



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



Did You Know?

This month there are many World Book Day activities to look forward to. This newsletter is full of the exciting activities that students can take part in. The staff also have a number of World Book Day ideas.

Reading is so important - to a student's mental, educational and emotional wellbeing. The academic advantages are also clear, with the difference in understanding and vocabulary significantly impacting performance between readers and non-readers.

Lyng Hall continues to invest in reading. You child has a book and we encourage them to take it home, read little and often and it helps even more if you talk with them about their book.

Reading for pleasure can be fiction or non-fiction—poetry, plays, interest focus articles, newspapers.

By the end of the month, we are working towards every classroom having an area that promotes reading. We appreciate anything you can do to support reading also.

The Accept and Respect group in the school have set out their aims for the year. Anyone is welcome - staff and students, to help us continue to highlight ways we can be aware of accept and respect within society.

We are Lyng Hall - Accept and Respect

The Accept and Respect Group meets once a month in W12. The next meeting is Monday 4th March.

The group has decided to achieve one Accept and Respect activity every month.

The calendared events coming up are:

March - The Accept and Respect Lyng Hall calendar. To issue each tutor room with a list of important events that should be discussed and recognised over the month.

April - Accept and Respect corridor. We have been given a corridor by Humanities to share what the idea of accept and respect means to us. All students will be asked to contribute their thoughts on what this term means.

May - The litter campaign. To respect the environment. An assembly and promotion of how to keep the area. If you listen to the news, you can see this is a nationwide problem. We will join in the cause and look at ways we can educate and inform 'litter bugs.' [Keep it, Bin it: anti-littering campaign - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/anti-littering-campaign)

June - Relaunching the Respect Agenda for the students who are in school, so they can change and adapt for next year.

July - Accept and Respect—through the school. A project to be weaved through culture day. An A&R reader for a book group. A&R art work created, A&R newsletter take over, A&R—making 5 minute short videos for the school—what it means to us.

**Accept and Respect—next meeting to achieve the above:
Monday 4th March in W12. Staff and students welcome.**



We are Lyng Hall – World Book Day

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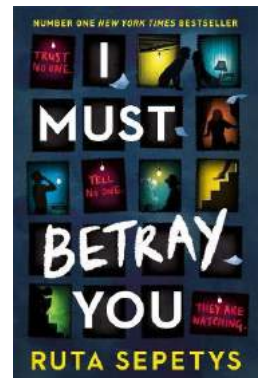
Taste Test - Student book exchange

Students who wish to take part should bring a book to Miss Hagan or Miss Odams before Tuesday 5th March. These students will then be invited to W14 at lunch on Thursday 7th February. Please come and find one of us if you have any questions.

Tutor Challenge - Recommendation chain

Select a task from the grid after you have read to build your recommendation chain. Remember you can begin multiple chains. Which tutor group can make the longest chain of students reading the same book?

Recommendation chains will be collected on Friday 22nd March.



Create an emoji that shows the main emotion of the book	If you had to write a sequel to the book, what plot would it have?	Draw a picture from a key scene in the book	Write an acrostic poem using the title of the book as your starting point	Summarise the plot into 3 sentences
Before you read the book, predict from the title what it will be about... ...then once you have finished, how close were you?		Summarise the book in one word	Pick a random page in the book, and pick a word. Draw something that explains this word in the context of the book	
Design the cover of the video game adaptation of this book	This book is being made into a film, who is playing the main character?	Read your favourite part of the story to your tutor group	Describe the opening scene of the book using 3 adjectives	Draw an interpretation of what you think a character looks like
In no more than 200 words, write an alternative ending to the book. What have you changed and why?		Summarise the key plot points in no more than 100 words	You are transported into the world your book takes place in, write a diary entry from your time there...	
Pick a quote from the book that sums up a character	Estimate: how many words does the book have?	Write a letter to the main character	Pick your favourite character and design them a wardrobe	Write a short story that involves one of the main characters

We are Lyng Hall - World Book Day



During the month of March, we are encouraging as many students as possible to speak about a book they have read in their own time. Students whom go directly to Miss Odams, Mr Smith or Miss Hagan, to talk about a book they have read in their own time, will receive a college postcard and bonus college points. —This could make a real difference to the current standings!

Did you know, reading habits assist students in learning more?

Research shows that there is a direct link between reading comprehension and academic performance. This means that pupils who choose to read regularly, will not only develop better literacy skills but, will also perform better in their GCSE's in comparison to pupils whom do not read very often.

