



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



## Did You Know?

*So much going on—so much to read in this edition!*

*More on the show to follow, but the front page speaks for itself.  
Have a lovely summer holiday.*





# We are Lyng Hall - Coco's Foundation



How Impressive!

I challenged 20 staff to take on the £20 challenge - as mentioned in last week's newsletter.



The current total is £873!!!! Any money from non-uniform will also be added to that for a final total so any spare change is welcome!

What a response from students and staff! I am blown away - thank you to all.

I have shared videos and pictures with the students of what their money will change - see a snippet below.



## HOW WE'VE CHANGED LIVES...

We have already built 80 houses for child-headed or vulnerable families. Each home costs us £4,800 to build, a small amount for a lifetime of security for these families.

Beyond just a roof, we ensure that each child has a bed, warm blankets and even a hand-knitted Teddy from our lovely 'Knitting Nannies' making them feel safe, secure and loved.





# We are Lyng Hall - Coco's Foundation



Just some of the activities to raise money!

7R have been astounding, with their sponsored spell with Miss McPhilimey.

**COCO'S**  
Foundation

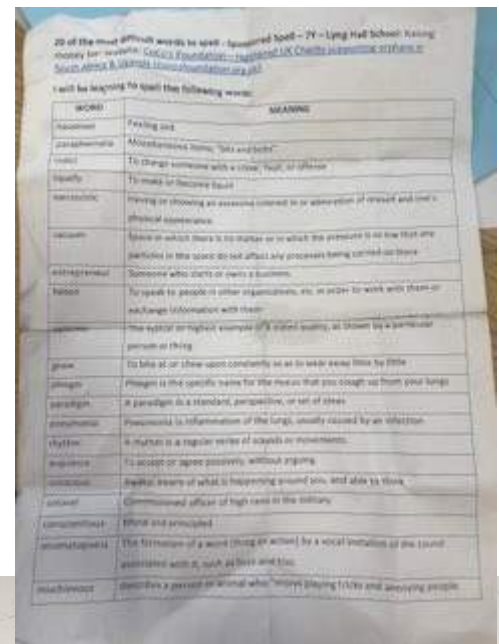
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20 for £20 sponsored spell. An astounding amount - you are all stars for your hard work 🏆😊.

£177.50

'Being in the stocks was certainly a wet experience! Many pupils and staff took it in turns to throw soaking wet sponges at Miss Odams and I. Pupils relished the opportunity to soak staff to their core. The experience may have been cold and wet but it was immensely rewarding to raise funds for such a valuable cause' Mr Veal.

"I loved doing this, the students had a great time and I enjoyed that we were raising money for charity. Looking forward to potentially doing this again in the future..." Miss Odams.



## We are Lyng Hall - Charity Activity

Mrs Smith has tasked staff with the challenge of holding a variety of fundraising activities to raise money for the COCO foundation. Mrs Smith will be visiting one of the poorest areas in South Africa, to help build a house. All money raised will go towards materials, food and uniforms for the children.

Miss Gaggini organised a rounders match between staff and students, where all participants and spectators made a kind donation. The event was very enjoyable and it was definitely exciting to watch. The team of teachers managed to win with 5.5 rounders, whilst the students scored 2 rounders - points were deducted for 'outs'.

The students definitely did not make the match easy for the teachers and it is safe to say that teachers fought hard for their win. There was great energy, sportsmanship and positivity from all involved—thank you for your enthusiasm and charity contributions.



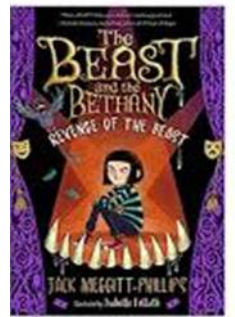


# We are Lyng Hall - MAT Celebration Literacy Day

As a Multi-Academy Trust, we firmly believe in the importance of 'Reading for Pleasure' and how valuable it is in supporting our students' success both on a social and emotional level, as well as academically. We appreciate that providing students with opportunities to have experiences beyond the curriculum allows students to grow as people.

Alongside Miss Summon, ten students across year 7 and 8 had the amazing opportunity to attend the MAT Literacy Day funded by University of Warwick at Finham Park 2 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, alongside other primary and secondary schools in the MAT.

