

# CARDINAL WISEMAN

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Open Day and Open Evening 2020

Dear parent/carer and prospective pupil,

Over the past few years, Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School has transformed itself. Here are a few key points to note:

- We are heavily oversubscribed with long waiting lists (over 100 pupils on waiting list in Year 7)
- In 2020, we have invested over £1million in refurbishing classrooms, corridors and toilets
- We were rated by Ofsted as a GOOD school in 2016 and have made significant progress since this visit
- We have become a beacon school in many areas with staff from other schools learning about how we effectively manage behaviour and mental health/well-being

Unfortunately, under the current circumstances it is not appropriate for us to follow our normal procedures in regards to our highly popular Open Day and Open Evening events. Public Health England have recently advised that Open Evening events should not take place. However, we know that making a decision about your child's secondary school is a huge decision. It is essential that you make the right choice for your child.

With this in mind, this letter explains our plans this year, which will hopefully give you all the information you need regarding our arrangements with health and safety taken into consideration.

#### **School Tours**

- Prospective parents/carers and pupils are welcome to visit and tour the school during school hours. Tours must be booked in advance.
- Tours of the school will be at set times throughout the day on the following days: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- **You must email [enquiry@cardinalwiseman.net](mailto:enquiry@cardinalwiseman.net) to book your place on a tour.** We have a limited number of spaces and tours will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Please try to minimise the number of people in your group wherever possible. No more than 3 people in your group. Please note that you will receive a confirmation email to confirm if you have been offered a tour.
- Tours will last for approximately 20 minutes.
- It is essential that you arrive on time for your tour. If you arrive early, we request that you wait outside unless the weather is poor.
- All visitors (pupils and parents/carers) must wear face masks, wherever possible. Visitors will be asked to sanitise their hands on arrival.
- Tours will be led by staff and not pupils.

If reserving a place, please remember in your email to include your name and contact number in the event that things change.

P.T.O

Due to the current situation, we fully understand that some people may not feel comfortable touring our school. I suggest that you take the time to look at our website [www.cardinalwiseman.net](http://www.cardinalwiseman.net) to get a feel for what we are like as a school and in particular look at the following sections on the next page:

ABOUT US includes:

- ✓ School Ethos and Mission
- ✓ Latest Ofsted report

PASTORAL CARE includes:

- ✓ Behaviour Policy
- ✓ Safeguarding
- ✓ Personal Development

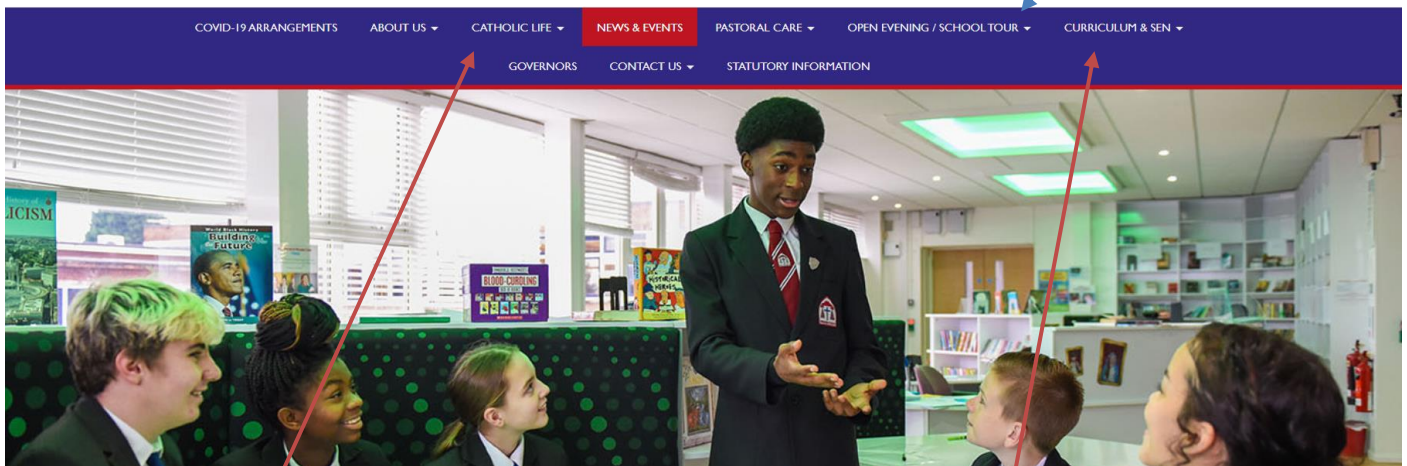
OPEN EVENING/SCHOOL TOURS includes:

- ✓ Information about school tours
- ✓ Videos about our school



## Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

"This is a good school" - Ofsted 2016



CATHOLIC LIFE includes a range of information about the Catholic life of our school.

CURRICULUM & SEN includes:

- ✓ Timetables of the subjects we offer
- ✓ Homework
- ✓ Our unique Transformation Curriculum
- ✓ Extra-curricular
- ✓ Special Educational Needs provision

I hope that you and your child take the time to visit us and find out for yourselves that Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is a truly wonderful school!

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Swanwick

Headteacher

*N.B. Please note that these plans are dynamic and may change in the event of national and local guidance regarding lockdown. Any changes to our plans will be posted on our website. Please check our website prior to attending a tour for any changes.*