Reading in Tutor-time

Reading has become a key component in our tutor programme and provides pupils with a dedicated time to simply read. During this time, pupils have the opportunity to read aloud and gain 1:1 support with their reading. Previously collated student-voice showed that for some pupils, this was the only time that they actually read out-side of lesson time. Consistent reading, over-time, will not only make accessing the learning across all lessons much easier for students but, will also support them in developing their vocabulary and improving their writing skills - all very beneficial factors that will help pupils through their GCSEs and examinations.

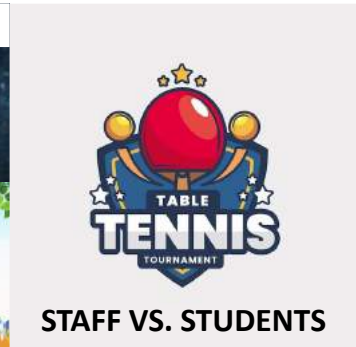
Take home the message - Reading has huge benefits. It improves academic performance by making learning easier! Whenever you get chance (on the bus, waiting for dinner to cook, before you go to bed, early to a lesson) pick up a book and read it !

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Fundraising events:

**YOUNG LIVES
vs CANCER**



See Miss. Hagan, and members of 10M, to sign up.

Our **World Book Month Empathy Challenge** will involve a series of fundraising events for **Young Lives vs. Cancer**. Students from 10M are raising funds to support families the charity support – their money will be turned into book vouchers, gifts to young families on this challenging journey.

Thursday 7th March - there is a bake sale at breaktime, so make sure you bring some money!

Tuesday 19th March P6 – 5 a-side football tournament

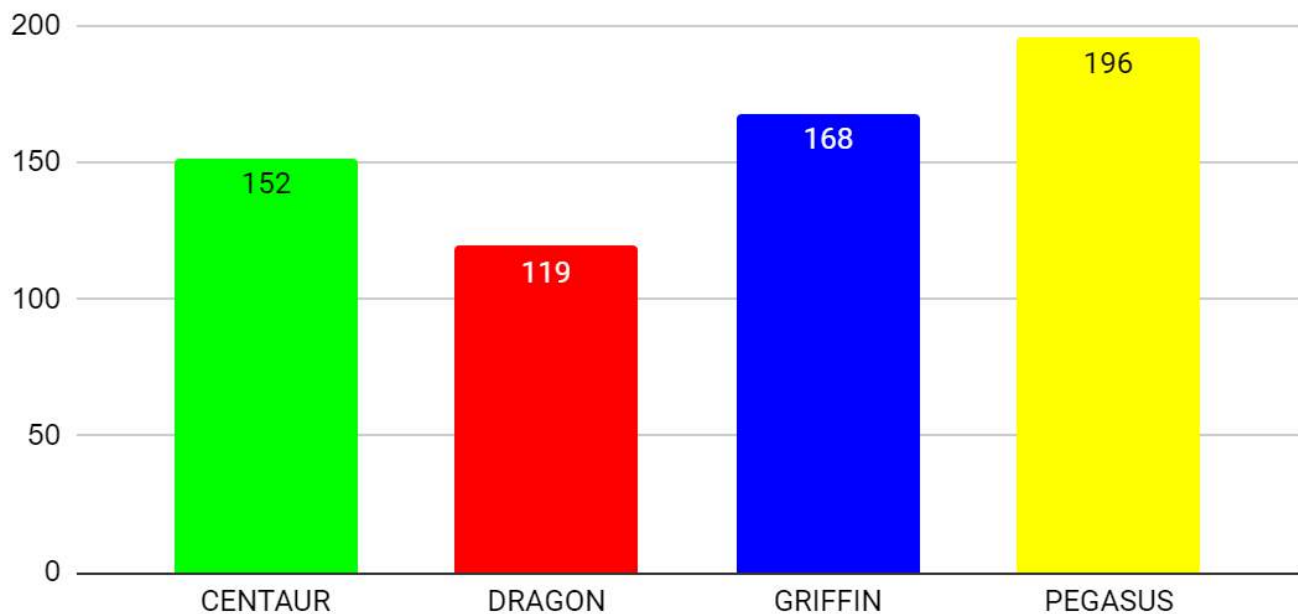
Wednesday 20th March (P6) – Staff vs. Student table tennis tournament

Thursday 21st March (P6) – 5 a-side basketball tournament

Entry into the tournaments is £1/student – teams to sign up with Miss Hagan and 10M. Please find us in W14 for further information. It is an organisation close to our hearts, so please donate generously!