Throughout the day, the students took part in various workshops: Literacy, food, art and meeting two authors: Jenny McLachlan and Jack Meggitt-Phillips. Each workshop offered a unique experience and allowed students to delve into their creativity and imaginations by creating their own stories and maps. This year's theme was: Monsters and Dragons



"Students were praised for their exceptional behaviour and engagement in the activities. They all received a book each to foster their love of reading and some even had them signed by the authors, and were eagerly reading at the breaks.

*"Fostering a love for reading and reading for pleasure is so important for everyone. The students were truly immersed in the day. For me, students bringing in their old books to donate and swap was amazing to then*

*buying the books they wanted and instantly reading it at every opportunity they got was wonderful. They were a credit to Lyng Hall and themselves. There will be more opportunities for more of our students next year to extend their reading opportunities."* ~ Miss Summon.



# We are Lyng Hall - MAT Celebration Literacy Day

Here's what the students had to say:

*"I loved how the authors interacted with us on the day and really enjoyed creating my own dragon's nest in the literacy and food workshop."* ~ Nadia, 7O



*"Jack made me think more about reading and soon as I got my book just wanted to read it. The author workshops were the best part and creating my own story."* ~ Tawhidullah, 7Y

*"Being allowed to buy my own books and seeing what there was to offer was exciting. I also loved the story writing workshop with Jack because it was very creative and creating my story maps with Jenny was fun."* ~ Ellison, 7Y



*"I loved how the authors interacted with everyone and made us feel part of their experience. Even the food workshop to create our own dragon nests was fun."* ~ Ierene, 7O



*"My favourite thing to do is to read and I loved how there was a part to book swap and select something new. I left with many books and really enjoyed the day with the authors."* ~ Chantelle, 7Y

*"I am already half way through the book I bought last week! Meeting Jack was my favourite part and got me thinking more about reading."* ~ Christian, 7Y



*"It was very inspiring meeting the authors. Jack was my favourite as he interacted with us and allowed us to have freedom in our stories to be 'beastly'. I also liked creating my story map with Jenny".* ~ Reuben, 8G

*"It was a great day at Finham Park 2 meeting the authors. It has inspired me to look into illustrating and anime. I really enjoyed the workshops".* ~ Edmund, 8G

*"I found the story writing workshop with Jack very valuable and loved getting my own book and reading it at the end".* ~ Dmitrijs, 8G



*"My favourite part was getting my book signed and speaking to Jenny about her stories. The authors' workshops were great."* ~ Malakai, 8G



*"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."*  
-Dr. Seuss





# We are Lyng Hall - We are Democracy



## We are Lyng Hall We are a democracy

### Democracy in action!

This Summer Term year 8 have been learning about the history, and the significance of suffrage, within Great Britain. At Lyng, students learn about the importance of democracy as one of our Fundamental British Values within contemporary British society. Not only do students learn about democracy, we take actively take part in the democratic process!

General Election	
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.	
Conservative Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liberal Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reform UK	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Election	
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.	
Rishi Sunak Conservative Party Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keir Starmer Labour Party Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sir Ed Davey Liberal Democrat Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carla Denyer & Adrian Ramsay Green Party Candidates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nigel Farage Reform UK Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>



With the upcoming general elections, year 12 law students had taken it upon themselves to represent different political parties and share their manifestos to year 8 recognising why suffrage is still an important part of British society today. All students had 3 minutes to pitch their presentations, followed by a brief Q&A before year 8 placed their votes on Tuesday afternoon.

Rishi Sunak	Keir Starmer	Sir Ed Davey	Carla Denyer & Adrian Ramsay	Nigel Farage
Conservatives	Labour	Liberal democrat	Green Party	Reform UK



We are Lyng Hall – We Are A Democracy!





## The Polling Station set up!



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Democracy





Recently, a few students from the post-16 BTEC Law class have supported and delivered a mock election for year 8s to support both our learning and theirs.

Year 8 has been learning about the fundamental British values, especially democracy, in their humanity lessons and a key part of our unit 2 coursework has been how parliament works, can be influenced and what the results of poor parliamentary control are. Montesquieu's principle of the separation of powers is one example of a theme we explored alongside the roles of political and legal professionals, and how factors such as the media, pressure groups and whips can distort the action which parliament chooses to take through their democratic voting.

