



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

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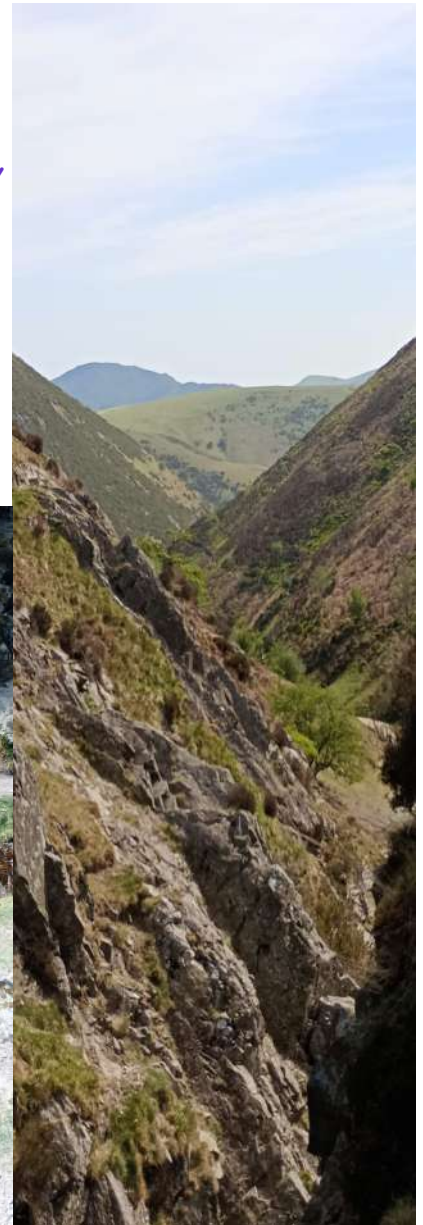
## Did You Know? By Editor—Josh

*Good Morning All! This week has been a bustling week back and I hope everyone enjoyed their two weeks off!*

*The highlight of this first week back was a Geography field trip lead by Mrs Burton, our fantastic Geography teacher. She took the Year 10s out to Wales to learn about Geography by getting hands on outdoors! Here's what Mrs Burton thought about it all:*

*"The trip went really well; it was extremely hot which made climbing up the hill a challenge, but we all enjoyed the view from the top.*

*They applied their knowledge of Geography by measuring and surveying different physical features." One of the students said: "We saw huge mountains and hills and measured the width and depth... it was pretty fun." What a great practical experience, and an amazing way to start the week!*



# We are Lyng Hall— Peace and Reconciliation

Last term we were able to share the special news of our UNESCO Ambassadors receiving Our Lord Mayor's Peace Award. This week we share another visit they have made into our local community to work with younger children. On Monday 31st March, our ambassadors visited our local primary school— Henley Green. They ably led workshops on Peace and Reconciliation. Students engaged in poetry and art work – focusing on the voice of Coventry Cathedral in the Coventry Blitz and its place in our story of remembrance. They all worked with passion and creativity; the collective pieces produced were inspired.

Miss Jolley, English Lead: "The children love working with older children as they don't usually get to do this. They loved working on their WW2 topic before Christmas, and this project allowed them to recall and expand their ideas. The vocabulary they were coming up with was wonderful!"

Mrs Boughton, Year 5 Teacher "I love seeing the children's stained glass art- this was certainly something they enjoyed! The children were really proud of their artwork and felt really specially to have been chosen by the older students to participate."

Our students' thoughts: "I think it was an interesting experience - it's important to work with younger students. I felt proud because it is important to understand the story of our city."

"It was great to go back to my own primary school. The theme reminded me how much I have learnt; how different things are and what things will be in the future. I liked giving back to the community which helped me."



We are excited that their hard work will be shared in our local church and look forward to sharing with you this event when it happens. Lots of plans for this partnership moving forwards.



# We are Lyng Hall—P16 Enrichment Opportunities

## Our Bryson Excursion to Sheffield

Our Y12 A-Level English group journeyed to Sheffield to put into practice their work with Bryson's travel writing and to see their exam text live: Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire.'

