



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

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## Did You Know?

*What an excellent edition of the newsletter this week!*

*Three students were escorted by Mr Gordon to the Senior Youth Speaks event and did exceptionally well against very strong competition. A lovely article from him.*

*It is also lovely to see the many enrichment opportunities we continue to offer students - this week includes a Performing Arts visit to the Belgrade, a STEM day at Coventry university and careers' skills visits by Barclays and DHL.*

*Miss Gaggini continues to support and encourage competition entry and the school was recognised and awarded self-esteem books because of the excellent posters designed by students.*

*There is also the respect charter theme this week which is Tidy Up After Yourself. The main theme of course must be ensuring students are responsible for themselves and their actions. We have many talented and kind students at Lyng Hall, so the good habits they display—keeping a tidy and pleasant environment, wearing smart uniform (LH logoed jumper/ fleece/blazer & tie etc.), arriving on time and trying their hardest are the things that show respect. The students are Lyng Hall after all.*

*Have a lovely half term break.*

## We are Lyng Hall - Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition

To be able to argue a point with accuracy is the best skill any young person can develop. It can be said that the act of public speaking is a challenge indeed, however, the more opportunities our young people have to do it, the more likely their skills will improve. This was the case on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at President Kennedy School. Three of our Year 11 students participated in the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition; this was a debate competition where the students prepared a topic and debated it.

There were representatives from Bishop Ullathorne, Barrs Hill, two teams from Kenilworth and Sidney Stringer. All the debates put forward by each team were very well researched and extremely well delivered. Competition was tough.

Our team were the runner's up! We are delighted for all of the hard work and energy put into the preparation. Their enthusiasm and professionalism saw them through. Congratulations to the three brave students who have flown the Lyng Hall School flag and done us proud.

Mr Gordon, who accompanied them, said: "It is no mean feat to stand up in front of an audience and perform. This team have been working their socks off in preparation, always rehearsing and coming to Miss Hagan or myself with ways to develop. They really deserve this fantastic achievement".

So, if you are interested in debating, or even becoming a representative for our school at the next Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition, then please approach either Miss Hagan or Mr Gordon for more information.



## We are Lyng Hall - Performing Arts visit to the Belgrade

Performing Arts students were invited to spend the day at the Belgrade Theatre to participate in a Physical Theatre workshop with the Internationally renowned Theatre company 'Frantic Assembly'.

Our students spent the morning exploring different methods to move and communicate in connection with each other and even challenged themselves to lift and be lifted as part of the workshop. This unique experience was available only to our students through the partnership we have formed with the Belgrade, allowing them to work closely with the artists prior to the afternoon show. Lyng Hall students



were then invited to watch the professional performance of 'Metamorphosis', a poetic adaptation of the story through Physical Theatre. The day was inspiring and an educational and fun experience for our young artists!





# Lyng Hall Wins Again!

During tutor-time, our pupils have been busy entering numerous competitions. This one involved designing a poster to promote and improve the self-esteem of ourselves and others. After producing several amazing entries, Lyng Hall School have won a selection of books which promote and instil self-esteem.

