



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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Did You Know?

Student volunteers from Lyng Hall's Accept and Respect Group and the Student Council have been busy wrapping and filling the hampers ready for those lucky to receive them. Once again, thank you for your generosity. Combined with the office staff's contributions we have 21 hampers and these will be gifted this week.

The winter show—'Curtain Raiser' is always a delight and ensures everyone is in celebratory mood, listening and watching all of our very talented performers. We hope you managed to come along and see one of the shows, some wonderful talent.

We had a lovely Christmas dinner for all students on Friday last week. It was great to see everyone sat together sharing a meal. A lot of organisation and preparation goes into this event, so thank you to all of those who made the lunchtime a successful one.

Griffin are just ahead in the college points—keep working hard in lesson, be on time and add to the points for your college!

We wish you all a peaceful two weeks and hope you enjoy your rest and recuperation over this time.



We are Lyng Hall - Curtain Raisers



Our winter show 'Curtain Raisers' was a spectacular showcase of talent. The students have worked hard since September in a variety of extra-curricular Performing Arts lessons to produce a number of Dance, Drama and Music items that wowed the audience.

Year 13 students were responsible for setting up the technical aspects as part of their Music qualification, and ensured the performance ran smoothly. The performers were outstanding and provided two exciting and energetic evenings of talent. The Performing Arts team are so proud of all the students who were involved.

Thank you to all who came and supported us.



We are Lyng Hall - Foundation Christmas Fair

As a part of their Prince's Trust qualification, the year 9 pupils held their annual Christmas Fair to raise money for Doorway, which is a local charity for young homeless people.

The pupils made Christmas decorations, cards, mince pies, tarts and gingerbread men as well as sourcing donations of baked goods from a local business. There was also a hot chocolate stand where staff and students could purchase hot chocolate to keep them warm. The raffle was a great success thanks to the kind donations from staff, we particularly want to recognise the donations from Mr Ahbedin and Ms Rainbow.



We are Lyng Hall - Foundation Christmas Fair cont.

The pupils raised a grand total of £315!



We are Lyng Hall - Literary Trust Success

Students in 8M entered a competition with the Literary Trust last year for Holocaust Memorial Day. This followed a workshop with the author Tom Palmer.

Six of these entries have been selected as winners. These students have been sent signed copies of Tom Palmer's book *'After the War'*, which focuses on the young children who were relocated to the Lake District and received therapy for their experiences in the Holocaust. In addition their work will be published for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 on this site:

[Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 resources](#) | [National Literacy Trust](#)



Students were presented their certificates and books this week, with a thanks for their energy in sharing their thoughts and feelings and getting involved beyond the everyday lesson. Students shared how they felt:

"I am grateful to have the opportunity of entering the competition, my hard work was recognised and I feel really rewarded and fortunate to have this chance for the world to see my empathy for the innocent lives lost in the Holocaust." Zuzanna.

"I am very appreciative to receive this certificate and also to have a signed copy of the book." Aayan.

"I am honoured to be chosen by one of the only Holocaust survivors in the world. This is truly a huge milestone." Michael.

We are Lyng Hall - A Shared Meal

Students from the Accept and Respect group and Student Council, alongside the office staff, organised the Christmas Hampers this year. We hope the fortunate recipients enjoy them this Christmas.



We are Lyng Hall - Christmas Lunch



It was our annual Christmas Lunch last Friday. All students were served a complimentary Christmas meal. The kitchen staff worked incredibly hard serving hundreds of meals and school staff and some of the sixth form helped out with the serving, clearing and washing up. It's always a fun occasion every year but can only happen when everyone pulls together so thank you, on behalf of the students, to all the staff who made it possible again this year.



We are Lyng Hall - 6th form

6th Form virtual Higher Education workshops

Since September, post 16 tutor groups have had the privilege of receiving direct, expert advice from admissions specialist, Kim Burnell, from Wolverhampton University. Kim has been delivering fortnightly tutor time topics about the stages needed to be successful in Higher Education. Over 90 pupils from 4 tutor groups joined the live streams run by Kimberly which have so far covered topics on ***‘why enter higher education?’***, ***‘why Wolverhampton University?’*** and ***‘what STEM subjects can I take?’***.



Post 16 Tutor, Ross Davis explained how it has been ***“very helpful receiving direct guidance from someone who actually works at a University”***. Mr Davis is currently supporting year 13 pupils with their UCAS applications. The live streams have been a good addition for students who, on the whole, will be embarking upon a traditional University route.

