



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Choosing a Catholic Secondary School

As a parent / carer, you have chosen to send your child(ren) to a Catholic Primary school within Romero. As your child progresses through the school, your attention turns towards the decision of Secondary school. We all know selecting a Secondary school is one of the most important decisions you will make on behalf of your child. It will also mark an important milestone in his or her young life.

Throughout 2018, there have been some significant and exciting changes at Cardinal Wiseman, and we would like to take the opportunity to share some of these developments.

We believe in a high quality education and our unwavering commitment to you as a parent or carer is that this will be provided in our Catholic secondary school. We have invested heavily in both staffing and resources and are using the expertise of nationally recognised leaders in education who are currently working with Cardinal Wiseman School to ensure it provides the best secondary education in Coventry.

- Mr A.F. Quinn, Executive Principal, (right) has been in post since April 2017 and has secured an Outstanding OFSTED judgement in his substantive school, St Augustine and a good judgement in his partner school, St John Wall. St Augustine, Redditch was the top performing Secondary school in the Midlands for both 2016 and 2017 and the highest performing Catholic Secondary school outside London. In addition, the school has been awarded Teaching School status which means accreditation by the Department for Education, to lead on innovative professional development and school improvement. As a National Leader of Education, Mr Quinn is well placed to ensure that there is access to the best professional support for the school. He has also a proven track record in swift school improvement.



- <http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk/Home/ofsted-report/>
- <http://www.sjw.bham.sch.uk/index.php/ofsted-report>

May 2017

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- Mr T. Leverage, Principal, (right) took up post in September 2017, working alongside Mr Quinn. He has already been a Principal of two previous schools, in his home county of Norfolk. Last year Mr Leverage appointed a new, highly skilled, leadership team which successfully led the school to its first improved Ofsted result since 2013. The summer results saw the school achieve the fourth highest A level results in the City as well as being the highest performing Catholic secondary school at A level. The GCSE results also saw dramatic improvements for all pupils with the school achieving the highest Progress 8 score in its history.





Our core focus is to ensure that the students are learning in a safe, secure and happy environment in which they can thrive. Last year, Mr Leverage led the school through a programme of rapid improvement and has put in place a challenging curriculum which will raise the aspirations of all pupils. We need all parents to understand that we have extremely high expectations for behaviour, uniform and conduct both inside and outside of school and we will expect all parents to support the school community in adhering these expectations. This will ensure that we are able to achieve the very best outcomes for your child.

Our wish, is for the majority of our pupils in the Primary schools across Romero, to continue their journey at Cardinal Wiseman. We are fortunate to have a unique educational partnership across our eight schools and would like to ensure that our children and students have the opportunity for a seamless education from 2 – 19 years in an environment where they will thrive as a result of the high quality Catholic education they receive. There will be an opportunity to see the school in operation on:

- **Open Evening** will be on **Wednesday 19 September**      **6pm – 8pm**
- **Open Day** will be on **Thursday 20 September**      **9.15-11.00am.**

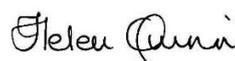
We trust that the information shared above is helpful and we hope to see you on one of the above dates to have the opportunity to share the progress that has been made and how Cardinal Wiseman can deliver the best possible education for your child(ren).

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to discuss with your school.

Best wishes



**Brendan Fawcett**  
**Chair**  
**The Romero Catholic Academy**



**Helen Quinn**  
**Catholic Senior Executive Leader**  
**The Romero Catholic Academy**