Democracy is a key fundamental British value that we feel is important to be taught young, and this is the perfect opportunity to give an interesting and practical way for year 8 to understand what democratic rights they will be afforded once they are 18 (or 16 locally). It is no doubt that the democratic process of first past the post is confusing, so we have streamlined the depth of content we delivered to ensure that clarity and age appropriateness were maintained.

First, the post-16 students delivered their 'campaigns' for their parties via teams with a set time restriction to ensure fairness. Once all campaigns had been delivered, a Q and A session was pencilled in to give year 8 a chance to ask questions after they had time to reflect. This was beneficial to us as post-16 students due to the fact we got a chance to practice critical thinking and public speaking skills, which are key to our coursework when analysing cases and doing presentations verbally. Once the Q and A ended, a ballot box was taken around with ballot papers and a concealed vote was made. These votes were then counted twice to ensure accuracy before the results were announced.

**We are Lyng Hall – We Are A Democracy!**



Meet our post 16 Student College representative Ryan, reflecting on his participation within the democratic process.



# We are Lyng Hall - We are Democracy

## Student Voice & Reflection

**The Power of Pitch, Performance and Persuasion!** The results highlighted the impact and influence representatives can have based on their interactions!

Our sixth form political representatives successfully pitched to all year groups!

**Their strategies:**

- Detailed research
- Communication skills – informative, persuasive, emotive!
- Confidence in delivering the pitch, interacting and answering questions
- Building trust – interacting with year 8 and focusing on what they would find important.



## Fundamental British Values



### Our meaning of this word is..

*"everyone gets the right to vote and everybody gets a say in things."*

*"everyone has human rights and fundamental freedom."*

*"freedom of choice and to vote."*

*"provide an environment where humans have the right to choose their own leader."*

*"the system which gives people the people to vote"*

### At Lyng Hall, this means...

*"everyone gets the right to vote and everybody gets a say in things."*

*"acceptance and equality within peers and pupils."*

*"giving everyone a choice, giving example a say"*

*"we can vote for things to happen, and more."*

*"we want everyone to have a choice for leadership and a voice."*

### We show this at Lyng Hall by...

*"we doing mock elections."*

*"to let students in groups which allow them to make suggestions on what should be improved in the school and what should be added."*

*"we show this at Lyng Hall by having voting system letting everyone have a chance of winning. Or everyone voting to get a say in a certain decision."*

*"by having a student college."*

**We are Lyng Hall – We Are A Democracy!**

# Democracy

*"I learnt that my opinion matters and how to vote."*

*"I have felt what it's like to vote."*

*"Very fun! A day in the life of a voter."*

*"I have learnt how easy, but how hard it is to vote and choose if you want to or not."*

*"That learning about what you vote for before you vote is important."*

*"I have learnt about the political parties."*

*"My experience taking part today was alright, I've learnt that sometimes it may be difficult to choose who to vote for."*



**Democracy**



# We are Lyng Hall—Spirited Arts' Competition



A spotlight into RE:



