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Cardinal Langley's Charitable Spirit



This year has once again shown the generosity and kindness of pupils, families and staff. The whole school community has been involved in raising money for a number of charities, as

well as donating to local Foodbanks and the Ukraine Appeal. You all never cease to amaze us with everything you do for others, and fundraising is a proud tradition that you have all contributed to over the course of the year, so **THANK YOU!**

This year, staff and students took part in a St Joseph's Penny Badminton tournament, donated 698 Easter eggs to Middleton Foodbank, wrote Prayers for Peace for Ukrainian parishioners in Rochdale, donated a lorry-full of items as part of the Ukraine Appeal, and took part in Lenterprise challenges to raise money over the Easter period. Thank you for your generosity in giving money, thoughts and time.



The Voice Makes a Return!



After an unprecedented two years, school life has returned to a sense of normality, and with it, the Voice makes a return. It's been a busy Summer term here at Cardinal Langley, filled with extra-curricular trips, sporting successes and exciting celebrations.

Inside this edition, we'll bring you updates from our departments, student voice articles, and showcase our brilliant pupils' work and achievements.

One achievement we are proud of is Ofsted's recognition that Cardinal Langley continues to be a Good school. We were recently inspected and the report (which can be viewed via Ofsted's website) contains many positive comments with the inspection team being particularly complimentary about the quality of education and the range of interesting and inspiring opportunities provided beyond the academic curriculum. Read on to see just some of these opportunities...

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♪ Grease Lightning ♪

Our school performance of Grease finally took place this term with more than fifty students taking part both on stage and behind the scenes. We were delighted to welcome our primary school partners who joined in the chorus numbers. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved and we thank all our families and wider community members who came to support us.



Rave reviews came flooding in from audience members:

‘What a great show. Well done to everyone. You should be very proud of yourselves. You got the audience involved throughout and you could tell you were really enjoying being in the production.’

‘Great show, had us all clapping and tapping our feet’



Summer Showcase

On 7th June, the music department hosted their first live concert since before the pandemic. The audience heard performances from our choir, our three KS3 bands, djembe drumming group, the cast of our show 'Grease', guitar club and individual performances from Julia and Maks on piano (both Year 8) and Matthew on drums (Year 9). Every single performer was fantastic, both in their performances, and how they conducted themselves throughout the evening. Our audience agreed, with the following feedback:

'A really good atmosphere and some great talent on show'.



We hope that everyone who came to watch Grease or the Summer Showcase enjoyed their evening.

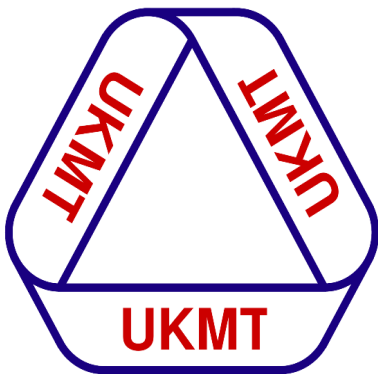
Thank you for the support shown; the students felt proud to be a part of the evenings, and had great fun performing for you all. A huge *Thank You* also goes to the staff involved for dedicating their time and expertise: Miss Waterhouse, Miss Arnold, Mr Guggiari, Mrs Condrón, Mr Smith, Mrs Woods, Miss Johnson and Dr Vasey. Thank you too all the helpers on each Grease evening!

Wonderful Woodwork

We are very proud of our brilliant Year 10 designers.

Using the Tony Walsh poem *'This is the Place'* for inspiration, they made wooden picture frames using a variety of manufacturing and decoration methods, and designed their own piece of Manchester themed graphic artwork to go inside.

The students had little to no workshop experience in the last two years so we are even more proud of them, showing resilience and taking pride in their work.



Updates from the Maths Department

It has been a busy year in the maths department and we are extremely proud of the resilience and determination shown by our students.

We say goodbye to our Year 13s who will be missed, especially the high-quality brownies and cake (Ben). We also wish our Year 11 pupils all the best with their results and, whatever they decide to

to tackle next, we know will be done with style and grace.

Our Year 10s have performed admirably throughout the year and will hopefully raise the bar again entering Year 11.

