



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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Did You Know?

We were visited by our future headteacher on Wednesday—it was a great opportunity for Ms Martindale to look around the school and meet students, also spending time alongside Mr Green to ensure the transition is smooth in September.

I was able to catch up with Ms Martindale to get a few words for our newsletter: "I've been hugely impressed by the welcome I've received. All the students have been cordial, articulate and supportive when they've met me. I've been really excited for this opportunity; Mr Green has given me lots of time and support to understand the school."

Year 10 and 11 students were given the opportunity to see David Tennent in a stage performance of Macbeth—but at the cinema!

Popcorn, chocolate and drinks at the ready, they were able to recline in comfort and settle in to the gory performance—"Yet who would have thought the old man to have so much blood in him."

The performance was excellent—a vivid portrayal on the play. The students felt it really helped with their understanding for the exams to come and Year 10 students witnessed their first exposure to Macbeth in brilliant surround sound!

Thank you To Miss Hagan for organising and to the Showcase for giving us an excellent rate on our own screening!

World Book Day—Community Partnerships

For **World Book Day** this year, on 6th March, students from 80 joined some of our KS5 leaders and visited our local feeder Primary School: Henley Green. The Y8 students had worked hard preparing a wonderful creative writing session for the Y6 classes. They created their teacher packs and rehearsed their lines. As it was a sunny day, we walked round to the school and students were excited to have the opportunity to work as role models in their community.

Students began their sessions by sharing their favourite reads when they were in Y6. Do you remember this classic? Enid Blyton's *Magic Faraway Tree*.



From the beginning, it was wonderful to see the students engaging with their small groups. With the sliding doors open between both classrooms, the atmosphere was buzzing with their voices. There was an energy in the room which remained throughout.

The workshop itself was looking at **Grim Tales**—working in their small groups, students discussed their favourite Fairytales and then together re-wrote a tale to twist what happened. There was some incredible creativity shown. I was proud of the year 8's guidance of the year 6s, and everything they learnt along the way. In addition, I was proud of our Y12s who were wonderful supports of each of the sessions. There was definitely evidence of future teachers in the room.

Our time ended with story time—each group sharing their work at the front of the classroom. Wonderful!

The stories produced were beautiful - in the near future, displays will be created in both schools to feature their collaborative work. We are excited for this to be the first of many partnership projects.

Our students' view of the experience:

"I loved it because I got to experience teaching."

"It was fun and I improved my teaching skills."

"It was incredible to understand the concept and then try to present it from a different perspective."

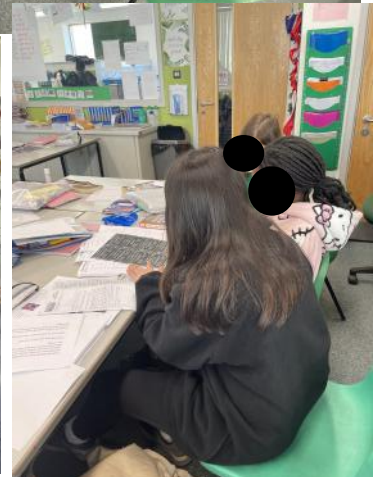
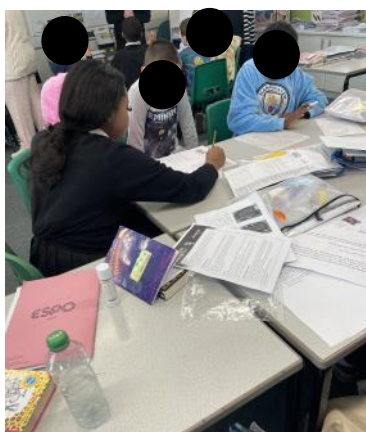
"It was exciting and taught me a lot of things."

Henley Green students' experience:

"I liked having all the older children to help me with writing"

"I was excited because we never have people from secondary school to see us!"

"Some of the stories were a bit scary but it was still fun."



We are Lyng Hall—Enterprise

The current year 13 Enterprise groups are creating a social enterprise based on the concept of recycling school uniforms.

The students will be running pop-up shops later in the term but are currently organising fund raising events to finance the pop-up shops.

There will be bake sales at lunch next week and on Thursday the 20th of March the students have organised a Bingo Evening after school at 3.30.

The entrance fees are **£1** for students and **£2** parents and guardians. The event will take place in the theatre and you will be escorted from reception to the theatre by students.

Several prizes will be on offer, the first prize will be a **£25 voucher** (Love to shop), the second prize will be a **£10 voucher** (Amazon), third prize will be two jars of Mr Hill's plum jam. Buy a ticket in advance or turn up on the night to support enterprise at Lyng Hall School.



We are Lyng Hall—IWD

We had a great time celebrating International Women's Day last Friday. Mr Green shared the success in his staff briefing:

"Well done to everyone for a fantastic effort on Friday, celebrating International Women's Day. £300 was raised and will be used to support the Coventry Haven refuge for women. These events are very important and when you congratulate your students tomorrow please also be clear that when they demonstrate the collective power to help others they can use this same power to help the communities in which they live in a positive way. It is a very important lesson leading to increased social capital across the community as a whole."

Please see attached some pictures from the day.