## Spirited Arts Competition

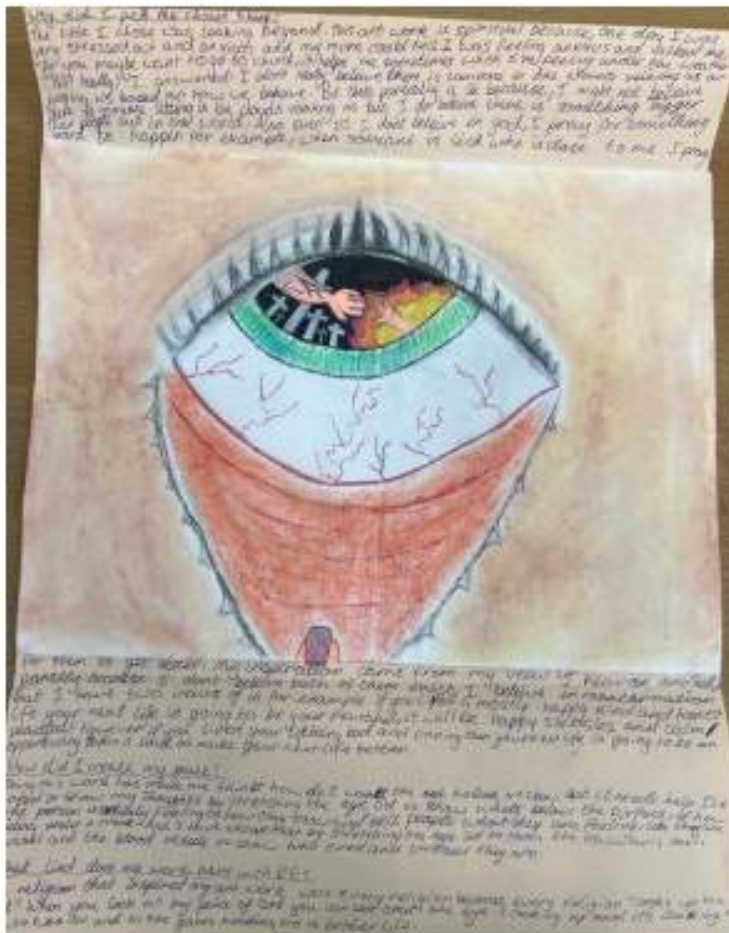
art dance photography poetry drama



Pick one of this year's themes from:

