

# Cardinal Langley's VOICE

Inspired by Faith, Education Leads to Progress

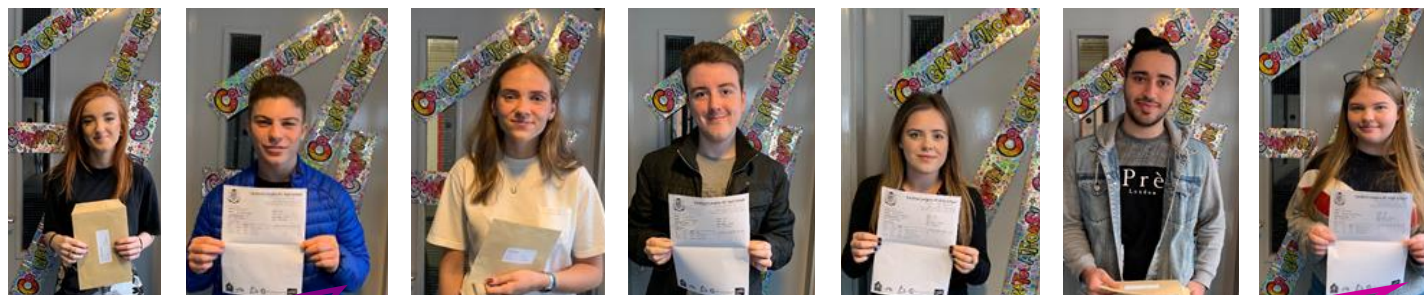


## Examination News

### A Levels

Students at Cardinal Langley Sixth Form have again excelled with a 100% pass rate in both A Levels and vocational courses. Our results this year show that we continue to compete with the best. We are delighted that so many students have exceeded their expectations with our BTEC results placing us in the top 25% of schools in the country.

We are proud of all of our students and their amazing results are a reflection of their hard work over the past two years. Our students thoroughly deserve their success and are looking forward to their next step, either at university or starting apprenticeships. Staff have worked tirelessly to prepare students and we are delighted with our 100% pass rate. You can read more about our Sixth Form success at <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/about/results/a-level-results-2019/>



Harry, who achieved an A, B and a Distinction, will be going to Edge Hill University to study Business Management. He said, "I am very grateful to Cardinal Langley and all the members of staff who have helped me, not only for my two years in Sixth Form, but for my seven years at Cardinal Langley."

Rebecca achieved an A and two B grades and is heading off to Leeds University to study History. She said, "I will be forever grateful for all the support."

### GCSEs

We are equally proud of our GCSE students as they celebrate some fantastic exam results this year. Our students have worked incredibly hard and thoroughly deserve their results. We are delighted to have achieved success in a wide range of subjects and are particularly pleased with the increase in students achieving the highest grades. You can read more of our GCSE success at <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/about/results/gcse-results-2019/>



Jude achieved four grade 9s, a grade 8, four grade 7s and one grade 5. Jude will be returning to Cardinal Langley in September to study A Level, Biology, History, English Literature and Psychology. His twin brother, Fraser was extremely happy with his results of two grade 9s, six grade 8s and two grade 7s. He will also be returning to Cardinal Langley to study Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics.

I am pleased to welcome students back to school following the Summer break. We especially welcome those joining us in Year 7 and Year 12. This edition of the Voice 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 main school office.

**Mr A Bridson, Headteacher**

## Dates for your Diary

### Open Events:

Yr 7 & Yr 12 Settling-in Evening:

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Yr 7 Welcome Mass:

17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 6:30pm

Sixth Form Open Evening:

7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 6pm - 8pm

Yr 5 Open Evening (2021 admissions):

9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 5pm - 7pm

### Parents' Evenings:

Yr 11 (#1): Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Yr 10: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Yr 11 (#2): Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Yrs 12&13: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Yr 8: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Yr 9: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Yr 7: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## New Faces

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



Mrs Cowell  
(English)



Ms Foley  
(English)



Ms Monaghan  
(Science)



Mrs Smith  
(Psychology)



Mr Stone  
(Maths)



Miss Arnold  
(Drama)



Mr Thorne  
(RE Supply)

## Anti-Bullying



At Cardinal Langley we are committed to eradicating all forms of bullying. Students have access 24/7 to an online reporting tool called Tootoot. Students can use Tootoot to report anything, ranging from issues of bullying and cyber bullying to concerns they may have and worries about a friend. This can be accessed through the school website or via [www.tootoot.co.uk](http://www.tootoot.co.uk)

Our Sixth Form 'Guardian Angels' are also available in school to help students with any concerns they may have. Guardian Angels are easy to identify with their red lanyards in the Village Square.

