



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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Did You Know?

This week has seen a big push on uniform—thank you all for your support. When asked, or when we have been aware, we have done everything we could to support also. A return to the proud appearance of a clear uniform has made a big difference this week: look smart, think smart—it really does seem to ring true. Continued support with this is so important.

This edition is again full of such wonderful enrichment—the variety of the extra layer of what goes on is clear. The range of reporting from football feedback, maths success and involvement, a Griffin star with a beautiful piece of writing, the important continued work with John Fieldsend and the call to extra points and the college battle. So much goes on with such a variety of students. It is always a delight to read each week what has been achieved.

The dining room extension is nearly completed. Students have control over who gets to the lunch queue first, based on how they perform with their achievement points. Every lesson, each student has the chance to gain a positive or a negative. Those who achieve the least negative behaviour points get the above award. Year 11 were the winners and enjoyed the few minutes to get to the front of the line.

We are Lyng Hall - KS 3 Girls' Football

The Key Stage 3 girls' football team headed to SEVA School last Monday for a tournament against SEVA, Ernesford Grange and Myton.

Despite fantastic performances and great determination, the girls fell a little short and missed out on winning the tournament on goal difference. The girls did themselves really proud with their performances and conduct throughout. The tournament consisted of 6 games for the girls with the scorelines as follows:

Lyng Hall 1 - 0 SEVA

Lyng Hall 0 - 1 Ernesford Grange

Lyng Hall 0 - 1 Myton

Lyng Hall 3 - 0 SEVA

Lyng Hall 3 - 0 Ernesford Grange

Lyng Hall 0 - 1 Myton



From left to right: Isabelle Shanks, Katie Clarke-Vieira, Wiktoria Zamosna, Kyra Thompson, Daniela Mmadu, Shanaye Cox, Shanaye Coleman, Lacey Thompson.

The fantastic performances and attitude of the girls on Monday was followed up with a trip to the Coventry v Sheffield Wednesday game on Tuesday evening with Mr Walker and Ms Archer.

The girls had a fantastic time and it was a great experience. For some, this was their first ever live sporting event.

Similarly again their behaviour and conduct was an absolute credit to the school, it was all topped off with Coventry progressing in the FA Cup as well.



We are Lyng Hall

Students from 9M and 9R had the unique opportunity to hear the testimony of Holocaust Survivor, John Fieldsend BEM. We were privileged to be able to welcome him back to our school community. This was a special experience and one that encouraged us to consider many questions.

Students share their thoughts in their letters to the World:

Dear World,

The past evil and suffering you have experienced may have diminished your confidence and morality but know that history will not repeat itself like the treacherous past. I have learned from a wise man, the consequences of our ignorance and foolishness. I make a promise to treasure this world and to care for my neighbour. Always.



John Fieldsend with our School Ambassadors

Dear World,

Remembering the Holocaust is important because it is a way to honour those who lost their lives to such tragedy. It is a way to learn from atrocities. It was a dark period in history. During this time, innocent lives were lost, families were lost and unimaginable

suffering occurred. By understanding the factors which cause the rise of hatred, creating a fertile ground for extremist ideologies to grow, we can better defend the values that matter.

John Fieldsend's life was enabled through the rescue of the Kindertransport. His journey has since been made into a film, *One Life*, featuring Anthony Hopkins as his rescuer. After he visited school, we went to the cinema together to experience this interpretation of his life. It was an emotional, and powerful, afternoon.



Students share their thoughts in their letters to John:

Dear John,

You have changed my life for the better. You have made me look at the world from another perspective. Your story made me emotional, showing me to always value life. It has taught me to be grateful for everything that I have.



We are Lyng Hall - Respect Charter

The respect charter this week fits very well with the items in the newsletter. Everyone included here is an ambassador for the school—it is always so heart-warming to see how much a range of students can achieve.

The term 'We are Lyng Hall' came from an assembly, where we used the newsletters to show all of the pupils how we should be proud. As a school, the teachers who offer enrichment and the students who go out and give their all, are what makes this such a great place to be.



Some students make lessons enjoyable to teach, because they are curious, work hard and want to show their best selves.

This week, students have looked really smart—thank you for your support here—we will always look to help out and know that we have the cheapest uniform in the country (Cost of the School Day Action Research).

Parents and their re-enforcement of our school ideals makes such a big difference, but the call this week has been:

- Use appropriate language
- Represent the school in a positive way
- Be a positive role model

Every person included in the newsletter shows these qualities and how they express themselves, in the words they use, how they present themselves and taking part—whether in class or representing the school, deserves recognition.