College – Update

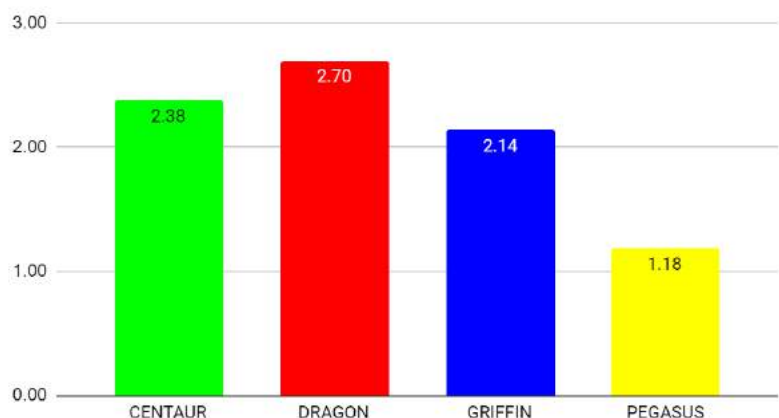
COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL WEEKLY INCREASE



Could we have a new lead college by next week? Pegasus had the highest weekly increase in college this week but, is it enough to allow them to steal first place from Griffin? It can also be seen in the chart below that Pegasus have had the fewest number of negative points per pupil this week. They appear to have definitely ‘upped their game’ and if they continue with this trend, they will, in no doubt, become our new first place performers. Griffin should definitely be worried—perhaps a team strategy is needed to keep hold of their current position?

We need to see more action from Centaur and Dragon! At the moment, they are fighting between stealing or retaining third place but, it would be great to close the gap between their total college points with Griffin and Pegasus.

WEEKLY NEGATIVES PER PUPIL



College – Update

College Badges

Take a look at the badges earned this week's college assemblies...

Emily Hagan

Emily Glowacka

Miley Carver-Smith

Dmitrijs Kasko

Marinela Pomana



Matas Butkus

Maddison Connolly

Chloe Farrell

Lainey Martin

Shanae Coleman

Andreea Duna

Ayton Worwood

Skye Merrick

Isabella Glenn

Amanda Nizamutdinova

Elektra Erdmance Hermane

Ragveer Bains

Lukas Wallace

Isabella Glenn

Daniela Mmadu Macuacua



Kaitlyn Moir

Ayton Sumner

Keaton Walters

Emmanuel Dampare

Daria Nedelcu

Mikolaj Gurzynski

Lily Archer

Daria Nedelcu






Kristy Ebihon

Wiktorija Zamosna

Elian Mohammed

College – Update

College Posters

<p>EMPATHY</p> <p>Empathy is the act of understanding others' emotions regardless of what you think of them. In other words, putting yourself in other people's shoes. Not only can this award you postcards, but it can help bring a smile to someone's face.</p> <p>Empathy can be a hard act of kindness to do, especially if you don't know anyone, but in the end it is completely worth it.</p>  <p>COMPLETE AN ACT OF EMPATHY TODAY!</p>	<p>DETERMINATION</p>  <p>Determination is how encouraged you are to do or complete something. This is important as sometimes life can hold hard obstacles which may lead to us not trying or wanting to try at all.</p> <p>It doesn't just help us with life, it also helps us with getting postcards! So why not?</p>  <p>COMPLETE AN ACT OF DETERMINATION TODAY!</p>	<p>RESPONSIBILITY!</p> <p>Responsibility is accepting something which you or was created because of you. Sometimes taking responsibility of something can be hard, especially if it can cause you trouble. However in the end, it'd be better if you admitted it early rather than facing a more severe consequence later. As well as this, it also earns your trust to other people... and helps you earn postcards!</p>  <p>BE A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER TODAY!</p>	<p>RESILIENCE!</p> <p>Resilience is not giving up. But before we move on, we must acknowledge what 'Give up' means. Giving up isn't falling down, it's refusing to get back up. If something is hard (e.g. a test), there is little to more point in not trying as that is the only way you know that you will fail. On the other hand, if you try, you might pass that test or even get full marks. You may also even get a postcard!</p>  <p>BE A RESILIENT CITIZEN TODAY!</p>
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Gufran Elmesalati in 7M has produced the fantastic poster above, highlighting the values of all the colleges:

Centaur - Empathy

Dragon - Determination

Griffin - Responsibility

Pegasus - Resilience



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

Week beginning 04 March 2024 - Year 11 mock exams

Week beginning 18 March 2024 - Post 16 mock exams

Tuesday 09 April—Year 11 Parents' Evening

- To book an appointment, please visit: <https://lynghallschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

- Booking queries can be sent to: kparsons@lynghallschool.co.uk