Our Key Stage 3 learners keep going from strength to strength, and this has been highlighted with the UKMT challenge. This is a national competition ran throughout the country at a specified time. This year we have received more certificates than in any previous years. Students who achieve a certain score are awarded either Bronze, Silver or Gold. As you can see in the pictures below, some of our brilliant mathematicians showing off their awards.

Lastly, as a department we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks, Mr M Green



Blue Planet Creations



Year 7 students have been busy creating artwork and textile designs using The Blue Planet as their inspiration. They have created hand sewn colourful bugs and learnt how to construct research pages for art.



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Ready for Work?

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A few weeks ago, Year 10 students had mock interviews where they created a CV and an application for a job. The students were to apply for a job in a new hospital that was being built. These roles ranged from electricians and nurses to doctors and builders. There was something for everyone no matter what field they would pursue. I thought this was a great experience for everybody as it would help to reduce the stress of interviews in the future. It was quite a pleasant experience despite my worrying, and the interviewers were extremely kind and patient with everybody. The mock interviews calmed my nerves a lot as I was anxious for my sixth form interviews that I would be taking next year but this assured me that my fretting was unnecessary.

The mock interviews were set up in the hall evenly spaced apart. The interviewer would take our CV and application and read over them. We would then ask questions both about the job that we were applying for, how we believed it would suit us and the achievements on our CVs. Sometimes, after a question we will be given tips on how to answer it better in the future. Usually, the mock interviews lasted for about 15 to 20 minutes for each person but on occasion they ran over. After we had completed the interview, we were given back feedback sheets that marked us on our communication, confidence, preparation and overall, how likely you are to get the job.

Overall, I think that this did help people like me that were a bit worried about challenges such as this after year 11. It was definitely a fun and unique experience that I fully enjoyed and would love to do again. *By Carys, 10LEC*



Celebrating Culture & Diversity

We held our first Appreciation Day in October, where 100+ students and their families met in the school hall displaying art, making music and sharing food. As part of this, our students took part in a Black History Month Celebration at Middleton Arena, performing song, djembe drumming and spoken word, sharing their Equality Manifesto with local residents and dignitaries. Our second in-school Appreciation Day is scheduled for the final week of term.



Congratulations Ma'am

Back in June, the nation celebrated Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, and in school we enjoyed a themed lunch and took part in a Treebilee Planting Ceremony. We planted five fruit trees on the front lawn for our students and future students to enjoy.



Goodbye & Good Luck

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 11 and Year 13 students celebrated the end of their Cardinal Langley journeys with a meal or a Ball. Both nights were fantastic occasions, where staff and students came together to celebrate the end of exams after what has been a challenging couple of years. We wish our students the best of luck for their futures, and look forward to welcoming some of our Year 11s back in September as they join our Sixth Form.



CLRCHS - Sporting Success



Our wonderful PE department has had another successful year. A special thank you to all our Sports Leaders who have volunteered their time from running extra-curricular tournaments for secondary schools across a range of sports, to hosting an afternoon for our partner primary schools - a commonwealth themed festival. Our leaders continue to be great role models in and around school; catch them in their red jumpers!



Here is a round up of the past year's successes:

Netball - Well done to all year groups; Years 7 to 10 won their respective Cups and Year 11 were runners-up. Year 7 were also Plate champions!



Rounders - Well done to our Year 7 to 10 rounders teams for their amazing effort in the Greater Manchester Catholic Schools and Rochdale Schools League. Everyone made excellent progress throughout the season and Years 7 and 8 were runners-up.



Football - Another successful year for all our football teams:

Year 7 were league winners, Year 8 won the Rochdale Cup and were league runners-up. Year 9 won the league and Rochdale Cup. Year 10 were league winners, Rochdale Cup winners, Catholic Cup runners-up and came 3rd in the County Cup. They also made it to the last 16 of the ESFA. Finally, Year 11 were league winners, Rochdale Cup winners and Catholic Cup winners. They also made it to the last 4 of the ESFA.



Girls Football - Our girls football teams had a successful year, with Year 7 being the Rochdale Schools' runners-up, Year 8 & 9 were Champions, and Year 10 & 11 runners-up.