“Is Higher education still a viable route?” (Post-16 student)

“It’s not for everyone but is still highly valued by employers based on the critical thinking, research and planning skills gained. Graduates on average earn more than non-graduates, depending on course studied. Speak to your advisers. Apprenticeships are growing, but working straight away after full time education might come as a shock!” . (Kimberly Burnell)

What are the employer links like? (Post-16 student)

“At our university, we have links with the NHS, Hayward Gallery for art students and the local football teams, especially Wolverhampton and West Brom FC . This is especially useful for sports science, coaching and therapy graduates to gain experience) ”. (Kimberly Burnell)

What if I don’t have the grades to get into my chosen STEM course? (Post-16 student)

“There are a number of foundation courses which give you a flavour of the full degree you will be taking but also increase your chances of getting onto the desired bachelor’s degree, due to gaining relevant credits needed from the foundation year”. (Kimberly Burnell)

College – Centaur Student Focus

Elektra Erdmane Hermane



“Elektra has been an inspirational student for 7G in Centaur. She is an asset to her tutor group and College. She has racked up over 500 achievement points and Zero negatives. She reads regularly, always maintains her uniform and behaves impeccably well. Elektra will go on to become a success in whatever path she chooses and has a wealth of choice at her fingertips, as she tries very hard in all of her subjects” - **Mr Ahbedin and Miss Mohamud**

Tell me about yourself:

“I enjoy drawing, especially drawing animals. I grew up owning animals; when I was 5 I had two budgies – one flew away and the other one died, sadly. I went to Little Heath primary school. My heritage is Latvian. I can speak English, some Russian and Latvian, a little Spanish, Mandarin and French. I love reading. Recently I got all the Harry Potter collection and I currently read at least 10 pages a day. My favourite subjects at school are Sport and Drama.”

What’s been the best part about Year 7 so far?

“Swimming because I think I am good at it. In primary school, I was part of a swimming group that won the best group award. Another great thing about year 7 is being involved in Drama.”

What’s been the most challenging part of year 7 so far?

“Studying Maths is hard. I have a personal tutor for Maths so that helps a lot. I also try to get my homework in on time and listen to the teacher and pay attention in lessons. On TT Rock stars I scored lots of points for division and timetables in Maths!”

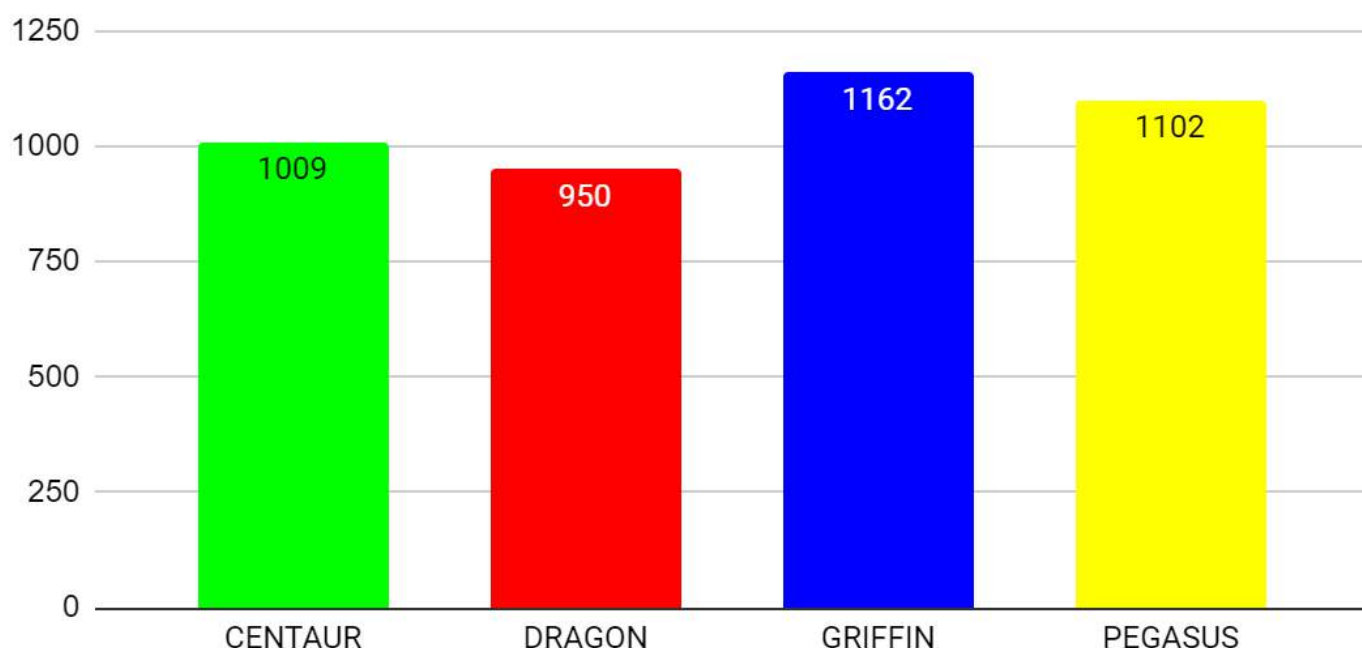
What does the future hold for Elektra?

