



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



## Did You Know?

*Our Student Council meets every Monday lunchtime. Anyone is welcome to attend, and once a student makes a significant contribution they are awarded a purple tie.*

*The council does a great deal of work in school. Its members organise and run the school's culture day, take the lead on fundraising in school, help lead student voice and help out with events such as tours and parents evenings. They have some extremely ambitious plans for the future, so look out for more news in the future!*



## Christmas Parcels

Friday was a non-uniform day in school and the whole school community was asked to donate items to make up Christmas parcels. We did this last year and managed to provide parcels to members of our community who need extra help at Christmas time.

Student Council did a fantastic job of collecting all the donations together. We have had hundreds of pounds of food and other festive items donated by our lovely students and their families. On Monday 04 December, we will be holding another of our very popular bake sales to raise money for vouchers that will be added to the parcels.

An enormous thank you to everyone who has donated.



## We are Lyng Hall - Weekly Focus

# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Lyng Hall English Department have been running extra curricular activities which allow students to engage students in extra enrichment and to open new opportunities for students to explore. One of these enrichment programs is '**The Transformation**' University of Warwick project. This project is a 10 week programme where Warwick University students would come into school and talk to students about current affairs, contemporary Issues and climate change. The programme has started with students from Year 9-11 taking part and this year's anthology is called '**Voices**'. Once students have completed the 10 week programme, they then have the further opportunity of creating their own creative writing piece which is submitted for 3 students from each school to be chosen to visit the University of Warwick to take part in a workshop with a Professor. Another opportunity provided by the English Department is running lunchtime competitions such as the: UKLA Book Awards. We spoke to Ms Hagan about what it means to be an ambassador of History and the value of importance. Being an **Ambassador of History** means you learn about significant events in our collective timeline. It means you are a supporter or representative for the values that are important to our society. We chose to be ambassadors since we believe it is good to learn about the complexity of these events, and how they shape our world now. Being an **Ambassador of History** also provides us with many opportunities to meet amazing people and to go to significant places that should never be forgotten. One of the privileges of being an Ambassador this year has been learning about events like the *Coventry Blitz* and *The Holocaust*. Our most recent opportunity was on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, where we had the opportunity to hear the testimony of a second-generation survivor, Lu Lawrence. She shared the life of her late father, Zigi Shipper BEM. Zigi was born in Lodz, Poland in 1930. At ten years old he found himself working as a slave labourer in the Lodz Ghetto. Four years later in 1944, he was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. After a few weeks he was moved to Stutthof concentration camp before being sent on a death march in 1945. He was liberated by British troops on 3rd May 1945. Zigi came to the UK in 1947, where he met his wife, Jeannette. They had two daughters – Michelle and Lu.



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One Student Said **“To be an ambassador of History is a proud title that I have and I believe that it is important to keep historical events in mind. In addition, It is important to remember these historical events and ensure they are being taught and educated about for students and future generations to come.”**

It is important to keep talking about historical events, like *The Holocaust*, to remember and honour those who endured. It is important to play our part in preventing atrocities from happening again in the future. Every time the story is shared, the narrative remains strong, and we participate in a continued liberation of those who suffered (just like this photograph celebrates). We are proud to be ambassadors of values that will make our community stronger.

**“When justice cannot shape memory, remembering the past can be a form of justice,”**

**Ana Blandiana**



*If you would like to become involved, the Literary and History Scholars' group meets every Tuesday P6 with Miss. Hagan, Mr. Veal and Miss. Kowalska.*

