



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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Did You Know?

It was really lovely to see the UNESCO Ambassadors run a session with pupils from Year 8 and 9, asking them to review poetry and art that promotes world peace and reflects on the role that the current generation have to discuss and be involved in the world around them.

Pupils impressed with their calm, knowledgeable approach and the creativity shone through in the pieces that reflected on the current issues we face today.

Mr Ghulam Vohra, the chair of governors, spoke again of the impressive way these ambassadors speak and how highly they represent the school through their words and ideas. Well done Miss Hagan for her development of this group.

We are advertising our wear red day again in this addition—please read carefully and any items you can bring for the tutor box hamper is gratefully received.

The battle for college leaders continues to be highly fought—it is always lovely to see where the top scores are heading and assemblies next week review the totals and shout outs in person. The badges for college pints can be seen on blazers and pupils wear them with pride. I'm sure more are on the way soon.

We are Lyng Hall - Red Day



Each tutor group has been challenged to create their own hamper, so we can gift these to those who would enjoy and benefit them at Christmas.

Wear red on the 13th December and bring in an item off the list.

Thank you in advance of your help supporting this.



We are Lyng Hall - UNESCO Ambassadors



Our UNESCO Ambassadors have been doing a superb job developing creative projects to promote the values of peace, acceptance and unity. These have been shared both with our own school community and wider networks in the city.

What is an ambassador?

“In a world filled with waves of chaos, darkness and pain -
It is sometimes difficult to discern the light—

But to be an ambassador,

Is to be a filter for this.

To capture these rays and illuminate our community
with values that help us to grow.

Our ambassadors explore what it means:

To be, to know, to do and to live together.

Earlier this year, they presented their work at Coventry Cathedral, alongside other schools, and were commended for

their passion, commitment and drive to create change. They met Linda Hirons (bottom right): “I really enjoyed talking with you and your students.” She is a member of the Lyng Hall alumni and we are now in conversations about working together with the Memory Cities’ Network. In addition they met Manjit Kaur (bottom left) who said the students: “Renewed my faith in the future.” We have gone on to work alongside Manjit Kaur and the SACRE Community. With each experience, the students impress and broaden the network they are working with.



UNESCO Ambassadors presenting their work at The Peace Conference in Coventry Cathedral

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11th-15th November was Coventry Peace Week—our ambassadors were involved in a number of activities across the city.

On Remembrance Sunday, we completed the Lord Mayor's Peace Walk and participated in a service in the Cathedral Ruins.

Under the black sky of November, Coventry burned,
its heart split open, its streets made of ashes.
The cathedral stood defiant, its walls
falling stone by stone, its silence broken.

Today, we gather around those scars,
not to reopen the wounds but to remember.
we speak of what happened here,
stories carried through classrooms,
the lives changed forever by that night's fire.

Through each conversation, each shared memory,
we honour the past, hoping to build something
lasting.

This is how we remember Coventry,
not in flames, but in the light of understanding,
in the quiet resolve to keep history alive.

- Daniel Eribalo



On Monday 12th November, we hosted our own Peace Event at school. **The Community Story and Peace Garden** event was a success. It was wonderful to see different members of our community sharing their stories, and creating artistic interpretations of what peace means to them. We look forward to turning these designs into a permanent feature in our school community. If you would like to add your contribution to our community space please get in touch—we would love for you to be a part of it.



**Students with Our Chair
of Governors, Ghulam
Vohra, MBE**



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On Tuesday 12th November, we were invited to the **Interfaith Conference at Coventry University**. Our ambassador team was superbly represented by Emmanuel Dampare and Julien Quesney. During the afternoon, they were involved in a series of workshops with sixth formers from different schools across Coventry. They were challenged to think about how they could be initiators of social change within our community. In the months to come, we will share the growth of this project.

In the evening, hundreds of members of the SACRE community arrived and both boys presented—on behalf of all the young people—their thoughts on the afternoon's workshops.

On behalf of Ghulam Vohra (Chair of Governors), and the governing body: "The Seeds of Hope event at school on 11th November, and the Interfaith Conference at Coventry University on 12th November, were fantastic. I am so proud of our pupils and this was mentioned by all the speakers including the Minister Lord Khan."