The students in the school are Lyng Hall and must demonstrate what we stand for. The newsletter is proof

We are Lyng Hall - UK Maths' Challenge

This month, a number of pupils from year 11 took part in the UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge online. The Math's Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at **students across the UK**. It encourages **mathematical reasoning, precision of thought,** and **fluency** in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are **designed to make students really think** in a problem solving manner. The top 50% of pupils in the country are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates.

The results are in.....

We have a fantastic set of results, many students achieving in the top 50% nationally. 19 of our students achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, and 2 of the students, A M and Jacob Martin, have been invited to the next round of competition at Pink Kangaroo. Great effort by all, well done on the awards!



We are Lyng Hall - Times Tables competition



Last week pupils across KS3 were tasked with competing in a national Times Table Rockstars competition . From the 14th to the 16th November pupils had to gain as many points as possible by completing as many correct times table answers as they could using any of the game modes.

Lots of schools, classes and ultimately pupils took part.

4,363

Schools

30,034

Classes

377,651

Students

Out of the 30,034 classes nationally who took part 8M were placed in 244th place, this was admirably helped by **Alfie Smalley who out of the 377,651 pupils who took part was placed 48th** What an achievement!



Mrs Glancy is so proud of the efforts of all of the pupils that took part and is looking forward to the next Battle of the Bands College Championship. Will Griffin maintain their lead?

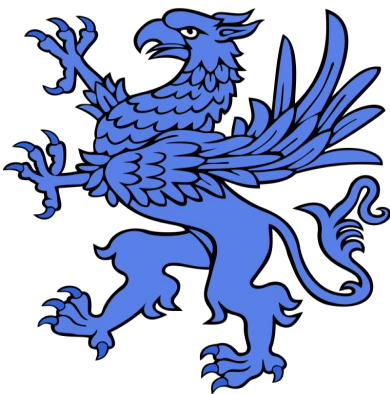
Did you know

Times table Rockstars is available to all pupils in year 7 ,8,9 and Foundation and is a fun way to practice and improve your times table facts. Times tables are so important in all aspects of Maths, the more fluent you are in times tables the easier Maths becomes. Complete a Gig and see how fast you can answer each question then work to improve this.

College – Griffin

A massive well done to Griffin for continuing to maintain the lead of the college championship, we are now halfway through the year and have been in charge of the championship nearly the whole time! Students have been excellent in maintaining this lead! Thank you again to staff for your postcard nominations, this goes a long way to helping too... please keep them coming.

During tutor time next week, I am going to be checking particularly on student attendance and punctuality, so make sure you make it to tutor on time every day, the more we work on this the more double points we achieve to stretch the lead even further!



I am going to use today to celebrate the fantastic achievement of one of our Griffin students in 10M, who has won a writing competition. Read her amazing entry on the next page!

Well done Izzie.

In light of Izzie's fantastic achievement, if anyone comes to speak to me about a book they have finished reading (in tutor or in their own time), they are eligible to receive a postcard home and bonus college points!

