



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



## Did You Know?

*Another very busy newsletter with all of the different events and activities.*

*Well done to Year 11 for heading into the mocks with a clear head for how seriously you want to take this chance to see where you are and what is left to work on.*

*World Book Day was lovely—lots to celebrate with a week of activities for students. I particularly like the staff book swap. A table full of brown-paper wrapped books, with key words on so we could find the perfect book as a celebration of the day. Well done to all of the students who approached Mr Smith, Miss Odams, or Miss Hagan and got college points for explaining the book they were reading or enjoyed.*

*A powerful article on page 4—the enrichment we offer for those students who are interested, is very impressive, this was to meet the ex-journalist, Professor Gary Younge.*

*Performing Arts continues to grow from strength to strength. What a treat, if you were able to see the Belgrade Takeover show - a powerful event, showcasing the students' achievements over the year. Well done to all involved.*

## We are Lyng Hall - Belgrade Theatre Takeover Event

Performing Arts students wowed us once again with a stunning revival of the winter show. Lyng Hall is the only Belgrade Associate School in Coventry and we were offered the fantastic opportunity to showcase our 'Curtain Raisers' show in front of an invited audience on the Belgrade B2 stage.

Our students spent the day working with a professional technician, gaining 'real-life' experience of a working theatre. The performances were captivating and it was fantastic to see our students proudly displaying their work with confidence and professionalism.

We cannot wait for our next project with the Belgrade! Watch this space...



# We are Lyng Hall - Accept and Respect



Our first target for this group, following the meeting on Monday lunchtime, was to issue each tutor room with the March page of the Accept and Respect calendar.

We have important events highlighted here and every room is asked to display so we can share in world events and remember our own respect agenda.

## Accept and Respect

Lyng Hall School 2023/24




### March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Ramadan starts</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b>Passover</b>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31st Easter

**Other Events**

March - Respect Charter:  
Be accepting of Race and Religion

Give others a chance to explain before you respond.

Respect each others' opinions even if you don't agree with them.

**Milestones**

1st - First day of autumn/ St David's Day (Wales).  
8th - International Women's Day.  
17th - St Patrick's Day (Ireland).  
21st-27th National Harmony Week - everyone belongs.  
21st Autumn equinox



Today is International Women's Day. This is one of the highlighted events on the calendar.

Can you take the time today to speak to one or two women who impress you with a quality that you admire?

We sometimes forget to show our appreciation or admiration for others, as the lyrics say, "But I ran out of time/I'm always running out of time.' This references always meaning to say thank you or recognise someone else's efforts, but always forgetting or not making time. Maybe it is time to recognise someone for their support and help.

# We are Lyng Hall—Meeting with Ex-Journalist

The talk by Professor Gary Younge was refreshing. It was great to see an ex Guardian newspaper Journalist, from an Afro-Caribbean heritage. But note that Gary himself would say, 'I am not confined by that title', nor would he aim to surprise people by his choice of career and cultural background. But this was the theme of the afternoon: not to be limited by normalised world views. The students were exceptional and were leaders of tomorrow, for sure. They sat and absorbed what was deeper than your average school trip. Ultimately, it was a brilliantly delivered live biography. Gary mentioned how his Mother's death was central to his desire to go



into Journalism, where he felt like it was against the odds at first (training as a journalist) but then quickly managed to reinvent himself after her death, frequently referring to himself as the only barrier to success.

In the talk, Gary later introduced his book, 'Dispatches from the Diaspora' and talked about the long list of interviews he conducted with the likes of Tracy Chapman, Dianne Abbot, Lewis Hamilton and Stormzy, among many others. In particular, the interview he did with 'Stormzy' hit home, as he shared with our students how education 'saved Stormzy's life'; other than this, all he knew was the 'unforgiving' street life.



He also recounted a chapter about the Racism he endured when working in Russia and other countries in Europe. This was an extended metaphor for our students to rise above inevitable race and work-related challenges, even today, in the modern western world.