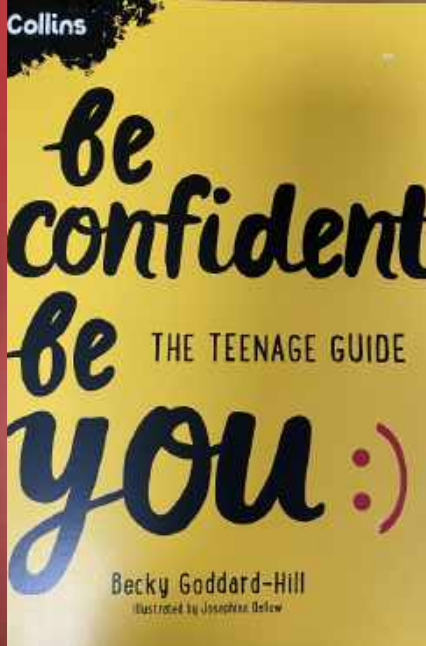
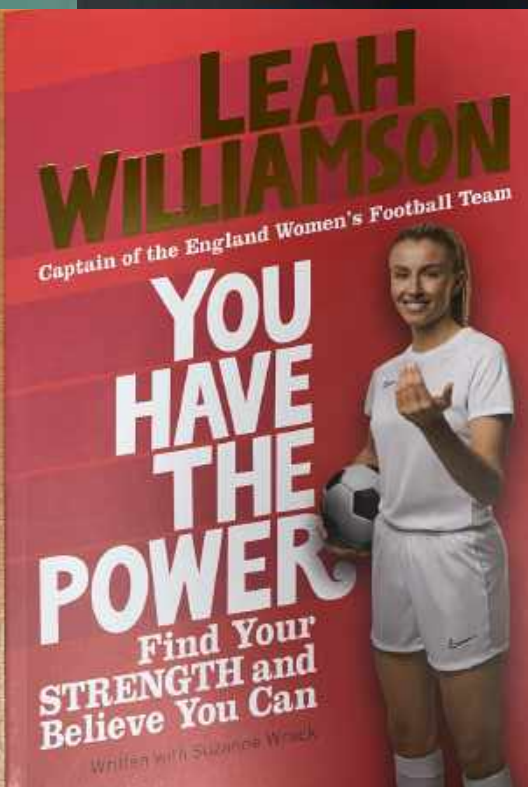
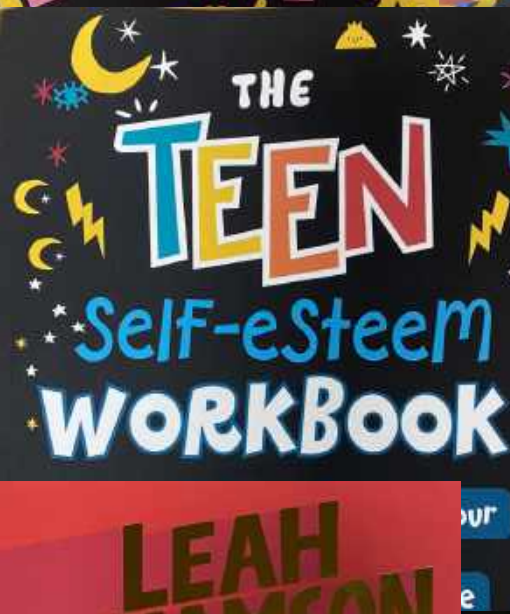
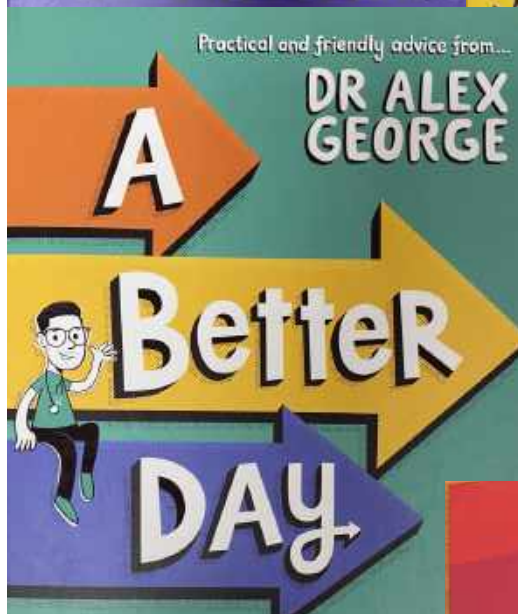
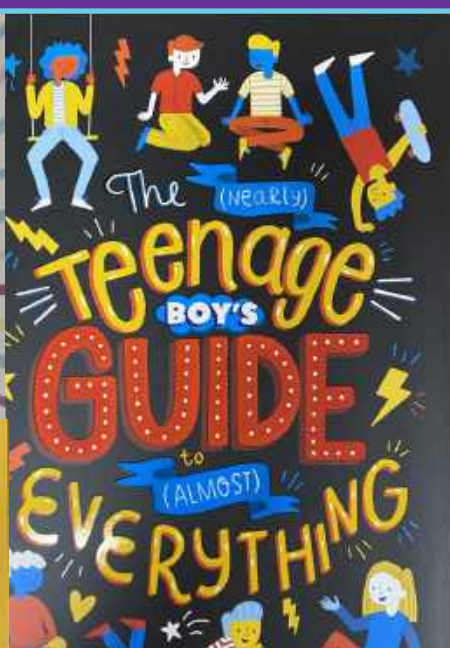
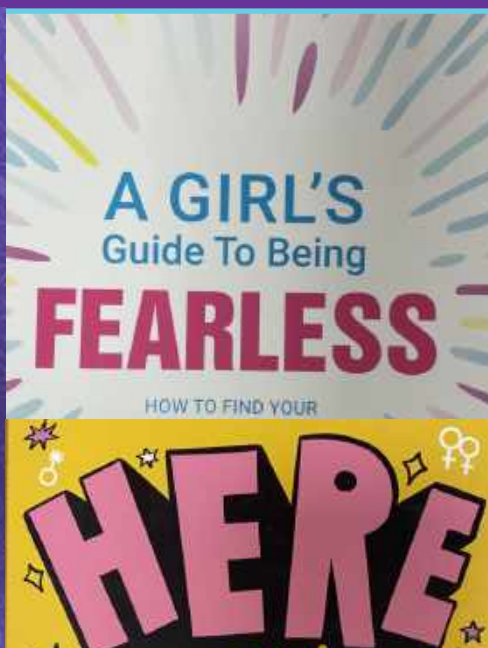
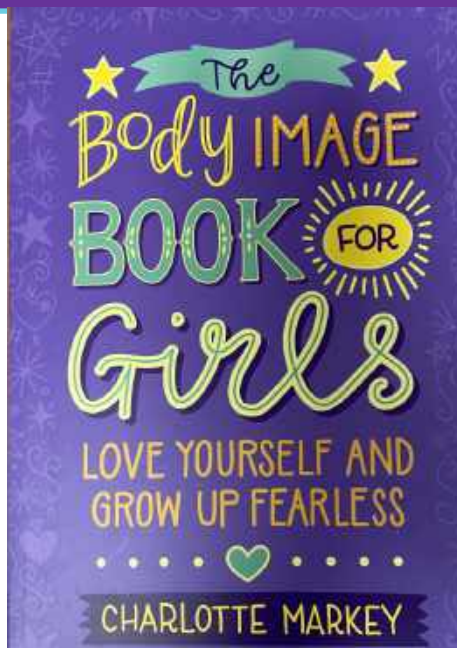
We would like to encourage all our pupils to give these a read and let us know their thoughts.