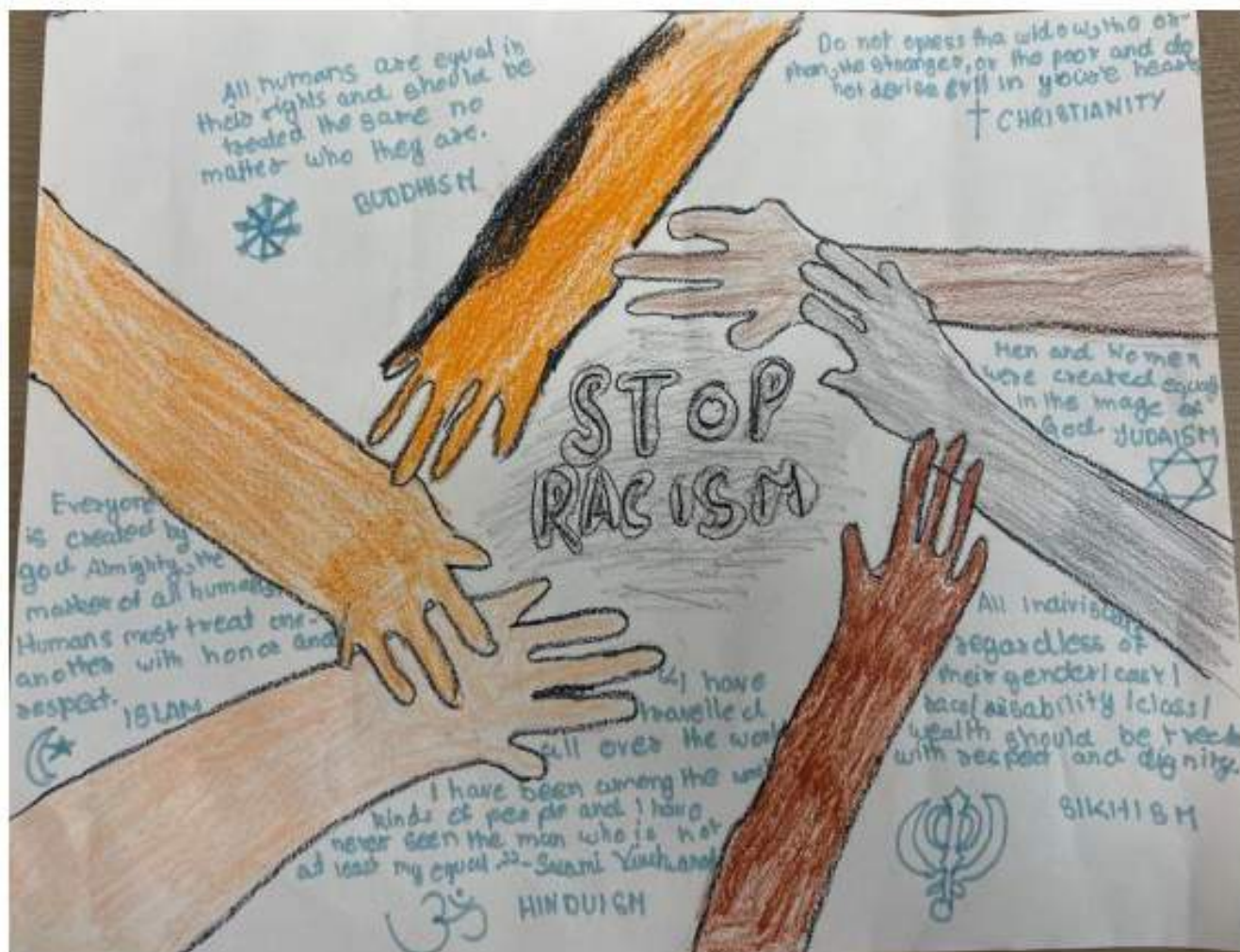
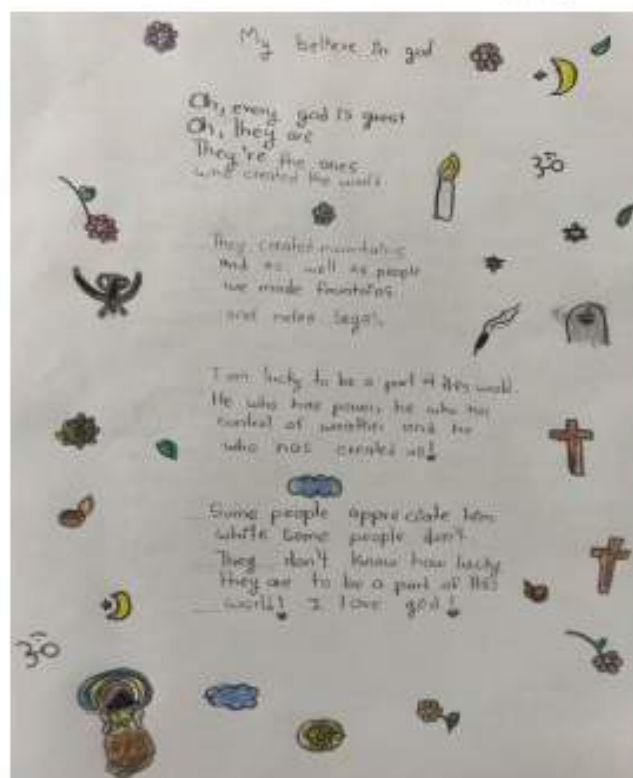
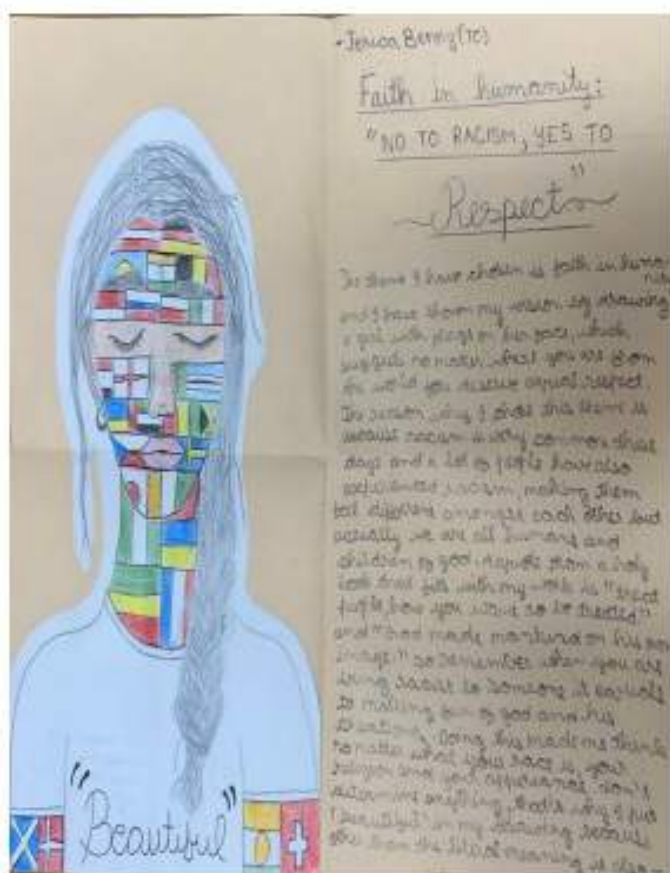
 <b>Anti-racist</b>  <b>equality</b>	 <b>My lens</b>  <b>Worldview</b>	 <b>Perceive</b>	<b>HOLY</b>	 <b>Creation</b>  <b>Dominion</b>	 <b>stewardship</b>  <b>Nobly Ethical</b>
Faith in humanity: "No to racism, yes to respect."	Looking beyond	How do we envisage God?	Wise words? Holy words?	Green faith, green future? ["God's good earth"]	Why do animals matter?

