co.uk

School Diary Dates 2017-18

School Holidays
Autumn Half Term

Well-Being Day
Christmas
Staff Inset Day

Spring Half Term

Easter

Bank Holiday
Summer Half Term

Staff Inset Day

School breaks up for Summer holiday on Wednesday 25th July 2018

(The school is closed to students)
Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
(Back to school on Monday 30th October)
Monday 4th December
Friday 22nd December to Friday 5th January
Monday 8th January
(Back to school on Tuesday 9th January)
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
(Back to school on Monday 19th February)
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April
(Back to school on Monday 16th April)
Monday 7th May
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
(Back to school on Monday 4th June)
Friday 29th June

Year 7 & Year 12 Settling-In Evening Tuesday 3rd October; 3:30pm-6:30pm

Year 7 Welcome Mass Thursday 19th October; 7:00pm-8:30pm

Open Events

Year 6 Information Evening (2018 Admissions) Thursday 28th September; 4:00pm

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 28th September; 6:30pm-8:30pm

Year 5 Open Evening (2019 Admissions) Thursday 28th June; 6:30pm-8:30pm



Parents' Evenings (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Year 11 (#1) Wednesday 15th November

Year 10 Thursday 23rd November

Year 11 (#2) Thursday 1st February

Year 12 & 13 Thursday 22nd February

Year 7 Wednesday 14th March

Year 8 Thursday 22nd March

Year 9 Wednesday 25th April

Examinations

GCSE November Series 1st November to 9th November

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams 5th December to 14th December

January Exam Series 8th January to 26th January

Year 12/13 Pre-Public 15th January to 22nd January

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams 26th February to 9th March

March Exam Series 26th February

Year 12/13 Pre-Public Exams Commence 12th March

GCSE & GCE Summer Series 14th May to 26th June

Year 10 Mock Exams 18th June to 22nd June



The VIVO system was introduced last year and enables teachers to reward students for their hard work. All students have access to their points total and the reason for them being awarded, either through the VIVO website or by downloading the app. VIVO points can be exchanged for rewards or donated to one of the charities that the school supports.

Well-Being Day: This is just a reminder, especially for our new Year 7 students, that **Monday 4th December** 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 8th January and Friday 29th June** are staff inset days and the school will be closed to students.

September 2018 Admissions

The secondary school application process for 2018 is now open and will close on 31st October 2017.

Families can apply online using a PC, smartphone or tablet and the system is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can track the progress of your online application and make changes up until the deadline, meaning there's no need to wait for the letter to drop through the letterbox.

There will be a series of drop in sessions at Number One Riverside to help people with the application process, should they need it, or to set up an email address for those who don't yet have one.

These sessions will be held in the library at One Riverside from 10:00am until 12:00 Noon every Tuesday throughout September and October and 10:00am until 5:30pm on 31st October.

For more information please visit

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/Pages/default.aspx>



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