A member of the wider community present at the Interfaith Conference on 12th November contacted the school personally to express their thoughts:

"Yesterday evening I attended an interfaith event at the University of Coventry. Some of your students had attended the afternoon session and two of them, Emmanuel Dampare and Julien Quesney, stayed on afterwards for the evening session and gave a resume of what they had gained from the afternoon session. I am emailing you to express sincere admiration for these two boys - they presented themselves so incredibly well and the content of their talk was amazing. On speaking to them later on, I was taken aback by the fact that these were not sixth formers but aged 14 and 15. They attracted so many positive and favourable comments all the speakers including Lord Khan, the Minister for Faith and Communities. I told them how proud they should be of themselves and how

well they represented their school. I wanted to share this with you, although I am sure you must be already aware of the calibre of these boys and hopefully other students at your school. I was at the conference representing the Jewish community of Birmingham and the West Midlands." - Ruth Jacobs



"I place huge value on the importance of teaching our students to respect and value each other and to celebrate our diverse world, which is very well represented at Lyng Hall. The work that these students have completed and the qualities they have demonstrated exemplify these ambitions perfectly. They are a credit to the school, and themselves, and, I am immensely proud of them." – Paul Green, Headteacher

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On Wednesday 13th November, we were invited to **Annual Peace Poetry Festival at Coventry Methodist Hall**. It was a wonderful afternoon where students were introduced to Reverse Poetry and we considered how the form works with their roles as ambassadors. In addition, they were challenged to compose pieces that was a message to their community.

A letter to Young Girls

You do not have to be good.

You do not need to a carbon copy.

You do not need to be getting lost in the pages of a magazine.

You need to look in the mirror and see the kaleidoscope of colours that moves into a code of beauty that's uniquely you

There's no reflection which will form in the same way,
And your own will drift from day to day
Each new light that shines in will reveal a contour of your beauty,
Unfolding the natural landscape into your masterpiece

You do not need to be good.

You need to own - you.

In the coming months, we will be looking at having an exhibition of their work at Methodist Hall—we are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to welcoming you to their launch.

On Tuesday 26th November, we were then delighted to host Ann Beatty, Chief Executive of The Steve Sinnott Foundation and UNESCO ASPnet UK National Co-ordinator. It was a wonderful morning—with our ambassadors leading workshops with students from year 8, 9 and 10; in addition to presenting their current projects to our special guest. We look forward to sharing further details about this event in a future edition. We continue to be immensely proud of our ambassadors and their drive to impact their community in such a positive way.

“It has been a pleasure to hear from the pupils and see how they creatively, collaboratively and maturely work together to investigate and consider the projects that are shared. They have received a lot of praise and the commendations are well deserved. They are a credit to themselves, the school and their community.” - Cathy Smith, Associate Headteacher

We are always looking to grow our legacy so please see Miss. Hagan if you are interested in becoming involved in Our UNESCO Ambassador Community.



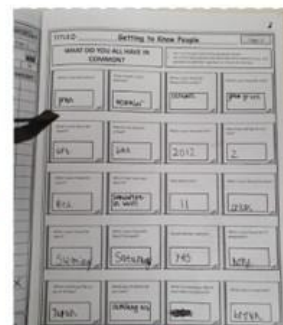
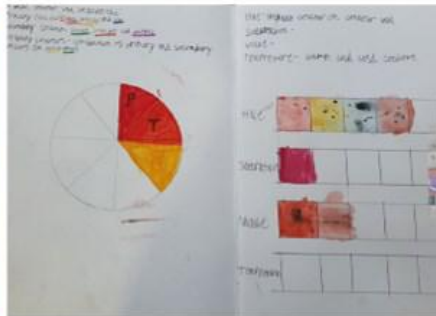
College – Centaur

Since the beginning of the school year, I could not help but notice just how polite, courteous and happy Cayden has been, in lessons and around the school grounds. I never knew this young man personally, however, it was obvious that he carried a smile with him all of the time and always made time to stop and say 'Hello'. I also noticed that **his achievement points are over 350 points so far!** Well done for representing the Centaur College with your continued, excellent character!