- Miss Odams



College - Griffin

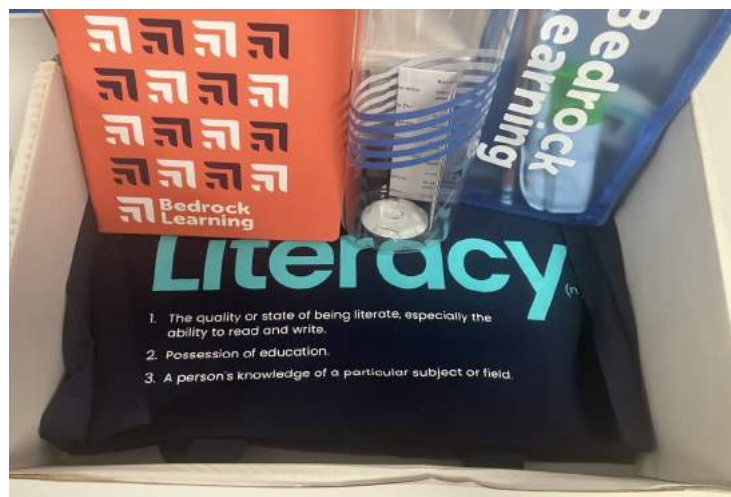
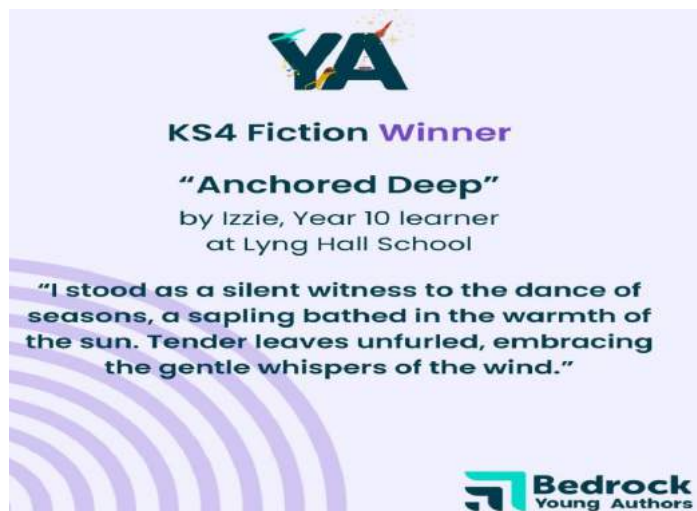
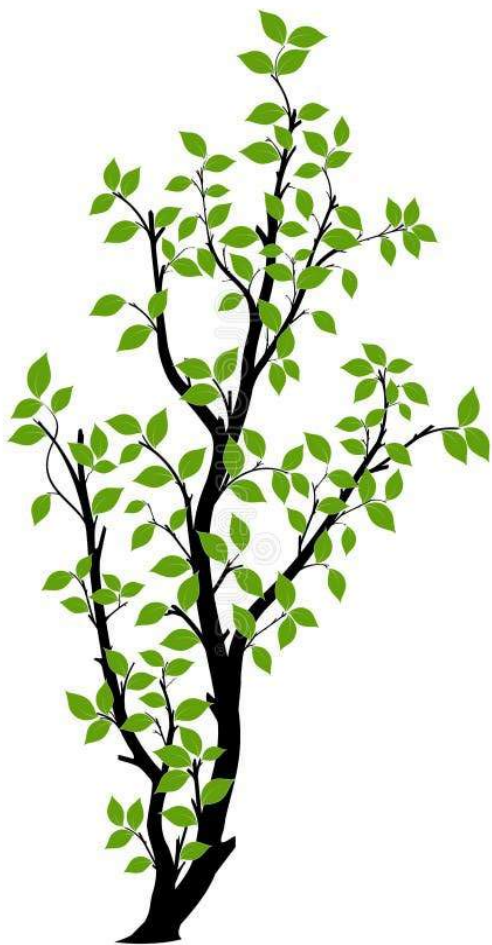
Anchored Deep—Izzie Bielakovski's winning entry

I stood as a silent witness to the dance of seasons, a sapling bathed in the warmth of the sun. Tender leaves unfurled, embracing the gentle whispers of the wind. Through the years, I grew, my roots delving into the earth's embrace, anchoring me to the passage of time.

In the prime of life, I stood proud and strong, my branches a canvas for the symphony of nature. Birds nested in my boughs, and the rustle of leaves told stories of seasons gone by. Spring time of my youth. Storms that tested my resilience, yet I stood resilient, weathering the tempests with the wisdom bestowed by years.

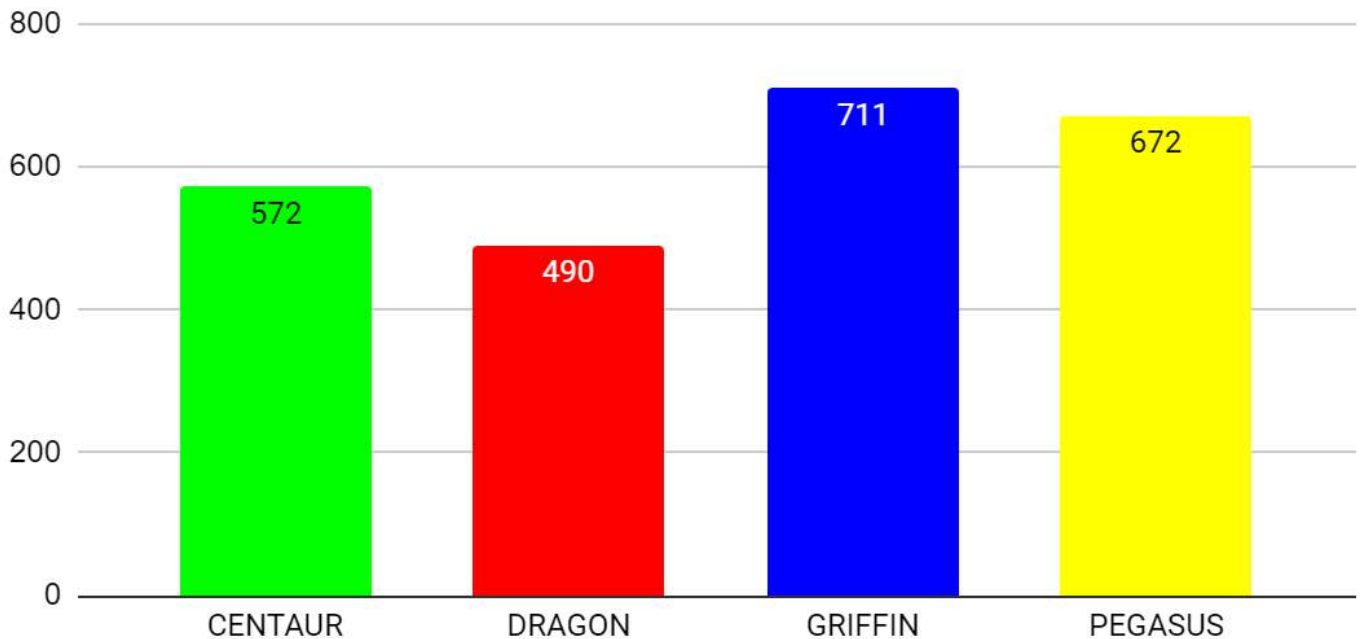
As autumn arrived, a kaleidoscope of colours adorned my branches, a final celebration before the inevitable retreat into dormancy. Winter's hush enveloped me, a time of introspection beneath the blanket of snow. Yet, with the advent of spring, life stirred once more, a testament to the eternal cycle of renewal.