KS3 had the opportunity to participate in the Spirited Arts Competition and submit entries in the hope of having their work published on the official NATRE website! So many of our students demonstrated their unique interpretations by selecting one of 6 themes to exemplify why this was of importance to them. A few examples of some of these worldviews have been shared below!

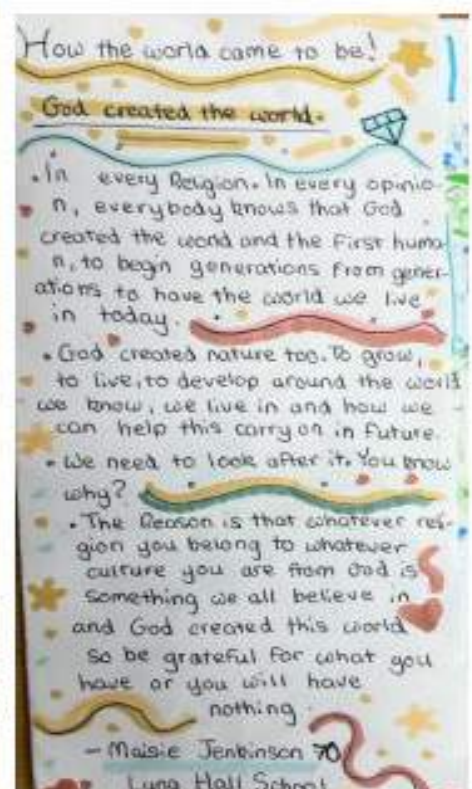
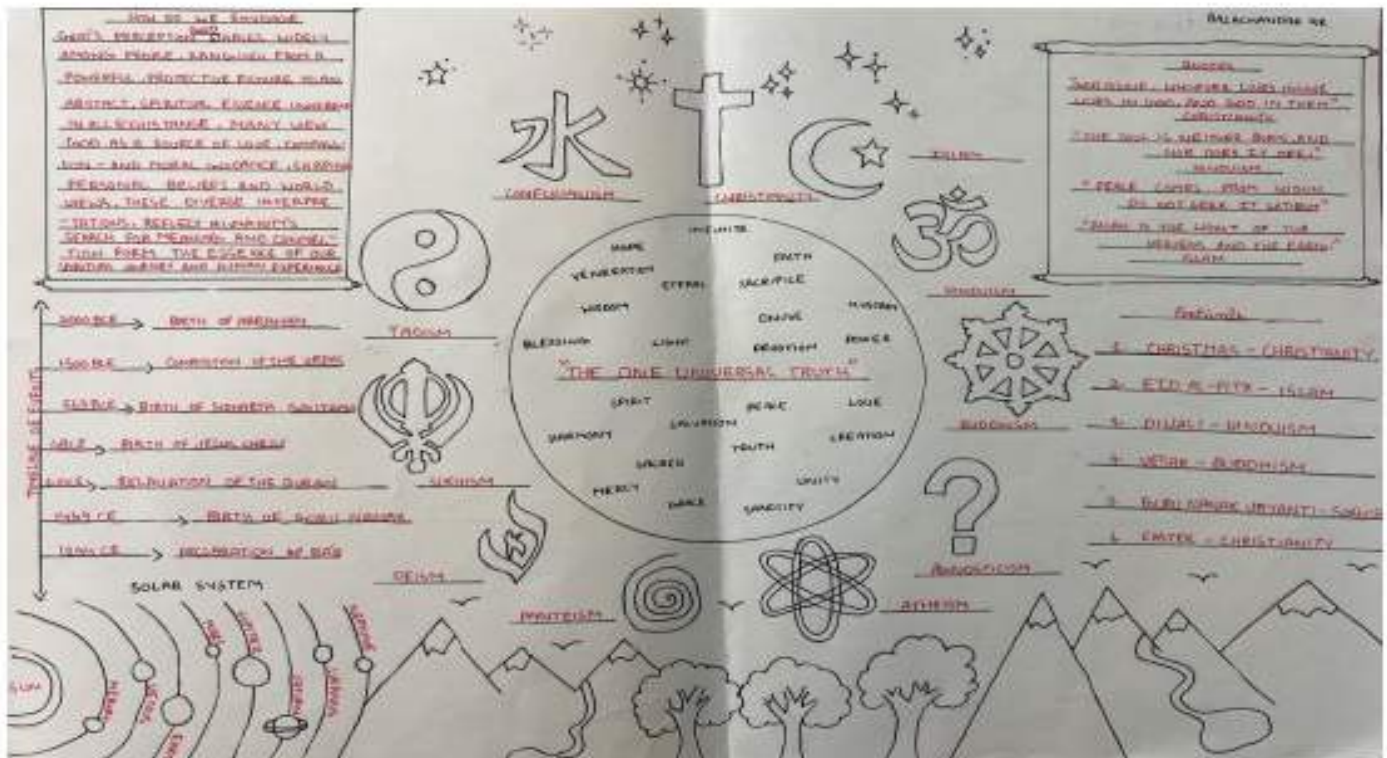