The day began bright and early at 7.30am for the long journey north in our trusty mini-bus. We began with a sunny walk through Western Park (see photographs in the right column); before absorbing the Literary treats of La Biblioteka. We reflected on the cultural offerings of the Identity display in the Graves Gallery and the microclimate of the Winter Gardens; before enjoying an afternoon in the Crucible Theatre.

Mrs Cockrell: "What a truly lovely day exploring Sheffield. The students were really engaged throughout the day exploring the art of travel writing and orienteering as we visited various sites before a trip to the theatre. The students have come a long way as they have built team work skills."

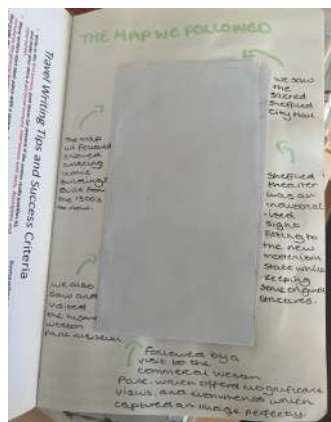
**Fragments from the students' travel writing in the style of Bill Bryson:**

In Coventry it's always dull, always still, once you've seen one thing, you've seen everything. The city of history and atrocious weather.

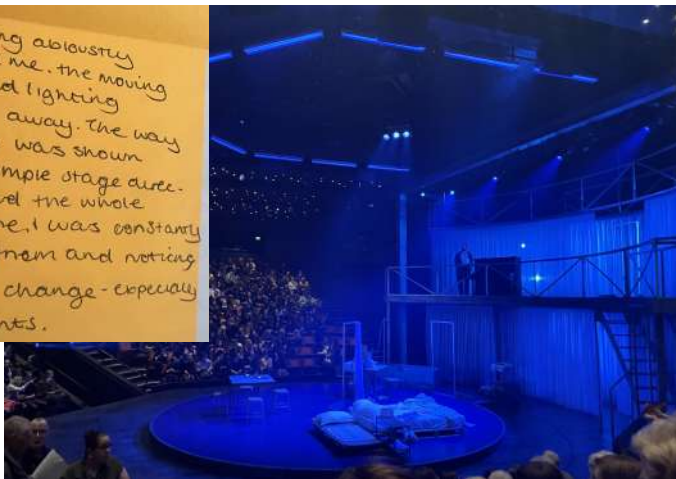
The morning was cold, melancholy and dark as if the city had been engulfed by darkness and stripped of the light that reflected the city."

"The journey to Sheffield was long, and warm. But in the end, it was worth it. The city was beautiful, with towers standing tall shoulder to shoulder. Surrounded by concrete giants."

"After living within Coventry for my whole life, I was used and accustomed to the continuous melancholic skies and dead, lifeless greenery. Stepping into Sheffield felt as if my depression was a result of my surroundings - maybe all I needed was to delve into a land of beautiful botanicals and cascading build-ings to feel something again."



the setting obviously shocked me. the moving stage and lighting blew me away. the way the scene was shown through simple stage directions moved the whole piece for me. i was constantly watching them and noting the clours change- especially the lights.



# We are Lyng Hall—P16 Enrichment Oppor-

## TIRAH Talks—Partnership with The University of Warwick



The TIRAH Talks programme has provided an opportunity to participate in critical discussions, develop independent research and ultimately to prepare for a formal presentation on campus.

This year's project was "Social Media as a Form of Activism" and we are incredibly proud of how hard they all worked.

On Monday 28th April, students travelled with Mrs. Cockrell to The University of Warwick to deliver their final work.

**Mrs Cockrell:** "The students demonstrated exceptional skill in presenting their research, engaging with the audience with confident delivery and well-researched content—something which is unfamiliar to them. It was clear time and effort was put into their collaborative and independent work. The students should be truly proud of themselves!"

**Student reflections:** "Warwick University was a calm yet strong environment, due to it being exam season you could see a lot of people around. The location was like a mini city. On the tour, we saw many of the buildings which each have their own identity. Having the opportunity to deliver our presentations was enriching; the review we received was clear and informative. It was all well-explained making me feel like I had improved on my presentation skills."