The session was capped off by an excellent Question and Answer. A poignant question, by our Daniel Eribalo, froze the audience's attention once again when he asked, "How did your Mother's passing affect you?" The question was stripped of any political affiliation or elucidations but pointed to a broader purpose. In his answer, Gary appreciated his Mother's virtues were the first and most inherent to his life. They essentially taught Gary to remove the shackles he ought to be burdened with, given his political context, because he was going to be tarnished with labels either way. 'What difference would this have made?' suggested Gary, with didactic intent.

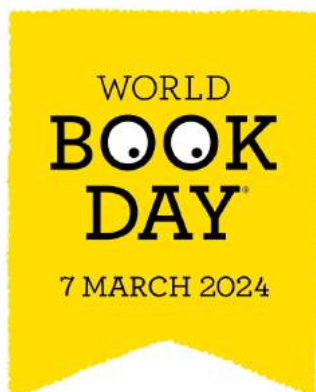


Overall, the morning was intellectually inspiring and equally stimulating for our young people. It was great to see them being exposed to different professionals in Coventry, all working towards a culture of peace and cultural reconciliation. It was even better to see the pupils learn that setbacks can lead to a positive course in life. Finally, it prompted our young people to potentially consider a career in Journalism, owing to how truly it can represent a person's perspective.

Ms Hagan



# We are Lyng Hall - World Book Day



Lyng Hall is always representing national and local events for young people for a greater impact. One of these events, which is represented every year, is 'World Book Day'. World Book Day is a world-wide celebration of books and reading which is vital to further enabling students imagination and vocabulary in lessons. Students participated in reading related activities during Tutor and over the school day which involved reading and book related lessons! We spoke to Ms Hagan and Miss Odams about why they feel that World Book Day is important to every student and why reading is important to a student's education.

"World Book Day is a global event that has been celebrated around the world for the last 25 years. This event tries to bring the best of reading to students to see how reading for pleasure can be good, not only academically but also mentally and spiritually. We love reading, and a part of that is going home and just relaxing with a good book. It takes our mind off any issues or things we need to be worried about, and just being. Lyng Hall is such a collaborative exciting place to be, and it's about bringing some of that joy of reading for the students to experience too."

Reading is one of life's fundamental skills. It helps you access so much information, enables you to complete a jobs, message your friends, to name but a few. But it's more than just something to help you at work, it can be an amazing journey. Did you know that reading for just 6 minutes a day can reduce your stress levels by up to 68%? And, if you read for 20 minutes a day, you'll read over 1.8 million words a year! It's fascinating that something that takes so little time from your day can help as much as it does!

Tutor Programme –  
what is the **value** of a story?



A cave-wall depiction of a pig and buffalo hunt is the world's oldest recorded story, claim archaeologists who discovered the work on the Indonesian island Sulawesi.



Staff this year are all participating in a *Blind Date with a Book* event, we choose a book based on some basic information about it. Please speak to us and ask what book we are reading, we'll be happy to share! We hope that over the next couple of months, we can expand on this, and our student book swap event, to have a permanent library of blind date books for students to choose from.

# We are Lyng Hall - 10M Fund Raiser

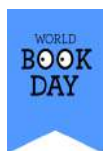
On Thursday 7th March, we raised £238 (and counting) for **Young Lives vs. Cancer** by hosting a bake sale during breaktime. We sold many different foods all sourced from our teachers and fellow students. Many thanks to Mrs Anghel for making her special cake!

We would like to thank all those who helped our cause and supported us. Your support and generosity is sincerely appreciated. It felt good to be taking action for this incredibly important organisation.



