



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



Did You Know?

We had a visitor in school this week who was looking to see how teachers are developing the assessment and questioning techniques in the classroom. The learning walk we completed, showed some excellent practice. The Year 9, 11 and 12 pupils that the visitor spoke to were excellent and very enthusiastic. Well done to all of those involved.

Key Stage 4 students went to see an excellent production of Macbeth and the reviews showed they thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you to Mrs Cook and Miss Hagan for the opportunity.

Students this week have had college assemblies. The focus this week was on one of the student values from their respect charter. Mr Veal delivered a lovely assembly, which was very well received.

Year 11 students have had their first look at the mock exam timetable ready for November. Please direct any questions you may have to Miss Fowler. More information to follow.

Many year 11 parents attended an event arranged by Miss Kingston about support and guidance that they can offer their children during exams. A really well attended event. Thank you for your support.

We have had a visit from the school therapy dog (in training)—a very popular addition!

We are Lyng Hall - Therapy Dog Shadow

It is said that owning a dog can significantly improve your quality and longevity of life and that pets can support our health.

In one 2019 review published in an American Heart Association journal, the authors (led by Caroline K. Kramer, MD, PhD) found that dog ownership was associated with a 24% risk reduction for all-cause mortality compared to non-ownership.

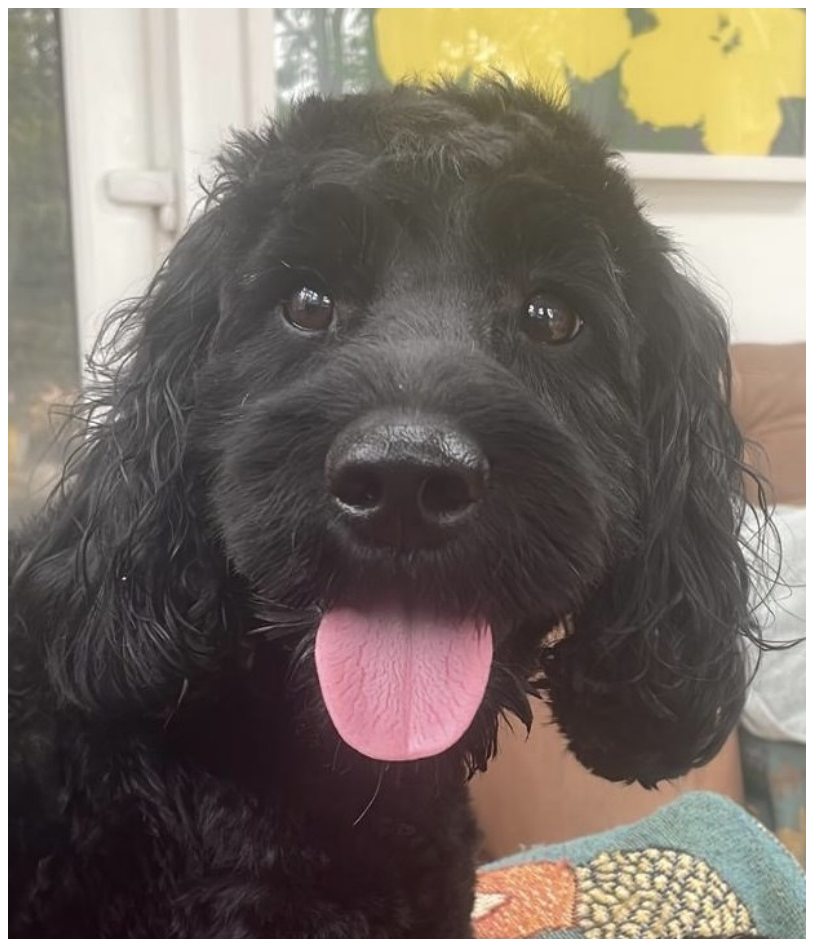
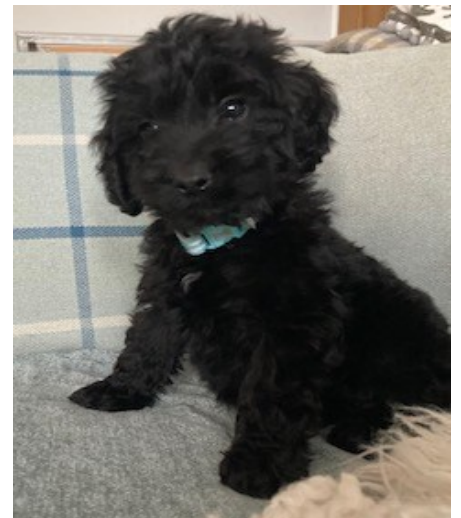
Our dogs are, quite literally, helping us live longer!