Athletics - On Tuesday 28th June, over 70 students participated in a range of track and field events at Sport City. Students brought home over 30 medals (Bronze, Silver and Gold) A special mention to Gabrielle who smashed the 1500m and the Year 7 girls squad who were crowned Rochdale Champions. Well done to all our athletes you were a credit to our school.



Out and About - Trips! Trips! Trips!

Throughout the Summer term, lots of learning has taken place outside the classroom. Students from across the school have enjoyed visiting a range of places, experiencing new adventures and solidifying their learning.



Exploring at MOSI

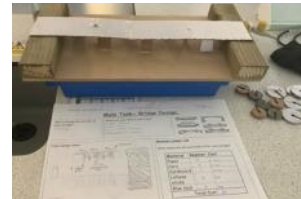
Year 8 pupils headed to central Manchester to visit the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI). It is the largest museum in the city, dedicated to scientific development and technology, and is housed in fascinating 19th



century listed buildings. Students were able to explore where science met industry and the modern world began, and to understand the impact that Manchester science, technology and innovation continues to have on all our lives.

Prior to the visit, all Year 8 science classes participated in the *Build a Bridge* competition. Students had to build a bridge that held the most weight for the longest time.

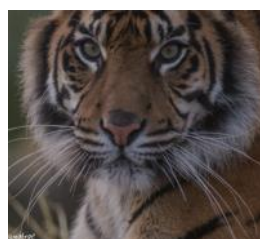
Well done to the winners: Amy, Alyssa, Wiktor and Valerja. Their bridge held a massive 900kg!



Checking Out Chester Zoo

This year, our Year 8 students have been working on the Big Question **'Is there a future for planet Earth?'** This was an opportunity to look deeper into the impact humans have on our planet and its biodiversity.

In lessons, we introduced the RED list of threatened species, then in March we visited Chester Zoo for students to research a selection of endangered animals.



Remembering - Holocaust Exhibition

Over the course of this academic year, the History department has been involved in a Holocaust Network with a number of other schools in the area. It has been an exciting opportunity to ensure that students get the most up to date knowledge when learning about the Holocaust.

We were delighted to be asked to contribute to a Holocaust Exhibition. Year 9 made a superb and heartfelt contribution by researching and producing work on Liberation. Mrs Turner, Mr Ahern and six Year 9 students were invited to the opening at Rochdale Library at the end of June. It was so impressive to see the students work professionally displayed. Mrs Turner and Mr Ahern were both extremely proud of the way they presented their work by making and delivering a formal presentation on the day.

The work will soon be displayed in school where everyone can learn about the Holocaust and marvel at the work Year 9 produced. This was an excellent display of independent learning and making a wonderful contribution to the wider community.



Women Who Inspire Us

It is always a pleasure to offer students experiences outside of the classroom and this was definitely the case for the Year 13 History trip to the Lowry Theatre. We enjoyed a great evening watching *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World*. A whistle-stop tour of women who made inroads in their own way across the ages.



It is a pop musical based on the award-winning book by suffragette descendant Kate Pankhurst. The heroine, Jade breaks away from her class to take a peek behind the scenes of the Gallery of Greatness. Along her journey, she meets incredible wonder women, such as, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst, Frida Kahlo and Amelia Earhart.

It fitted perfectly with a section of the A Level study on second and third wave feminism. Miss Anderson and Mrs Turner had a wonderful time accompanying the Year 13 History group, and they hope the students who attended enjoyed their evening.



A Field Trip to the Peak District

At the end of June the Humanities Faculty took our Year 7 students to the Peak District National Park. Arriving by coach in the village of Castleton, the students took part in a day of activities to help them understand the history and geography of the area.

Students completed work based on Peveril Castle which was completed in 1080AD and overlooks the village from a high point. Applying their knowledge of castles from their History lessons in school they tried to identify what type of castle it is. They also visited the museum to look at how village life has changed over time for its resident. One of the most dramatic changes that can be observed in the village is the impact of the swathes of tourists that visit each year. To assess these impacts, students conducted a traffic count and environmental survey, before assessing the function of different shops around the village.

It is hoped that the students now have a greater appreciation of what a National Park is, why it is important to protect areas of natural beauty like the Peak District and the reasons that people are drawn to them so much.

