



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



Did You Know?

Next Tuesday, it is Year 9 parents' evening. Appointments are open and it will be wonderful to see our year 9 parents face-to-face, so we hope to see as many of you as possible.

During the evening, there will be a full 'marketplace' of Year 9 option choices in the theatre with lots of information about the options we offer for Year 10 and what the courses look like. Try and build time in during your visit to go and look. Mr Sanford-Casey will also be available to talk through anything you are unsure of.



The newsletter this week is full of positive messages. The biggest difference to learning is the attitude that students have. That starts with children being in school on time, in the correct uniform, going to all lessons promptly and trying their best.

Students are asked to keep mobile phones switched off and out of sight through the school day. Anyone who wishes to use their phone in an emergency can ask a member of staff.

The above are basic routines that ensure that everyone is trying their best and following our 'We are Lyng Hall' aims—to be proud of the school and make it the best environment for learning.

We are Lyng Hall - Respect Assembly



Give Your Best—Have a Growth Mindset!

Mr Ahbedin has taken the college assemblies this week, with a focus on having the right attitude when problems or barriers come along.

You may be aware of the term, growth mindset. It makes a huge difference to success. If you see everything as a problem or a barrier, you will never see that you can solve or overcome the problem.

We all have worries - different kinds of course, but the way you approach them and your mindset shows what success you will have in life.

What does a growth mindset mean?

- A. Your brain can grow?
- B. Everyone can improve?
- C. Failure is like getting feedback?
- D. Feedback helps your brain grow?

All of the above!

True or False

The brain has enough electricity in it to power a lightbulb?

TRUE! The brain has enough power to light a 100w lightbulb!

The brain is not a muscle. It cannot grow?

FALSE! The brain can get stronger and smarter, every time you try.

If you stop learning, the brain can create new information for you – like AI?

FALSE! You need to feed your brain with information the way you feed your body with food!

Learning is like riding a bike for the first time. You get better with each try?

TRUE! It hurts when you fall down from your first attempt but each experience makes you more careful and smarter.

On average, It takes about 20 hours of driving lessons to pass your driving test in the UK.

FALSE! It takes an average of 45 lessons and 22 hours practise to pass your driving test in the UK.

We are Lyng Hall - The Moral of the Story



Mr Green has talked about the following scientific experiment many times - I was reminded of it when I saw Mr Ahbedin's assembly. It is about a flea in a jar!



The experiment involves placing fleas into a glass jar and observing their behaviour. When the jar lid is open, fleas easily leap beyond the height of the jar. The approximate height a flea can jump is somewhere between 15 cm (5.9 inches) and 25 cm (9.8 inches). This is more than 100 times their own height.

When the lid is closed, the fleas initially leap and crash into the lid but finally learn to jump to a height slightly lower than that of the lid to avoid crashing.

When the lid is reopened, the fleas have already adjusted to the new height and do not leap beyond the height of the jar, even though they can. Even the offspring of these fleas follow the same behaviour and do not jump beyond the height of the jar.

This ties in very closely with the theme of the assembly - if we believe that there is a limiting factor - there will be one and often we put that limiting factor on ourselves.

In school, it is about believing in your ability to learn and believe you can be even better.

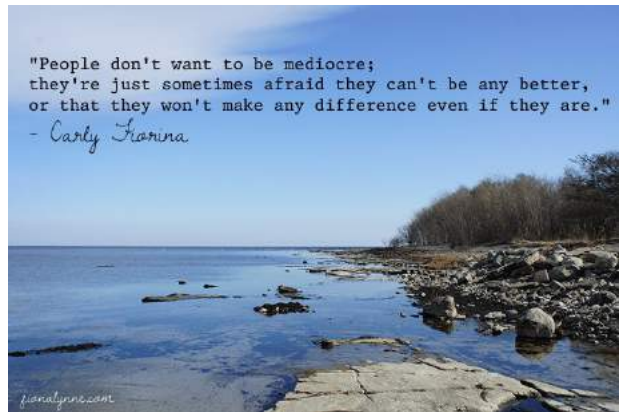
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PEGASUS UPDATE

This week's Pegasus news looks at the **WHAT**, the **IF'S** and the **MAYBE'S**

WHAT has actually happened?