We are hosting some more exciting fundraisers on the last week of term, during period 6. Many students, and staff, have already signed up. It promises to be an exciting week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Love 10M



Fundraising events:  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Period 6



SIGN UP A 5 A-SIDE TEAM FOR THE  
FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

£1 PER PLAYER

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



Fundraising events:  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Period 6



SIGN UP A 5 A-SIDE TEAM FOR THE  
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

£1 PER PLAYER

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



Fundraising events:  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Period 6



STAFF VS. STUDENTS  
TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

£2 PER STAFF PLAYER  
£1 PER STUDENT PLAYER

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

## College – Dragon

# Dragon update



We are currently 4th in the championship but this can all change.

Things that we need to improve in Dragon college is lateness and punctuality. These are important aspects of a person that will aid in the future within all aspects of life.

Dragon tutor groups need to keep their eyes peeled for some exciting new incentives for working towards those postcards and positive points.

Dragon have a massive 34 students with over 1000 points. That is amazing.

We may be 4th now but still have the chance to catch up. If we are **determined** we can do anything!

World book day.

Schools around the country celebrate world book day and take the chance to celebrate books that they love and books that have had an impact on their lives. The joy of reading needs to be passed onto future generations. Reading allows you to relax, imagine, destress and learn. It's a way to connect with your own creativity and escape from the constraints of everyday life. Reading isn't just for creativity but also for learning and extending knowledge on certain areas. Different people enjoy different genres of books and there are plenty of different areas to explore.

So, what did you last read?

How did it make you feel?

What do you want to read about next?

I like reading books on crime and espionage.  
Mr Gordon

Reading allows you to go on a journey without even leaving the room

I don't have a favourite genre but I do like crime, thrillers, historical novels and fantasy.  
Mrs Burton

Reading is a fun way to be creative and allow your mind to wander. Anything is possible when you read.

World book day  
Lyng Hall Staff

Reading is an important tool of learning. Not only is it a barrier to new words, it is also an entry to new knowledge.

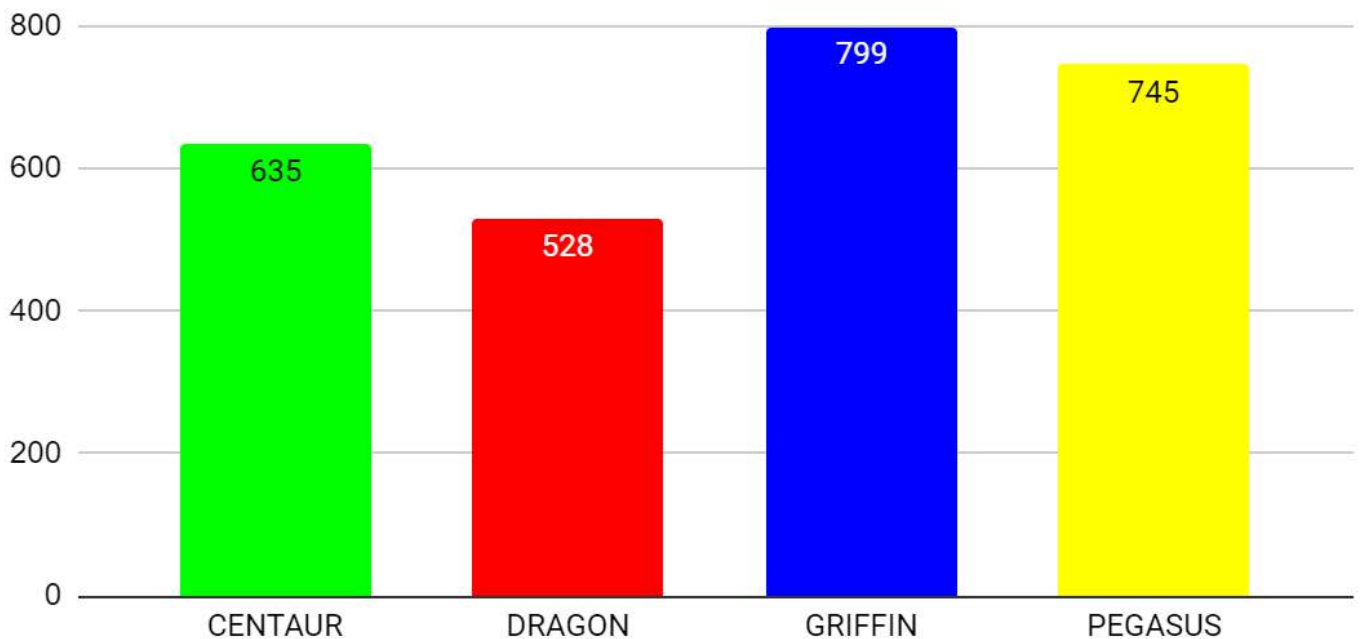
I love reading books on history.  
Mr Veal