"I'm excited to share that I recently had the incredible opportunity to present my speech on social activism at Warwick University. It was an unforgettable experience that not only allowed me to share my passion but also helped me grow personally and professionally.

Presenting in such a respected academic space challenged me to refine my communication skills, and hearing the powerful speeches from my peers was equally inspiring. The exchange of ideas and perspectives truly reinforced the value of activism and the importance of using our voices for change.

I'm grateful for this opportunity and all that it taught me."

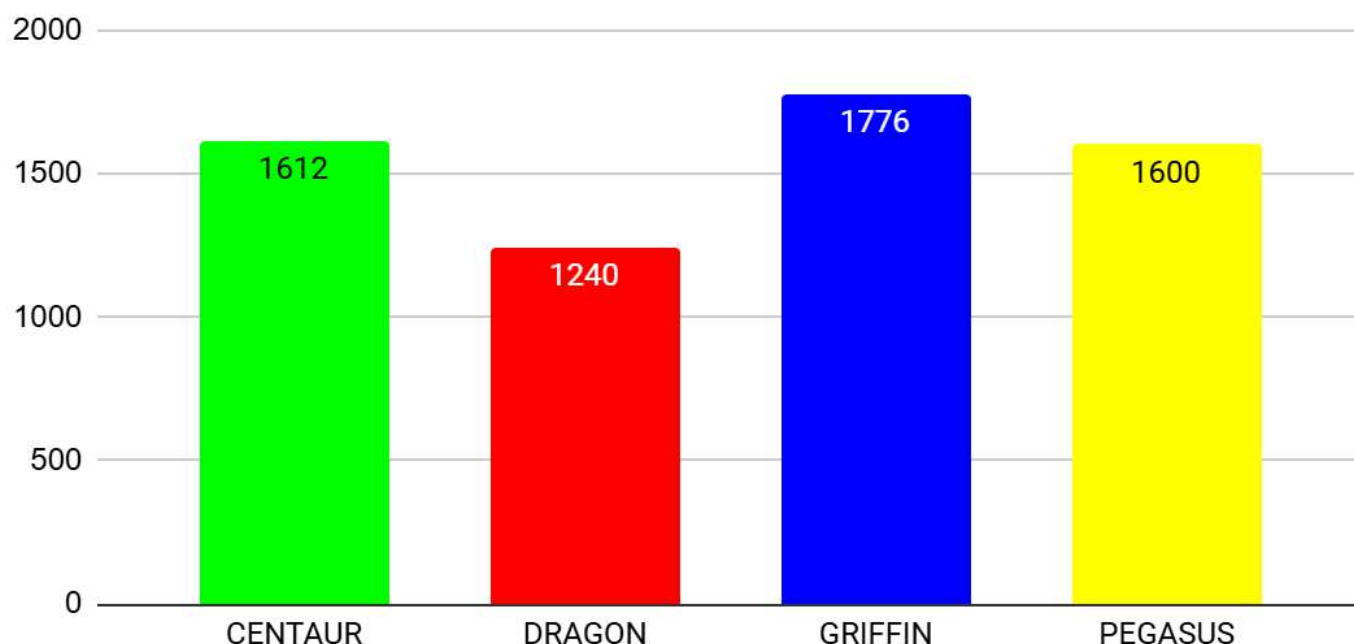
"Once again we were impressed by the sixth form students from Lyng Hall. The students confidently gave interesting, well-researched presentations that showed their critical engagement with this year's TIRAH Talks topic – Social Media and Social Activism.

Charlotte Pearce, Widening Participation Officer, English and Comparative Literary Studies –University of Warwick.



## College – Update

### COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Here are the college grand totals upon returning from the half-term break. Positions remain the same however Pegasus gained a big increase in points although, are still quite a stretch away from Griffin at the top. There are only an average of 12 points between Pegasus and Centaur—could Pegasus jump to second place by next week?

There is going to be lots to look forward with regards to the college system in school. With a second reward trip in the making this year, there is lots to compete for! Keep your eyes peeled and keep working hard.

## DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

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## 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

#### **Coming up...**

Tuesday 6th May - Year 10 Parents' Meetings

w/b Monday 26th May - Half Term

Tuesday 10th June—Year 7 Parents' Meetings