But time wears on, and as the years accumulated, so did the lines etched on my bark. Seasons turned more swiftly, and my branches, once full of vigour, grew weary. In the twilight of my existence, I embraced the inevitability of letting go.



College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Welcome back to our colleges!

The positions in the Championship do not appear to have changed, even after the double-points awarded for each postcard nomination, in the last week of term. This was a fantastic opportunity for another college to leap forward and claim first place in the league but, this has not happened.

Shall we assume that we already have our winners for the year? Is the win not worth the fight? Or, is there one of our colleges willing to go above and beyond, to increase their positive points and stride forwards?

All college coordinators are working hard to instil the same motivation and passion that they have for winning, into their college students but, the work, the effort and the energy needs to come from our Lyng Hall students themselves! It is the start of a new half term... clear minds, focussed attitudes and an eagerness to go for the win!

Let's go! #TeamLyngHall



College – Update

DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

10R

11O

7M

8R

11B

11M

Well done to the above tutor groups that set the example for all in the last week of term; with no behaviour points at all and therefore receiving the double-points award.

Lyng Hall's College 'Top 10'

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Mollie Rowison	7G	871	Nadia Sikora	7O	1186	Kyra Thompson	9O	1306	Jessica Ellis	9R	1113
Thomas Higgs	10I	868	Maisie Jenkinson	7O	1137	Isabella Glenn	10M	1037	Sadie Dunkley	7R	1094
Kezia Oduro	7G	860	Dragon	7O	1133	Daniela Mmadu Macuacua	9O	1000	Kristy Ebihon	7R	1068
Wiktor Kaldonek	8O	858	Bella Taylor	7O	1133	Havva Imam	10M	954	Wiktor Zamosna	9R	1060
Sofia Lackova	TEFL	843	Taylor Purcell	7I	1131	Elektra Erdmane-Hermene	7Y	951	Elian Mohammed	7R	1002
Abdul Rahman Rashid	TEFL	833	Harleen Thandi	7O	1107	Katie Clarke-Vieira	9O	927	Dania-Teodora Nedelcu	9R	968
Centaur	8O	829	Igor Kap	7I	1094	Griffin	8R	924	Dina Kumar	7R	959
Lawn Qadir	TEFL	827	Charlie Seaman	7O	1086	Jemi Igwe	7Y	922	Sam Wood	7R	942
Majka Wodyk	7G	825	Avi Bashir	7O	1085	Lona Nembo Wakam	8R	918	Kai Marsden	7R	936
Cosmina-Ioana Ruse	TEFL	822	Dragon	9Y	1079	Griffin	7Y	916	Pegasus	7R	925

It is always lovely to celebrate our 'top 10' pupils in each college, whom work hard to build-up a huge number of achievement points. These names do change around when other pupils gain a total which moves them up into one of the top 10 places within their college. It would be great to see more names making it into these tables, this term. Whom is up for the challenge?



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 27 February - Parents' Evening for targeted Year 11 students

Thursday 29 February - English Transformation Trip to Warwick University

Friday 01 March - Belgrade 'takeover day'