Please speak to Miss Gaggini if you would like to borrow one of the books - see some of the covers displayed on the next page.





# Self-esteem books - borrow upon request!



## We are Lyng Hall - Tidy Up After Yourself

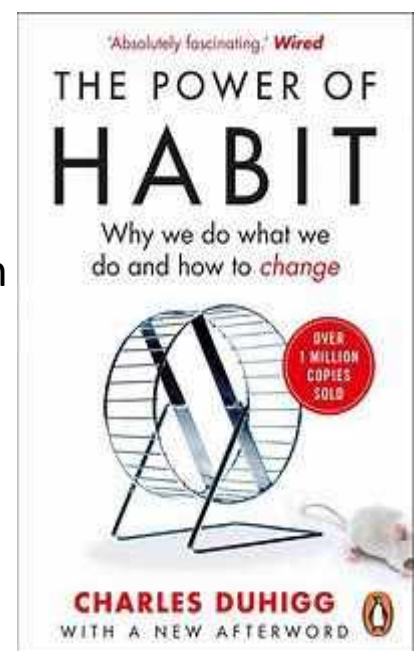


The respect charter this week was presented in assembly by Mrs Smith. The discussion followed Miss Gaggini’s excellent analysis of the point scores for colleges and what students had to do to improve for their college. Badges were also awarded for top point scorers and the college blue badge.

The key elements of the assembly were around good habits. We often do things that we do automatically because we have always done so. We need to become more aware of our habits, good and bad, so that we can break the bad ones. The students were read an extract from the book below about how McDonalds had used the concept of habits, making sure every building looked the same, the same phrases were used—even the food with the fries designed to melt quickly to ensure, “Your pleasure centres light up and your brain locks into the pattern. All the better for tightening the **habit loop.**” Page 27.