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# P.E Department

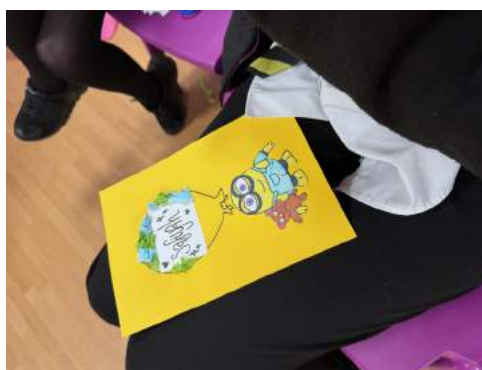
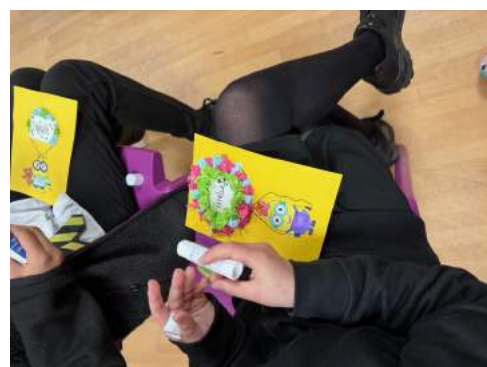
Lyng Hall PE Department are developing and growing the extra-curricular sports for students to engage in after school. There are many different sports that Lyng Hall hosts for students including; football, basketball and cricket. We spoke to some of the coaches who lead the football & basketball teams about the progress and growth within recent weeks. Mr Ward said "The KS4 basketball team have constantly strived to improve and develop new skills for their fixtures. The KS4 top point-scorer is Luke Gilbert who has contributed massively to the team. We then spoke to Mr. Davis following the success of the Year 7 football team: 'The Year 7 football team have had an ever improving start to the year so far. With the boys starting to gel with each other and understand each other's game, results have improved and they have enjoyed some success and scored some great goals along the way. Some of the boys have had to play out of their natural positions, but have adapted to this really well, with special mentions to Makai O'Rourke Gibson, who is proving to be an excellent defender so far. Logan McTigue and Migel Henkeman-Lake have helped to captain the team and shown some great ability. The team started the year with a 7-2 home defeat to Ernesford Grange and, despite the deficit, showed great resilience and attitude. The next game saw an entertaining 5-4 defeat to Meadow Park, with a game that saw Lyng Hall come back from a 4-1 score line to equalise late on, only for Meadow Park to score a very late free kick. The boys were a little disappointed to lose in such a manner, but happy that the game was a close one! Next up was the first of a double header with Blue Coat, who could boast the luxury of having three teams to field. The team they did select was mostly their first team, but Lyng Hall shocked them by producing a 5-4 win, in another hugely entertaining game, this time with the hosts scoring their own late free kick winner. The return fixture away at Blue Coat saw Lyng Hall run out 4-0 winners in a much more one-sided affair, with the team having to dig really deep in order to break down a dogged and determined Blue Coat.

## College – Pegasus

Since our last college highlight, not a lot has changed results wise, we are still sat in 2nd position with the gap remaining much the same. From assemblies this week it is clear we are all doing our bit, we had the best percentage of negatives per pupil, the best attendance, the best punctuality, we now just need to find that missing ingredient— POINTS!!!! Lets have a huge push between now and Christmas and see if we can not only catch up, but overtake Griffin who will push on even stronger with Miss Odams, the new Griffin Co-ordinator.



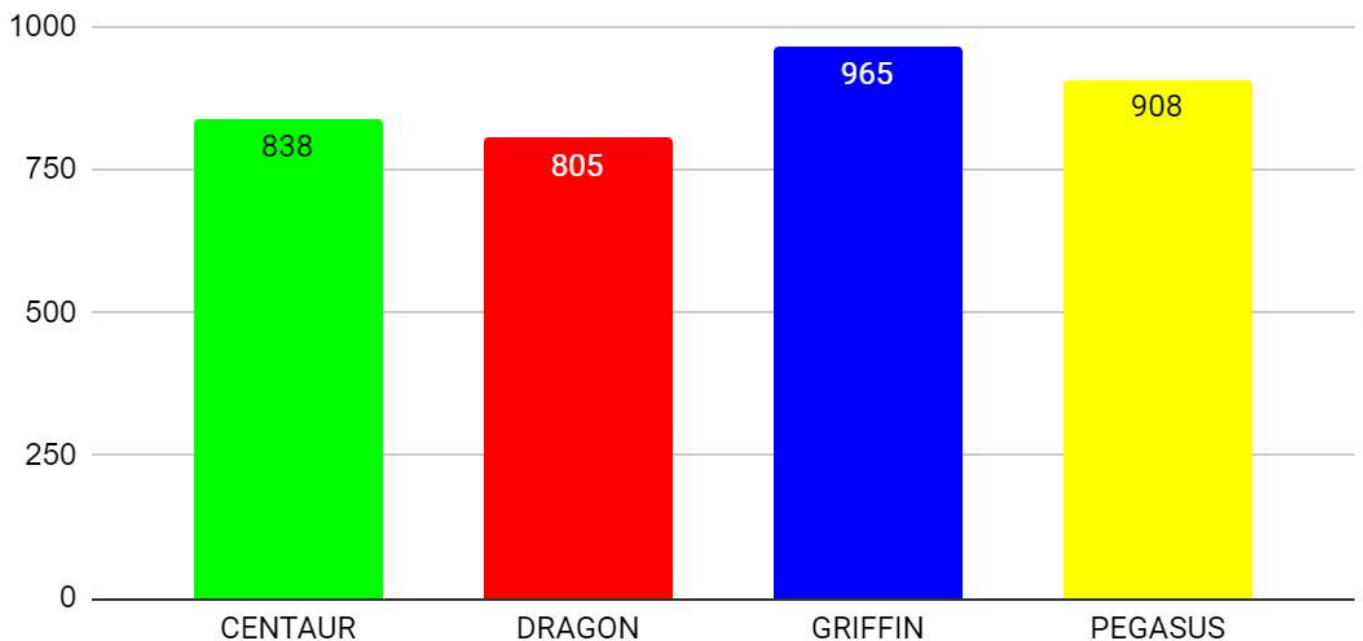
These drawings are from 7R who have been creating a display board that highlights their characteristics as minions. They have worked really hard to express themselves, being as creative as possible with their designs and how it best fits them. Ms Middleton is encouraging her group to be really thoughtful and impactful on how they are being presented to each other, and how they can show their feelings and personalities in the best possible way