Some individuals have seen their points scores go up, some have had zero lateness and/or full attendance and some individuals have received postcard nominations, but we are still in second place.



Now lets look at the **IF'S**

As a college, imagine **IF** we all had full attendance to school in a given week = Double points, imagine **IF** we had zero lateness to lesson as an entire college in a week = Double points, imagine **IF** we received the most postcard nominations and the most positive points within a given week, the changes would be huge, and it would definitely help us overtake Griffin and take 1st place.

Then imagine **IF** we could do that over a number of weeks.....

And finally the **MAYBE'S**.

MAYBE you have to catch a bus or drop a sibling off at school. Could you do that a little bit earlier? **MAYBE** you haven't slept well or haven't eaten breakfast? Could you go to bed a bit earlier and put your phone down sooner? Could you set your alarm to wake you up a bit earlier so you could have breakfast? You would start the day better and be better equipped.

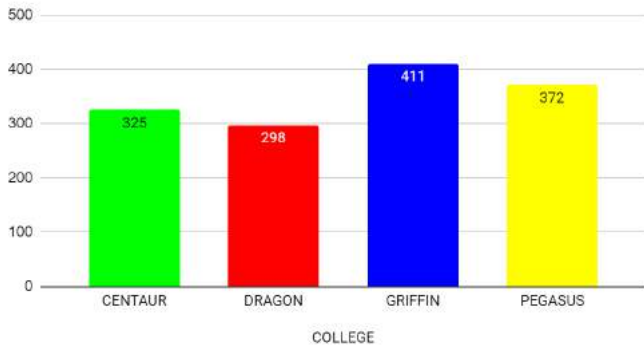
A huge shoutout goes to Jessica Ellis 9R (904), Wiktoria Zamosna 9R (857), Kirsty Ebihon 7R (856), Elian Mohammed 7R (801), and Daria-Teodora Nedelcu 9R (768) who are the top 5 students in Pegasus College.

Keep up the good work and to everyone else, can you catch or overtake them?

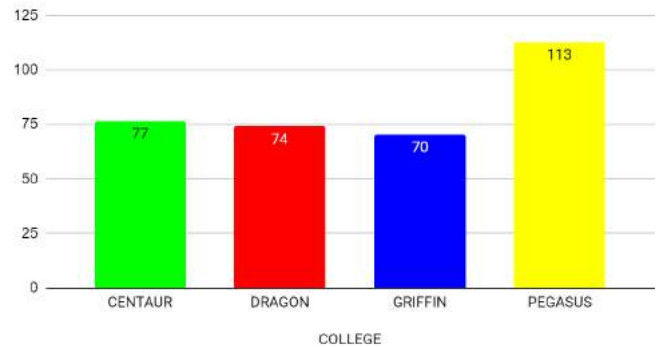


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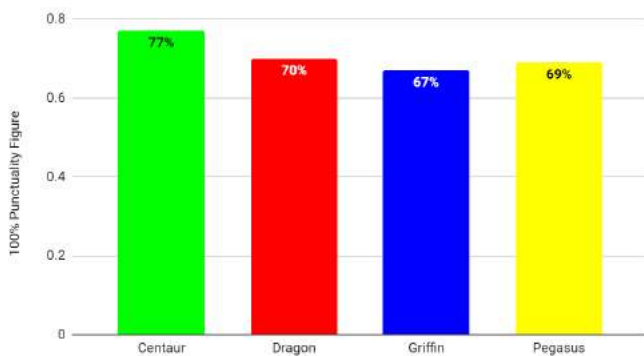
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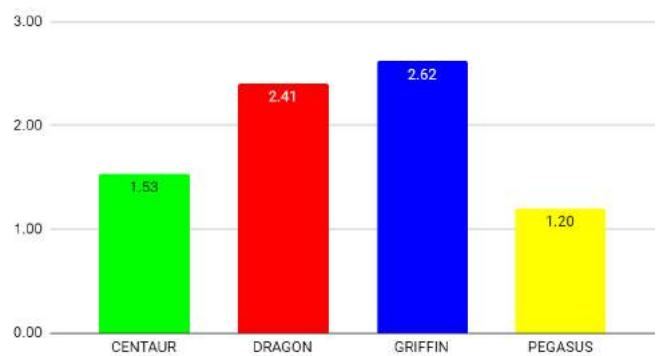
COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL WEEKLY INCREASE



PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGE WITH ZERO LATES THIS WEEK



WEEKLY NEGATIVES PER PUPIL



This week we are sharing the performance charts for each of the colleges, to expose their areas of strength and weakness. If tutor groups plan to improve in these four areas, it will most definitely help to improve their college’s position in the championship league

Up for the challenge?

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Elektra Erdmane-Hermane	7G	868	Igor Kap	7I	1098	Kyra Thompson	9O	1161	Jessica Ellis	9R	1009
Mollie Rowison	7G	845	Nadia Sikora	7O	1098	Isabella Glenn	10M	936	Kristy Ebihon	7R	969
Kezia Oduro	7G	804	Taylor Purcell	7I	1066	Havva Imam	10M	871	Wiktoria Zamosna	9R	963
Wiktor Kaidonek	8O	776	Dragon	7O	1055	Marco Machala	9O	855	Elian Mohammed	7R	903
Sofia Lackova	TEFL	771	Maisie Jenkinson	7O	1048	Daniela Mmadu Macuacua	9O	833	Daria-Teodora Nedelcu	9R	870
Majka Wodyk	7G	769	Bella Taylor	7O	1045	Riley Thompson	10M	827	Dina Kumar	7R	865
Abdul Rahman Rashid	TEFL	761	Harleen Thandi	7O	1019	Katie Clarke-Vieira	9O	825	Kai Marsden	7R	859
Thomas Higgs	10I	759	Sadie Dunkley	7O	1018	Lona Nembo Wakam	8R	819	Sam Wood	7R	849
Carmen-Maria Ruse	TEFL	758	Luis Melia	7I	1007	Natan Rozewicz	10M	817	Amelia Julia Ksiazek	7R	839
Lawi Qadir	TEFL	755	Liam Kavanagh	7I	1004	Aderola Adegbola	7Y	816	Delia Caldararu	7R	832

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Griffin are still leading the way with an average total of **411 points** per pupil. **7M** are currently their top performing tutor group whom also received double points last week for scoring zero negative points for the entire week. Despite Griffin's first place position, they actually had the lowest performance in terms of their attendance, punctuality and negative points last week. Could this change their position in the league before we reach half-term?



Pegasus have remained in second place for a number of weeks now, falling short with an average total of **372 points** per pupil. **9R** are currently their top performing tutor group. Last week, **9I** and **11M** gave a particularly good performance with zero negative points and therefore received **two double-points awards** for their college. Pegasus also had the lowest number of negative points last week, so earned themselves **1000 bonus points**.



Centaur are currently resting in third place with an average total of **325 points** per pupil. Despite having the **best punctuality score** last week, they didn't quite manage to move up to second place. **10I** are currently their top performing tutor group and last week, **9M** and **11R** made excellent contributions with the **double points award**. Centaur presently have the lowest number of postcard nominations - could this be the main factor holding them back?



Dragon currently have an average of **298 points** per pupil with **7O** being their top performing tutor group. **7I** and **11O** earned them the **double points award** last week. Despite sitting in fourth place, Dragon's '**Top 10**' pupils actually have the highest number of positive points in the entire school! Additionally, they are all part of the **1000 points club** and **bronze badge** holders!

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

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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

Tuesday 30 January - Parents' Evening for year 9

Thursday 01 February - Reading Instruction/Robust Vocab instruction and Reciprocal Reading

Friday 02 February - Barclays Life Skills workshops