What habits do we have? Which ones are bad habits? How do you break them?

1. Do you have good habits about looking smart—we must be proud of how we present ourselves and this takes preparation and care.
2. Do you spend time thinking when you eat? Do you have good habits about cleanliness after eating—do you have the good habit of tidying up after yourself?
3. If you are always late—what habit can you change to be on time?





## We are Lyng Hall - Centaur Update

It was promising to see three out of the seven tutor groups across the entire school, earn the accolade this week of having no behaviour points.

Well done to TEFL, 11R and 7G. The variety of contexts that come from these tutor groups just goes to show that attaining highly, in whatever it may be, doesn't need to be ability-centric! It's this kind of achievement that will look good on any CV: being part of a winning team; contributing to overall success: proudly displaying their behaviour record.... and the list goes on.

## We are Lyng Hall - Year 13 STEM Day

### Coventry University Year 13 STEM day

In the last few weeks Centaur pupils have been involved in lots of different things that will no doubt inspire them to do well in school and beyond.

Year 13 Centaur students were part of a bespoke STEM day at Coventry University. Over 30 students attended from across year 13 classes in health and social care, Sports, Biology, ICT and Maths. The day was designed to inspire STEM pupils with an open mind about the different subjects they can do in higher education. The day included live workshops, question and answers about the most popular STEM courses and a free lunch!

Pupils toured the nursing and midwifery clinics, specialised in training of healthcare professionals, had a go at the 'conveyor belt' challenge with the university's mechanical engineering department, and also visited the mock prison cells that are used by forensic criminology students.



# We are Lyng Hall - Careers Skills

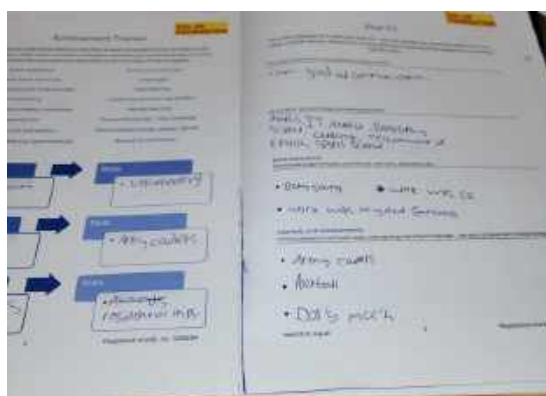
## Barclays Life Skills

Students from year 10 and 11 Foundation, the entire TEFL cohort and SAIL students, were able to meet Joe Cain from the Barclays Life Skills Programme. Joe is a self-employed carpenter by trade but runs a Life Skills curriculum in schools across the UK. So far, he has delivered exciting, interactive lessons on 'Planning your Career Journey', 'How to Behave at Work' and most recently, 'How to Maintain a Positive Digital Reputation'. All the sessions were engaging but the last one resonated with the pupils who knew how damaging it could be to be careless with information online, knowing that one day your reputation can be seen by employers!



## DHL Employability Skills

Members of year 10 Foundation were invited to take part in a CV workshop with DHL staff. Being close to post 16 study, pupils in year 10 were anxious to get some clarity on their next steps. The CV sessions were an excellent reminder for our students of the importance of maintaining records of skills along with examples. In the sessions with DHL so far, Shakira has covered employability skills, career opportunities with DHL and CV writing skills. All topics help to reinforce the importance of working hard towards perfecting skills on their CVs, and that begins in school.





## We are Lyng Hall - Attendance & Behaviour prize draw

From all the eligible students who had good attendance and behaviour points this half term, Mr Green drew the following pupil names out at random:

Each pupil was presented with a £10 Amazon voucher on the last day of term.