Meanwhile, Mr Veal said that **'he's a hard worker and a really good student'**. After looking at some of Cayden's work I noticed how Cayden made an extra effort with his handwriting, although he mentions he finds this hard sometimes.

Mrs Kalrai said that, **'he listens well and responds to setbacks quite well'**.



Tell me about yourself?

"I came from Little Heath. I have two younger sisters. I like to play games in my spare time. When my mum is not well, I help to look after my siblings. My favourite subjects are Drama, Art and Science".

What's been your biggest challenge?

"Making new friends but I have many now. Getting around a school that's bigger than my primary school has also been difficult: knowing which classrooms to go to. I sometimes struggle with handwriting"

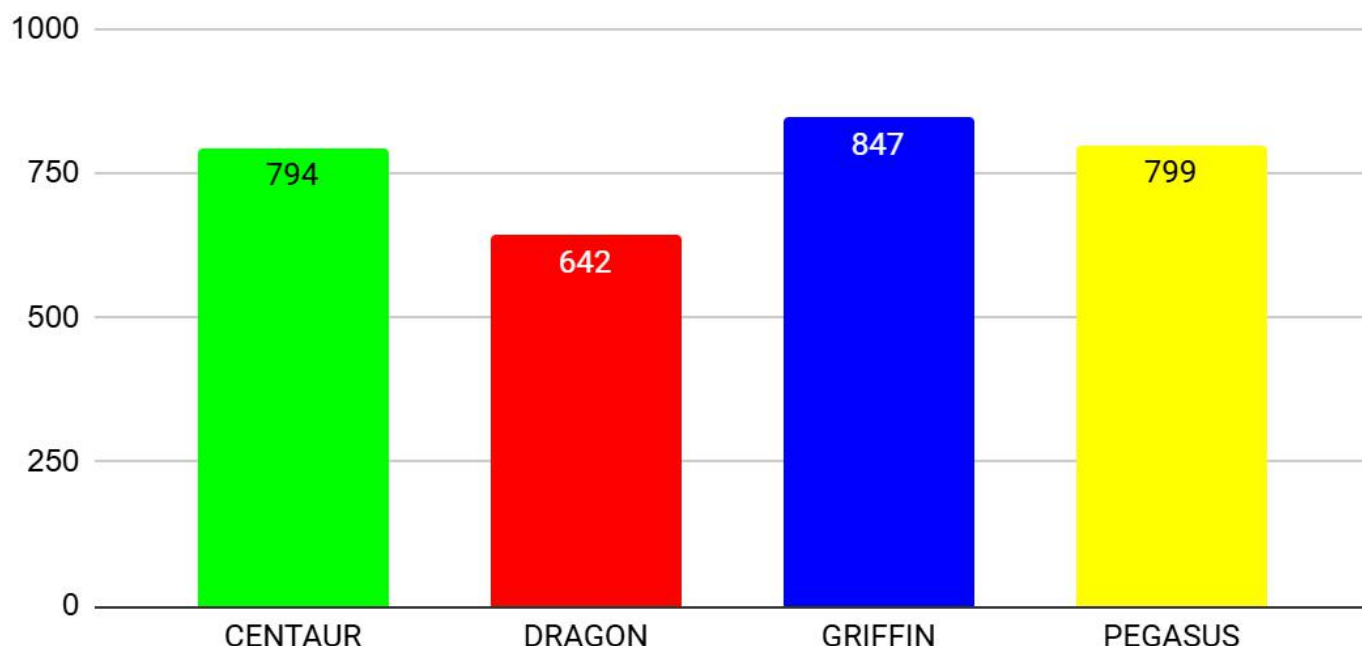
Who do you want to be in the future?

Maybe a chef because I can make Pasta and I've heated up food when my mum hasn't been well. Also, maybe something to do with acting; I love the film 'fall' and 'dead pool'. I'd love to be in a film one day!