## Extra-curricular Activities

At Cardinal Langley we are committed to ensuring that students 'live life to the full' and we encourage them 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: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/extra-curricularschool-trips/>





## CARDINAL LANGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-20

TERM	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM	TERM ENDS
<b>AUTUMN</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 (Y7 & Y12) Term commences for Y8-11 & Y13 on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 (inclusive)</b>			
<b>SPRING</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 <i>Inset Day - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January (school closed to students)</i>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (inclusive)</b>			
<b>SUMMER</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 <i>Bank Holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (school closed)</i>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 <i>Inset Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July (school closed to students)</i>

### School Diary Dates

Please note: School will be **CLOSED** to students on the following dates:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (INSET Day)**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (INSET Day)**



### ViVO Rewards

The ViVO system enables teachers to reward students for their hard work with 116,767 being awarded in 2018/19. 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.



### Examinations

November Exam Series: 04/11/19 - 11/11/19  
Yr11 Pre-Public Exams: 02/12/19 - 13/12/19  
Yr12/13 Pre-Public Exams: 13/01/20 - 24/01/20  
January Exam Series: 06/01/20 - 22/01/20  
March Exam Series: 26/02/20  
Yr11 Pre-Public Series: 02/03/20 - 11/03/20  
Yr12/13 Pre-Public Exams: 02/03/20 - 13/03/20  
Summer Exam Series: 11/05/20 - 17/06/20  
Yr10 Pre-Public Exams: 15/06/20 - 23/06/20  
Yr12 Pre-Public Exams: 18/06/20 - 25/06/20

### September 2020 Admissions

The secondary school application process for 2020 is now open and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. 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.

**For more information please visit:**

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

**Or telephone:**

0300 303 0340



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### GCSE Pod

GCSE students now have access to a new online learning tool called GCSE Pod. These are short videos which give key facts, matching the GCSE content. These can be accessed on phones, tablets and computers. This will provide an alternative method of learning for students and evidence suggests that the more pods students view, the higher their grades will be!



### 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 here: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/school-information/policies/>

## Open Evenings

If your child is considering his/her next move into further education, our Sixth Form Open Evening is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm to 8pm**. 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 2020 entry took place in the Summer term. However, if you missed this opportunity, or would like to visit again, we are planning an Information Session on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm**. 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](mailto:admin@clrchs.co.uk) and we will send further information.



### School Meals

The cost of a standard meal-deal has increased to £2.20, with effect from 1st September 2019.

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 and healthy lunch each school day using the school's cashless catering system, and the school can claim a Pupil Premium 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.

For more information on how we use our Pupil Premium funding please visit the school webpage: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/school-information/premium-spending/>  
For more information about free school meals, please contact Student Services here at school or visit the RMBC webpage: <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

### Parking & Road Safety

As always, we urge parents and carers to take care when dropping off or collecting their child from school by car. Please do not park on pavements, or in bus bays or the cycle lane, or blocking neighbours' drives, or anywhere you might be causing an obstruction – especially near the school entrance and the school crossing patrol.

Please do not use the visitor car park as a drop off and collection point, **unless you require it for disability access**, as this is causing congestion on the school grounds and potentially putting children at risk, as well as adding to traffic problems on Rochdale Road.

If you are considering public transport as a better option for your child's journey to and from school, details of school bus services can be found on the school website:

<https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-bus-services/>

Please help us make the local area safer for all of our pupils, as well as members of the public.



## Attendance & 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. Headteachers may only authorise term-time leave in exceptional circumstances and are no longer permitted to authorise leave of absence for family holidays, including family celebrations that involve an extended stay or an extension to a school holiday period, or other recreational activities during term-time. Please bear this in mind when planning your 2019-20 holidays and family events. Unauthorised leave is recorded and may result in the issue of a fixed penalty notice.

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.

### School Bus Service

An **igo pass** is required for children aged 11-16 to pay the concessionary fare on public transport within Greater Manchester. It costs £10 and lasts until 31<sup>st</sup> August after a child's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. More information about igo passes can be found at: <http://igo.tfgm.com/>

More information about school bus services can be found on the following school webpage: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-bus-services/>

**Please note:** Bus drivers can and do refuse to issue a concessionary fare to a child without the correct pass.

**Our Pass** is the new bus pass for 16-18 year olds. For a one-off £10 administration fee, it unlocks free bus travel covering all local bus services across Greater Manchester. It can be used 7 days a week and has no time restrictions for bus travel, not just making getting to school, college, work and training easier, but also going out with friends and exploring Greater Manchester! For more information, and to apply, visit: <https://ourpass.co.uk/about>



### 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 buy them.

### 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.

### Parent Pay

ParentPay is a secure, online system that allows parents to load money onto student accounts which can then be used with our cashless catering system or to pay for trips / activities. It avoids the need for students to carry cash to school and enables parents to track spending. The system is already being used successfully by many parents and if you are not using the system then I encourage you to get set up. If you would like access, or don't have access to your login details, please contact the school and we can support you.



### Governor Vacancies

If you are committed to helping make Cardinal Langley the best school it can be then we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further information will be sent out to all parents in the coming weeks but if you wish to discuss what this would involve then please contact the school. If you have a background in legal services, finance, marketing/media, or information governance, we would very much like to hear from you. In the main, however, we are looking for someone with the will and enthusiasm to help drive our school community forward and make a positive difference.