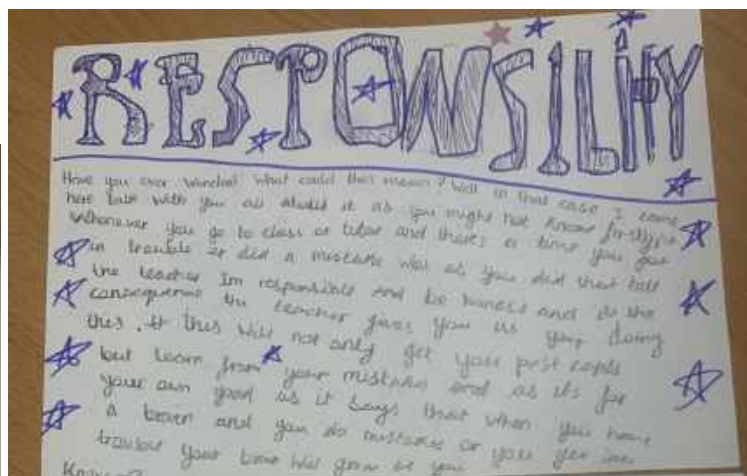
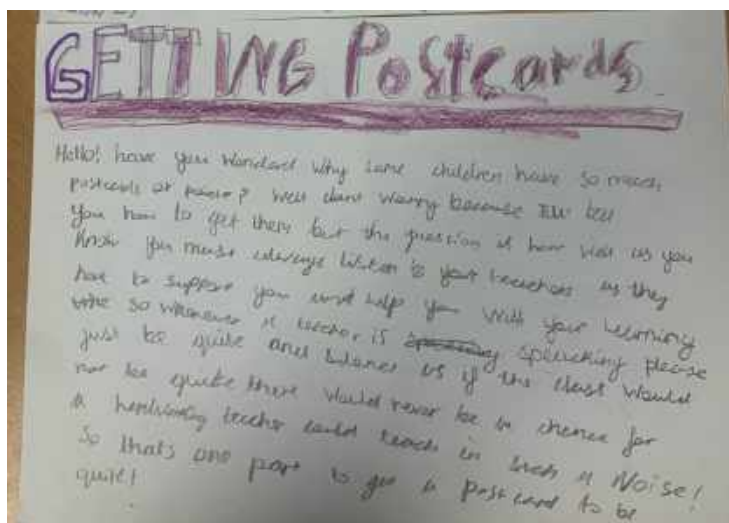
Well done to all the students and keep it up, it could be you next time!



Dawid Kruk  
Jan Kubacki  
Alex Drew  
Bhavika Sharma  
Vinay Patel  
Daniel Mwangi  
Sasvanth Perinparrooban  
Alysha Bains  
Ellis Lever  
Emily Hagan

# College – Griffin

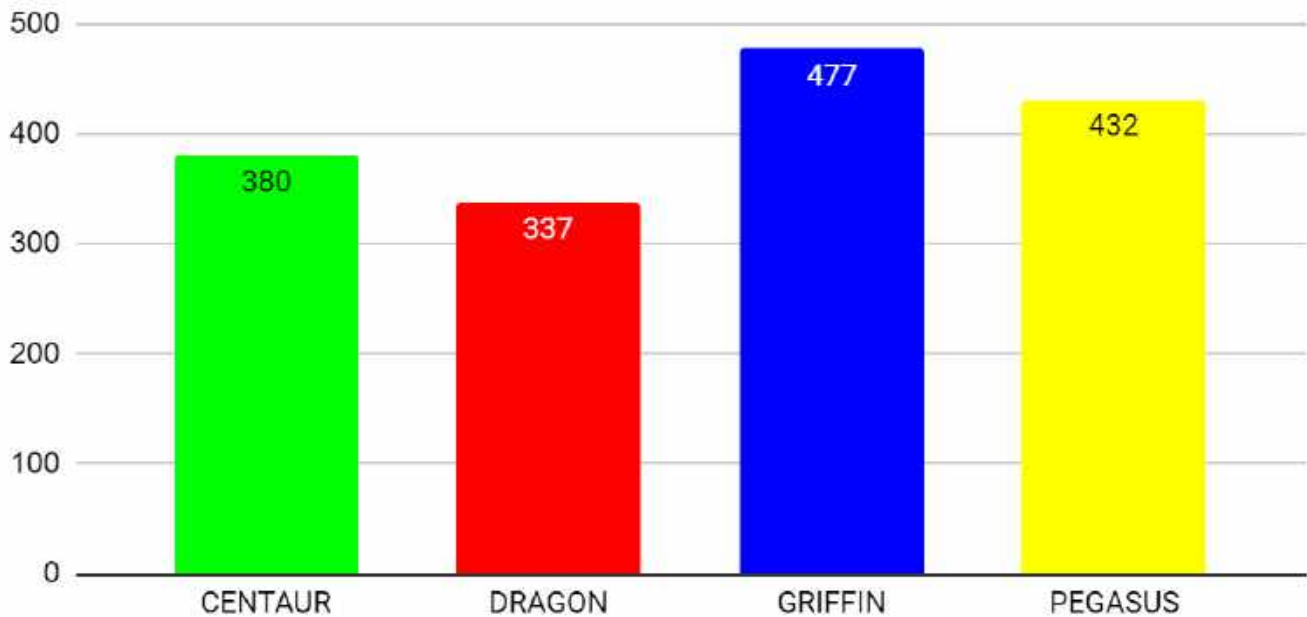
Elektra in 7Y is in Griffin college and has created the fantastic posters below. All produced in her own time too.