“I would love to be a vet or an actress. Because I love animals and being a vet will mean I can get in touch with animals again. I don’t currently own any animals but I used to. Being an actress will be good because I am confident with dancing and performance in drama lessons.”



College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



The end of term has arrived and Griffin have held on ever so tightly to their position in first place. This is the first time that Griffin have led the college championship, after spending the majority of last year in third place.

Any postcard nominations made this week, will be worth double-points and these scores will be noticeable in the grand totals, the first week back after half-term. This could drastically change the order of the colleges!...

Will Pegasus take the lead? Will Dragon climb up the ranks and force another college to fall to fourth place? Will Centaur put on a whopping number of postcards to fight their way back into second position? Anything could happen and this is why colleges shouldn't feel comfortable in their position. Pupils need to keep up the high spirits and enthusiasm for gaining points, if they want to secure a win and the rewards that go with it!

Good luck to all. Which college will return in the lead, after the Christmas break?



College – Update

In the final week of term, three Pegasus tutor group managed to get the double-points award, so well done! It is great to see at least one tutor group from each college also working hard to earn this! Keep it up!



Our final 'Top 10' pupils in each college, this term. Well done to those of you that have been in this position for a number of weeks. Your consistent efforts have not gone unnoticed and we are very proud of your hardworking attitudes! A special shout-out to the top 10 Dragon pupils whom are also the top 10 pupils in the entire school; with more achievement points than any other student! It would be great to see more Dragons working as hard to gain positive points, as this would almost certainly moved Dragon out of fourth place and push their grand total points up.

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Ayton Worwood	7G	857	Kyra Thompson	9Y	1008	Isabella Glenn	10M	732	Jessica Ellis	9R	825
Mollie Rowison	7G	814	Igor Kap	7I	936	Jemi Igwe	7Y	685	Wiktorina Zamosna	9R	769
Elektra Erdmane-Hermane	7G	757	Jamie-Lee Bennett	7I	935	Jakub Zwierzynski	7Y	677	Kristy Ebihon	7R	748
Kezia Oduro	7G	684	Rosie Bennett	7I	932	Havva Imam	10M	674	Daria-Teodora Nedelcu	9R	720
Matilda Oduro	7G	669	Taylor Purcell	7I	922	Laila Ison	7Y	672	Elihan Mohammed	7R	693
Aderola Adegbola	7G	660	Nadia Sikora	7O	912	Griffin	7Y	667	Della Caldararu	7R	656
Majka Wodyk	7G	651	Dragon	7O	886	Lona Nembo Wakam	8R	657	Dina Kumar	7R	647
Mia Askew	7G	650	Andreea Duna	7I	878	Griffin	8R	654	Sam Wood	7R	647
Hooria Manqoosh	7G	643	Luis Melia	7I	870	Liam Adkins	8R	647	Kai Marsden	7R	640
Ellison Frimpong	7G	628	Bella Taylor	7O	864	Daniela Mmadu Macuacua	9O	644	Safiyah Khan	7R	636



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.

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

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

22 December 2023 - Last day of term.

Non-uniform day with school ending at lunchtime



We raised £81.19 from our non-uniform collection.
This will go towards our charity fund-raising.
Thanks you everyone

We have teacher training days on Monday 08 and Tuesday 09 January 2024

Students should return to school on Wednesday 10 January 2024