Therapy dogs in schools are known to be calm and ease young people experiencing poor mental health. Here are some cute photo's of Shadow. He is a 16 month old cockapoo, who is in training to become our therapy dog. In the top picture, he is 8 weeks old. The bottom picture is what he looks like right now.

Shadow has just started his training, and already has become quite a celebrity around school. He loves people and his tail never stops wagging!

There will be regular 'pup'-dates about Shadow's progress. If you see him around the school, you are welcome to say hello.

Miss Kingston



We are Lyng Hall - Black History Month Assembly



Black History Month originated in the US and was first celebrated in the UK in 1987. The intention of Black History Month is to celebrate the contributions of black people within world history.

Black History Month offers us many opportunities to engage with black history. Examples might include:

- Recognising the valuable contributions of black men and women
- Understanding the challenges that black communities have faced throughout history, both in the UK and across the world
- Overcoming stereotypes about the past and righting misconceptions about black history
- Empowering black communities to feel proud of their history and to feel a greater sense of belonging in society.

How can you contribute to Black History Month at Lyng Hall School?

- In the final week of October, you are going to have an opportunity to complete a research project on any black figure of your choice.
- The project will be based on an individual who demonstrates / demonstrated a commitment to the values that are important to us at Lyng Hall.
 - Empathy
 - Resilience
 - Responsibility
 - Determination

Mr Veal will lead the project. More details to follow up soon.



Thank you to Mr Veal for leading the assembly this week. These 2 slides capture the essence of our focus.

College – Update


2ND PLACE

4TH PLACE

1ST PLACE

3RD PLACE

| TOP CENTAURS | | |
|---------------------|------|-----|
| Balraj Bhuee | 10I | 217 |
| Thomas Higgs | 10I | 203 |
| Emma Hill | 10I | 195 |
| Centaur | TEFL | 192 |
| Ece Cetinel | TEFL | 190 |
| Rayan Juish | TEFL | 190 |
| Tilly Atkins | 10I | 188 |
| Sofia Lackova | TEFL | 188 |
| Centaur | TEFL | 187 |
| Abdul Rahman Rashid | TEFL | 187 |

| TOP DRAGONS | | |
|-------------------|----|-----|
| Jamie-Lee Bennett | 7I | 311 |
| Rosie Bennett | 7I | 303 |
| Mollie Rowison | 7I | 301 |
| Taylor Purcell | 7I | 300 |
| Annalise Treacy | 7I | 300 |
| Ayton Worwood | 7I | 298 |
| Andreea Duna | 7I | 293 |
| Dragon | 7I | 286 |
| Chloe Farrell | 7I | 285 |
| Dean Marumo | 9Y | 279 |

| TOP GRIFFINS | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|
| Letitia Raybould | 7M | 191 |
| Lona Nembo Wakam | 8R | 184 |
| Kevin Yu | 8R | 184 |
| Olivia Hughes | 8R | 181 |
| Chantelle Elliott | 7Y | 179 |
| Balroop Dhillon | 8R | 179 |
| Griffin | 7Y | 177 |
| Griffin | 7Y | 177 |
| George Edwards | 8R | 176 |
| Yusuf Bahr El Deen | 7Y | 174 |

| TOP PEGASUS | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----|
| Ethan Gadsby | 8I | 233 |
| Pegasus | 8I | 223 |
| Maira Iqbal | 8I | 223 |
| Dion Taylor | 8I | 223 |
| Olivia Hargreaves | 8I | 218 |
| Daniel Adenekan | 7R | 214 |
| Lacie-Jane Merrett | 8I | 213 |
| Kai Marsden | 7R | 212 |
| Daniel De Oliveira Ribeiro | 8I | 211 |
| Pegasus | 7R | 209 |

The order of the colleges currently remains the same, with Griffin strongly in the lead however, Pegasus have closed the gap and are very close to knocking Centaur down to 3rd place - Watch out Centaur!

We are very proud of our 'Top 10' pupils in each college; whom are illustrating an excellent example of behaviour and attitude to learning at Lyng Hall School. These pupils have the highest number of 'positive points' out of all pupils in their college. A huge well done to each and every one of you! It would be fantastic to see more names each week of pupils that are earning themselves a space in the Top 10—lets see whom gets there next week!



College – Dragon

I am proud to be leader of the Dragon college. I enjoy visiting all the tutor groups each week and seeing the faces of smart and engaged students. This year Dragon can win. YOU have the ability to make this happen.

Things to think about in order to do your part for Dragon college:

- Be on time (punctuality will increase your learning output)
- Complete your work (you can earn +5 per lesson for this)
- Show determination, resilience, empathy or responsibility to earn postcards (these are worth a fabulous 100 points each!!)
- Get involved (air your ideas and be a part of school life)



I am always interested in students' ideas for events so if you have any thoughts on how we can raise money as a college, please feel free to email me or come and see me.