It's fair to say that a great time was had by all, despite the unreliable weather, and the gift shop and café doubled their expected profits for a weekday in the middle of school term through the sales of hedgehog soft toys and ice cream (most of which could still be found around the mouths of many students when they stepped off the coach back at school! Well done Year 7 for a great trip.



Braving the Elements

A group of Year 10 pupils recently undertook their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. They set off on an expedition in the local countryside and set up camp.





7DEH Meet the Mayor



On Wednesday 8th June, our form (7DEH) met the mayor of Rochdale during our Life Skills lesson. Other Year 7 forms have had similar visits this year. It was a very exciting experience for 7DEH; we were all on our best behaviour! The first thing we did was talk about how important our vote is and why it matters. We then had some interesting discussions. For example, we talked about our opinion on what age you should be when you vote. We couldn't believe it when we found out how many people don't vote!

The mayor was wearing a big, shiny, gold medal around his neck (made of REAL gold) and we were shocked when he let some of us touch it! Our favourite part was when he signed autographs and had a photo taken with us.

Thank you, Mr Mayor, for visiting Cardinal Langley.

Written by Alicia, Faith, Suzi and Madison, 7DEH. Editing by Freya, 7CEB.



School Meals

The cost of a standard school meal will increase from 1st September 2022. 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 reasons:

- Your child can select a good-quality and healthy lunch each school day using the school's cashless catering system.
- The school can claim a Pupil Premium for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps to provide a wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child.

For more information, please visit: <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 and 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, in bus bays or the cycle lane. Please also be mindful of not blocking driveways and causing obstructions, 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/>



End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Summer holiday at 1:30pm (after lunch) on Thursday 21st July 2022. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-4 on this day and students should be wearing full school uniform. Please be aware that the school buses may not run at this time and there may not be a school crossing patrol.

Start of Term Arrangements

New Academic Year: 2022-23
The Autumn term starts for our new Year 7 students and Year 12 students on *Monday 5th September 2022*. Students from remaining year groups will join them from *Tuesday 6th September 2022*.

Staying Safe Over the Summer Holiday

Please may we take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to remind their children about staying safe over the Summer holiday. This is especially important when on the roads and when out and about near water, railway lines, building sites, etc.

Settling In Evenings

As parents evenings will remain as virtual events during the 2022-23 school year, we will be holding Settling In Evenings during the Autumn term:

Yr 7 - Wed 28th September Yr 10 - Wed 21st September
Yr 8 - Tues 20th September Yr 11 - Thurs 22nd September
Yr 9 - Tues 27th September Yr 12/13 - Thurs 6th October



Examination results will be available in school from the Village Square on the following days:

A Levels: Thursday 18th August 2022
(Year 13 at 9:00am and Year 12 at 11:00am)

GCSEs: Thursday 25th August 2022
(Year 11 at 9:00am and Year 10 at 11:00am)

6th Form Enrolment (for September 2022):

Year 13:
Thursday 18th August

Year 12:
Thursday 25th August

Building Works - Advance Notice

Please be aware that building works are set to commence over the Summer holiday, and continue into the Autumn term.

This will limit the Visitor parking capacity at the front of school, so please only use this area for drop off and collection if you require disabled access.



CARDINAL LANGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2022 - 23			
TERM	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM	TERM ENDS
AUTUMN	Monday 5 th September 2022 (Y7 & Y12) Term commences for Y8 - 11 & Y13 on Tuesday 6 th September	Friday 21 st October to Friday 28 th October	Friday 16 th December 2022
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 19th December 2022 – Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Inclusive			
SPRING	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February	Friday 31 st March 2023
EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023 Inclusive			
SUMMER	Monday 17 th April 2023 Bank Holiday Monday 1st May (school closed)	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Friday 21 st July 2023 Inset Day - TBC (school closed to students)

Bus Fares and Igo Passes

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 31st August after a child's 16th birthday. More information about igo passes can be found at: <https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass>

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.

Term-Time Absence

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 2022-23 holidays and family events. Unauthorised leave is recorded and may result in the issue of a fixed penalty notice.

Term dates can be found here: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-timetable-term-dates/>