## College – Update

### COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



As the final week of term draws to a close, the gap between Pegasus and Griffin gets even tighter—could we return with a new college in first place? Despite Dragon sitting in fourth place, it has the most ‘bronze badge-holders’ within it’s college, which contributes a huge number of points to its current total. Dragon pupils need to pull together—as individual students and as collective tutor groups, to rack their points up and move up from the bottom!

## DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

7G

11R

TEFL

7M

9O

7R

9R

Imagine doubling your entire number of positive points in a week, as a tutor group! Well done to the 7 groups setting the standard for behaviour this week. Something for Dragon groups to aim for in the first week back after half-term?



# College – Update

Well done to our finishing Top 10 pupils across the colleges! It has been great to see so many pupils reaching the 1000 point club this week!

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Elektra Erdmane-Hermene	7G	878	Nadia Sikora	7O	1128	Kyra Thompson	9O	1205	Jessica Ellis	9R	1036
Mollie Rowison	7G	845	Igor Kap	7I	1116	Isabella Glenn	10M	936	Sadie Dunkley	7R	1028
Kazia Oduro	7G	814	Taylor Purcell	7I	1086	Havva Imam	10M	871	Wiktorja Zamosna	9R	993
Wiktor Kaldonek	8O	808	Dragon	7O	1080	Marco Machala	9O	864	Kristy Ebihon	7R	974
Sofia Lackova	TEFL	791	Maisie Jenkinson	7O	1078	Aderola Adegbola	7Y	863	Elian Mohammed	7R	908
Abdul Rahman Rashid	TEFL	781	Bella Taylor	7O	1075	Daniela Mmadu Macuecus	9O	863	Dania-Teodora Nedekcu	9R	895
Majka Wodyk	7G	779	Harleen Thandi	7O	1049	Lona Nembo Wakam	8R	849	Dina Kumar	7R	870
Carmen-Maria Ruse	TEFL	778	Avi Bashir	7O	1030	Griffin	8R	843	Kai Marsden	7R	864
Lawi Qadir	TEFL	775	Charlie Seaman	7O	1028	Katie Clarke-Vietra	9O	842	Sam Wood	7R	854
Cosmina-Ioana Ruse	TEFL	775	Luis Melia	7I	1027	Jemi Igwe	7Y	838	Amelia Julia Ksiazek	7R	844

## Bronze Point Badges

Maisie Jenkinson	Sadie Dunkley	Annalise Treacy
Bella Taylor	Charlie Seaman	Kaydon Law
Harleen Thandi	Luis Melia	Jagoda Witrykus
Avi Bashir	Liam Kavanagh	Jessica Ellis





## 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

Tuesday 20 & 27 February - UKLA Young Judges event

Wednesday 21 February - English Transformation trip

Friday 23 February - Barclays Life Skills workshops

Tuesday 27 February - Parents' Evening for targeted Year 11 students

Thursday 29 February - English Transformation trip

Friday 01 March - Belgrade 'takeover day'