A big thank you from me to Dragon tutors for making a great start and getting students settled quickly into a new routine this year.

Mrs Coletta

Dragon tutor boards

Tutor boards are a great way to access information and to display the current achievements of a group. All tutor groups have a college board giving students quick access to information that's current and relevant.

There is also a Dragon college display board outside PE that displays some information about which staff are in Dragon college and the role models that were chosen by students last year.



Dragon thoughts



Year 11 Dragon students were asked their thoughts on what they felt being kind is and why it is important. This was after their college assembly, introducing the respect charter line for the week. Some of those thoughts are displayed below.

Being sweet and nice to people is kind

Respect others as you would like to be respected.

Kind is not only respecting and treating people kindly but connecting with people over mutual interests

Being kind is to help others when they need help

**Be kind
Year 11
thoughts**

Respecting your elders is important.

Kindness is important in life to show care for other people and animals around you. It's cool to be kind

Being kind can make someone's day and may be the only time someone is nice to them

Being kind is to be there for other people when they need you

KINDNESS IS A GIFT
EVERYONE CAN
AFFORD TO GIVE.

—Author unknown

@weareteachers

YOU CAN ALWAYS,
ALWAYS GIVE
SOMETHING, EVEN IF
IT IS ONLY KINDNESS!

—Anne Frank

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Year 11 - Mock Exams

November Mock exams – Year 11 6th – 17th November

- All morning exams start at 9:00am promptly – you **MUST** be on time.
- Afternoon exams start at 1:00pm
- If the room is not listed on the timetable below then you will be in specific exam rooms – this will be on your individual timetable that you will receive nearer the time.
- Pink = Everybody!
- Any questions or concerns come and see me 😊 **Ms Fowler**

Year 11 talked through their mock exam timetable in tutor time.

| | Mon 6 th November | Tues 7 th November | Weds 8 th November | Thurs 9 th November | Fri 10 th November |
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Pds 1 & 2 | Science Paper 3 Trip sci BIOLOGY | Music N5 | Maths Paper1 | English Literature | Maths Paper2 |
| Pd 3 | | Music N5 | | | Mandarin Listening Spanish Listening |
| Pds 4 & 5 | OPTION 3 Art E15 Photography E16 Music N5 Enterprise | Art - E15 Photography E16 Music N5 | OPTION 2 Media N8 Enterprise Geography History Tri Sci PHYSICS | OPTION 1 Geography History Mandarin Writing Spanish Writing | Mandarin Reading Spanish Reading |

| | Mon 13 th November | Tues 14 th November | Weds 15 th November | Thurs 16 th November | Fri 17 th November |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Pds 1 & 2 | Science Paper 4 Trip sci CHEMISTRY | Music N5 | Maths Paper 3 | English Language | Mandarin Speaking Spanish Speaking |
| Pd 3 | | Media N7 | Mandarin Speaking Spanish Speaking | | Mandarin Speaking Spanish Speaking |
| Pds 4 & 5 | RE | Music N5 | Mandarin Speaking Spanish Speaking | Media N7 | Art E15 Photography E16 Music – Written paper |

Did You Know? Support:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive certain benefits such as income support. Queries can be directed to Coventry City Council. Tel: 024768337733 or Email: freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk Applications can be made through: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals

SCHOOL

To purchase food in the school dining room, money must be paid onto ParentPay as we are a cashless school. Login through: <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>

If you experience any problems with this, please contact your child's pastoral year coordinator.

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TRAVEL

If you live more than 2 miles from the school, your child may be eligible for a free bus pass. For information on how a student would qualify for a pass please visit:

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses>.

Applications: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass

Queries: Tel: 02476975445 or Email:

If your child out-grows their blazer but it is still in very good condition, they may be able to swap their blazer for a bigger size, if our stock allows.

UNIFORM

We accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.

If you are struggling with the cost of items of the uniform, we will do our best to try and help you. Contact your child's pastoral year coordinator in the first instance

We Are Lyng Hall

Lyng Hall Uniform Donations

We have been informed by our pupils that they sometimes out-grow their uniform during the year and therefore buy new items. We would like to take the opportunity to ask that any uniform that you may be replacing, or not using, is kindly donated to the school.

The uniform does not have to be in brand new condition but be relatively good quality (not ripped or stained) and can include PE kit, winter coats, shoes etc.

Pupils and/or parents can hand the uniform donations into the school reception at any point in time throughout the year. We greatly appreciate all donations that have been made previously and any that we receive in the future.

Thank you,

Miss Gaggini

School Calendar

24 October 2023 - Parents' Evening for Year 10

Week commencing 06 November 2023—Mock exams for Year 11

Week commencing 20 November 2023—Mock exams for Post 16

28 November 2023—Parents' Evening for Year 11

12 December 2023—Parents' Evening for Post 16