# We are Lyng Hall—SMSC







All students will receive a certificate acknowledging their entry and hard work.

Very well done! 😊



# We are Lyng Hall—Paddlefest

## Paddlefest 2024

Lyng Hall students were invited to attend a 2-hour Kayak canoeing session at the canal basin in Coventry. Students were selected as a reward based on excellence in Physical Education lessons. This was great to be a part of and an enjoyable morning as all students involved represented the school extremely well with their behaviour and effort at all times, as well as learning and developing their kayaking skills.

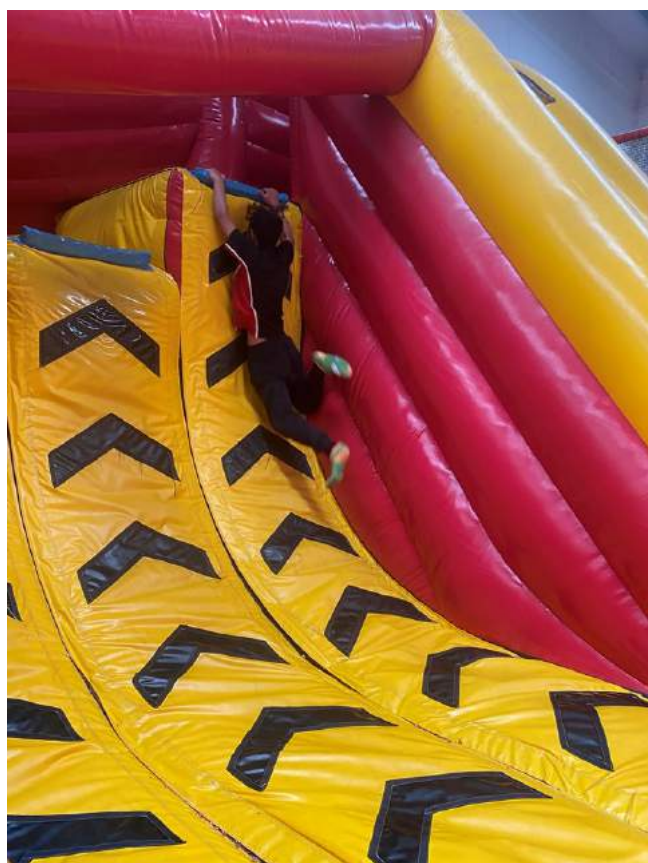
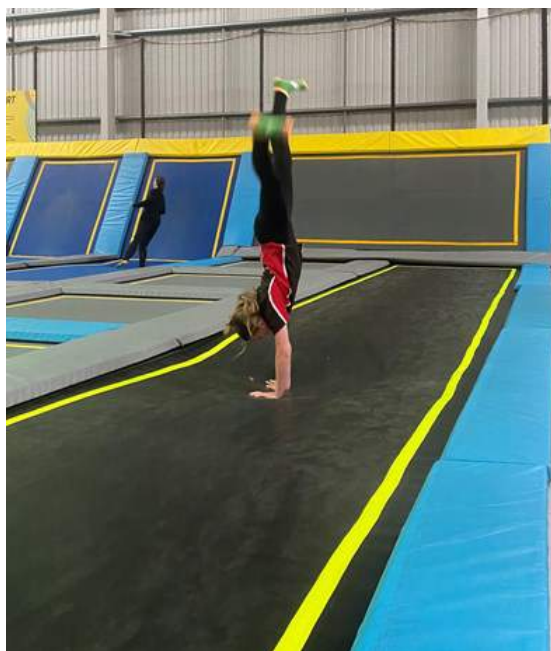
*'The trip to Coventry canal was a delight! It was really nice to connect to students from different years and have fun. Looking forward to more trips like this'* Kristiana Ebihon (7R).