Reading is important because it is an essential life skill to find your way around. How can you navigate without reading the names of places?



## College – Update

### COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Our college grand totals place Griffin in the lead, with Pegasus falling ever so slightly behind in second place. They have been working hard to close the gap and currently have only 54 points between them and first place position.

Are Centaur giving up with only a small increase of 63 points since last week? If they don't want to fall to fourth place, they are going to need to bring it back next week with a bigger increase in points!

Despite Dragon's successes from within the college; such as having all Top 10 Dragon pupils in the 1000 point club, the total number of college points are not having a big enough impact to move up the league. As displayed on the next page, it can be seen that there were no Dragon tutor groups without any behaviour points last week. This means, that whilst all other colleges are earning double-points awards, Dragon are competing with only the points awarded during lesson time.

Perhaps it is time to implement a Dragon plan of action?...

Miss Gaggini has set a challenge for Dragon to achieve, before the Easter half-term:

- Receive 100 postcard nominations
- Gain 4 double-point awards
- Have 3 pupils achieve silver awards





# College – Update

## DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

11R

7M

10M

11I

9I

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.

Tutor groups can also double their total number of positive points if they receive no late marks for a week! This is a fantastic way to earn extra positive points for your college. Everyone should be arriving to school and their lessons on time, to maximise their learning. Which college will win this double-points award net week?

### Lyng Hall's College 'Top 10'

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Thomas Higgs	10I	925	Nadia Sikora	7O	1227	Kyra Thompson	9O	1327	Jessica Ellis	9R	1177
Kezia Oduro	7G	898	Taylor Purcell	7I	1187	Isabella Glenn	10M	1133	Sadie Dunkley	7R	1120
Sofia Lackova	TEFL	873	Maisie Jenkinson	7O	1183	Daniela Mmadu Macuacua	9O	1049	Kristy Ebihon	7R	1118
Majka Wodyk	7G	863	Dragon	7O	1179	Havva Imam	10M	1032	Wiktorina Zamosna	9R	1094
Wiktoria Kaldonek	8O	858	Bella Taylor	7O	1179	Riley Thompson	10M	1009	Elihan Mohammed	7R	1052
Abdul Rahman Rashid	TEFL	858	Igor Kap	7I	1153	Elektra Erdmane-Hermane	7Y	985	Daria-Teodora Nedelcu	9R	1032
Lawi Qadir	TEFL	857	Harleen Thandi	7O	1153	Katie Clarke-Vieira	9O	981	Dina Kumar	7R	1009
Emily Hagan	8O	852	Charlie Seaman	7O	1131	Griffin	10M	972	Sam Wood	7R	976
Mollie Rowson	7G	848	Liam Kavanagh	7I	1123	Natan Rozewicz	10M	963	Pegasus	7R	975
Cosmina-Ioana Ruse	TEFL	847	Avi Bashir	7O	1120	Crystal Dawson-Parry	9O	963	Kai Marsden	7R	970



## 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

w/c 11 March      Year 11 mock exams continue

w/c 18 March      Post 16 mock exams

Friday 22 March    Last day of the Spring Term

Following the Easter Break, the Summer Term commences on Tuesday 09 April  
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