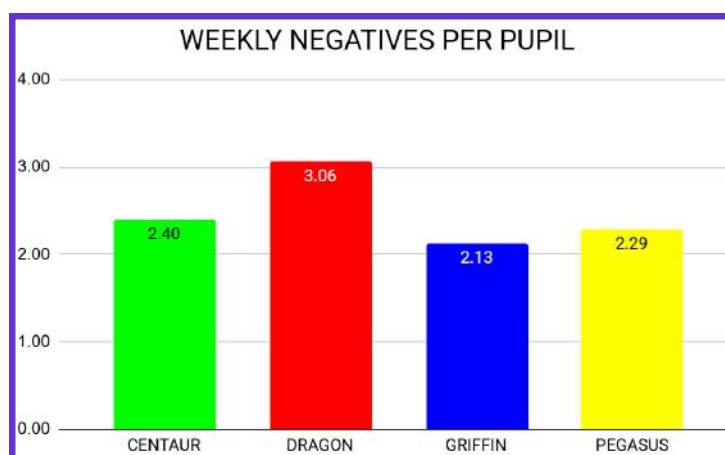
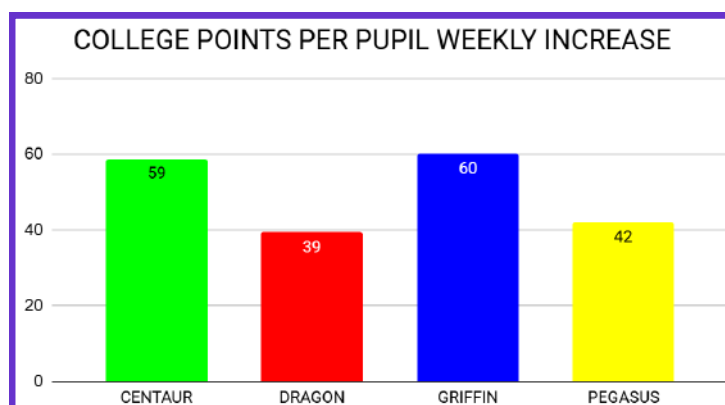


College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Here are the grand totals - there is definitely a high element of competition between Griffin, Pegasus and Centaur; all with over 700 points per pupil. The fight for first place has never been more apparent, as previously, it tends to only be the top two colleges in competition - now, there appears to be three colleges, all eager to reach the top. Despite Griffin having the highest number of negative points last week, they have definitely turned it around this week; now having the lowest number of negative points but also, the highest number of positive points.



College – Update

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Reece Wilkes	10M	756	Deborah Eribalo	10Y	707	Freddie Crossley	10O	948	Ashley Dewis	10I	851
Patrick Stark	10M	731	Ayub Jama	8I	680	Nucuta-Razvan Costache	10O	873	Sara Raducan	10I	717
Lucia Gaborova	TEFL	730	Kimberley Frimpong	10Y	667	Piotr Jonas	10O	865	Javion Duke	10I	709
Haleema Nawaz	TEFL	722	Chloe Farrell	8I	662	Caitlin Valentine	9R	827	Amelie Munro	10R	692
Esha Nawaz	TEFL	717	Liam Kavanagh	8I	645	George Edwards	9R	824	Vanessa Nwajioha	10R	656
Centaur	TEFL	703	Andreea Duna	8I	627	Charlie Raybould	9R	814	Trey Langa	10I	652
Anna Lackova	TEFL	670	Annalise Treacy	8I	605	Kevin Yu	9R	814	Logan Miller	10I	643
Caitlynn Babb	10M	666	Igor Kap	8I	603	Junior Kennedy	7I	811	Alex Becheru	10I	631
Jaromir Gabor	TEFL	660	Taylor Purcell	8I	602	Griffin	9R	799	Pegasus	10I	580
Emaan Haroon	10M	605	Jason Laleye	10Y	574	Jason Manzenzha	10O	796	Rafael Gurung	10G	574

Well done to our 'Top 10' pupils in each college this week. It is always a joy to celebrate our pupils whom consistently display a positive attitude and demonstrate hard work, in their lessons and around school. Keep your eyes peeled for a new display board going up, which will showcase all of our 'Gold Award' and 'Purple Award' achievers.

DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

TEFL

8M

DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO LATES

9I



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.

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

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

Coming up...

Friday 29th November - Teacher Training day

Friday 13th December - Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December - Winter Show Performance 7pm