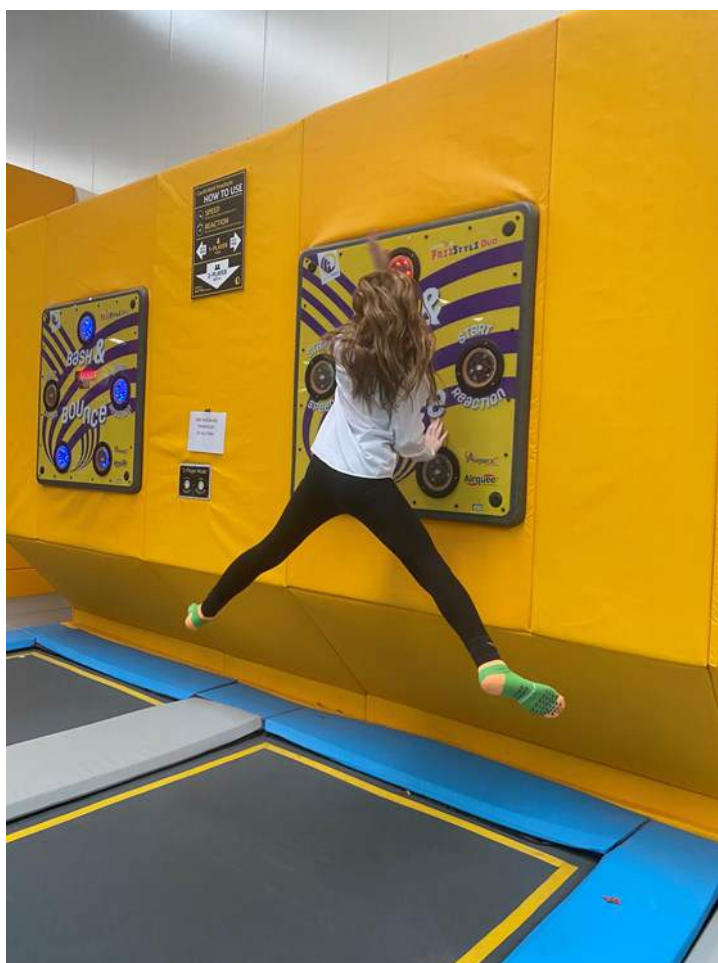
## College – Update

Following the announcement of our College Championship winners; Griffin pupils attended the free reward trip to Red Kangaroo! It was definitely a well-deserved trip and pupils appeared to have lots of fun! Miss Gaggini was very impressed by some of the tricks that pupils could perform and their fearless attitudes towards the almost-vertical slide and ledge which leads to an air-bag drop.





## College – Update



With the 2023/2024 academic year now coming to an end, it feels the right time to say a big thank you to all of the college team for their hard work throughout the year. To the college leads, Mr Ahbedin, Mrs Coletta, Miss Odams & Mr Loach, and for the leadership of Mr Sanford-Casey & Miss Gaggini. Onwards to next year; where the college system will continue to grow even bigger and better - with the excitement of more competitions and more points up for grabs!





## 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

**19.09.24—School breaks up today at 12.30.**

The new academic year commences in September as follows:

New Year 7 and Year 12 - Wednesday 04 September 2024

All other years - Thursday 05 September 2024