## College – Update

### COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



All four colleges remain in the same positions, however, Dragon appear to have closed the gap between themselves and Centaur. Griffin are falling ever so slightly behind with their number of positive points and postcard nominations each week, so may drop down to second place if Pegasus continue to work hard.

Here is a prime example of Pegasus and Dragon both working hard, with two tutor groups in their college earning double-points for receiving no behaviour points!



Well done to 11R and 11M for having no recorded late marks for the entire week!  
What a great example they are setting!



# College – Update

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Elektra Erdmane-Hermane	7G	589	Taylor Purcell	7I	850	Isabella Glenn	10M	580	Jessica Ellis	9R	651
Kezia Oduro	7G	547	Jamie-Lee Bennett	7I	835	Jemi Igwe	7Y	554	Kristy Ebihon	7R	612
Matilda Oduro	7G	539	Rosie Bennett	7I	826	Laila Ison	7Y	546	Wiktorja Zamosna	9R	598
Thomas Higgs	10I	533	Kyra Thompson	9Y	825	Griffin	7Y	533	Daria-Teodora Nedelcu	9R	574
Majka Wodyk	7G	525	Igor Kap	7I	822	Griffin	7Y	518	Elian Mohammed	7R	555
Aderola Adegbola	7G	518	Ayton Worwood	7I	796	Havva Imam	10M	511	Pegasus	7R	532
Balraj Bhuee	10I	512	Luis Melia	7I	793	Letitia Raybould	7M	510	Sam Wood	7R	526
Mia Askew	7G	508	Andreea Duna	7I	783	Lona Nembo Wakam	8R	509	Kai Marsden	7R	518
Ellison Frimpong	7G	505	Liam Kavanagh	7I	783	Izzie Bielakovski	10M	502	Daniel Eribalo	9R	516
Centaur	8O	505	Annalise Treacy	7I	765	Liam Adkins	8R	502	Dina Kumar	7R	511

Take a look at the top 10 pupils in each college this week. Again, Dragon and Pegasus have the most earned positive points and yet, are not filling first and second place. There needs to be a bigger effort from all pupils in the college, to gain positive points which can count towards the overall college total.

A well done and a thank you to the pupils that have already entered the Dove self-esteem competition. We have had some amazing entries so far and it is definitely going to be difficult to choose a winner. If pupils haven't already entered, please encourage them to do so as the competition is still live and open until Dec 14th!!

Lyng Hall School have already won an amazing competition this week when we were awarded a workshop with Paralympic gold medallist athlete; Jonnie Peacock. Details and pictures to follow next week—keep a look out to hear what our pupils got up to!





## 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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk) Applications can be made through: [www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals](http://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.

## LYNG HALL SCHOOL

### 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](http://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

28 November 2023—Parents' Evening for Year 11

12 December 2023—Parents' Evening for Post 16