There was a chance to sign up for different awareness activities, a range of students created some amazing DIY bracelets celebrating women in their life. Here's one being made with some beautiful charms and beads, and one after being completed. Amazing!



Year 7 and 10 also created some amazing baked goods for International Women's Day; these were also sold at a bake sale during break time, to raise money for vital charity supporting women seeking refuge. The Post-16 group especially enjoyed the bake sale. Some of the goods included cupcakes, cookies and tarts – amazing food supporting an amazing cause for women!



We are Lyng Hall—IWD



Some of the students and teachers also participated in sporting events to help show their support and raise awareness. Pictured are Mr Baldwin and Mr Walker on the sports field, as they supported a number of students in various sporting and exercise activities, such as football and high jumping.

7Y also created a lovely display board featuring prominent women in STEM and in many critical fields, such as the creation of lifesaving medicine. What a wonderful showcase of support!



Griffin – Update

Great work to all Griffin students again, maintaining a comfortable lead at the top of the leaderboard for a second consecutive college championship—the hard work all around is paying off.

I wanted to take this segment of the newsletter to emphasise the importance of the college values and what they mean to people:

Responsibility—“Taking ownership of your own choices, learning from them and growing as a person” - Mr S. Veal

Determination—“There will be times in your life where you can pick what is right or what is easy” - Mr L. Baldwin

“Believe you can and you are halfway there” - Mrs F. Turvey

Resilience—“Striving to continue doing your best at everything you attempt, even when it feels difficult and like its impossible to continue. All good things come from continued hard work and perseverance through a challenging period of time” - Miss A.

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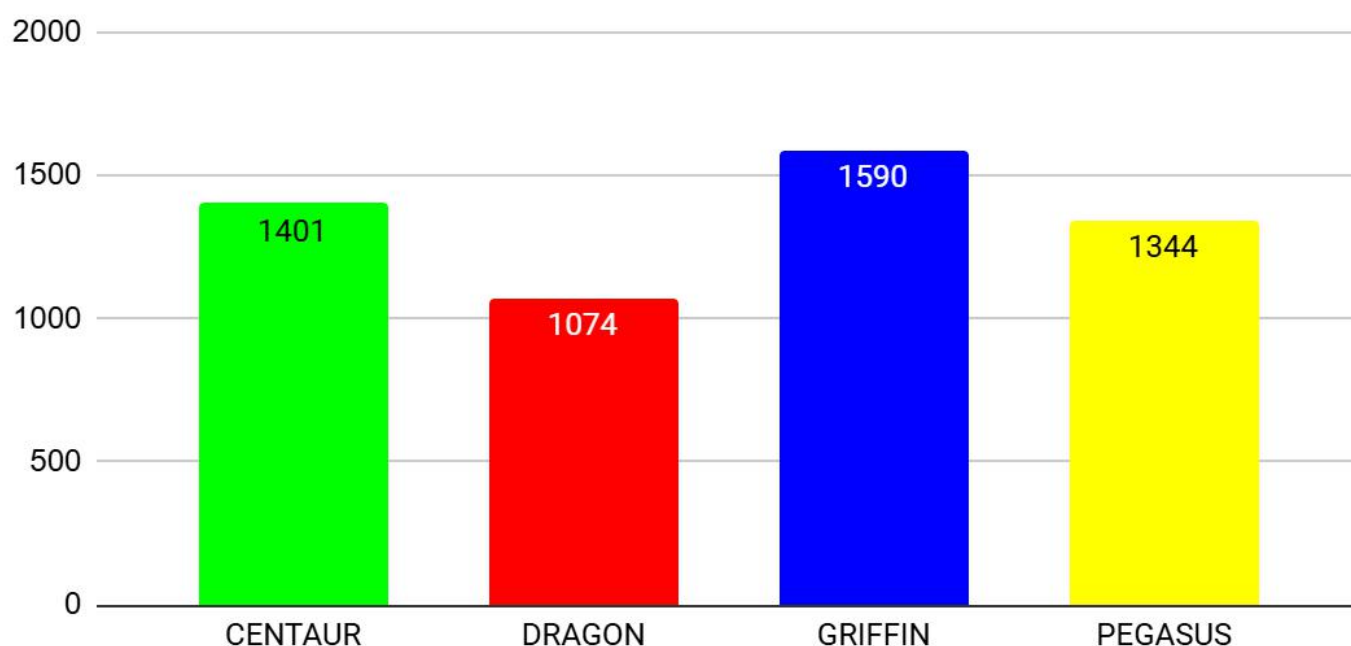
Empathy—“Taking a step in someone else’s shoes, showing kindness when their journey may be rocky.” - Miss M. Kowalska

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College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Here are the college grand totals this week. The same two colleges won the 1000 point bonuses this week ; Griffin had the least number of behaviour points as a college and Centaur had the highest homework submission rate. This is definitely helping them to stay at the top of the league!

In addition to this, Griffin had the highest weekly increase of points and Centaur had the highest percentage of attendance, so their performance is looking good to keep them in first and second place.

DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

11R 11I 10Y 8M 10M 11G 7M 10R

All of the groups above received double points for having no behaviour points for a whole week - something all groups should achieve yet, few actually do!



College – Update

The College ‘Top 10’

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Caitlynn Babb	10M	1417	Deborah Eribalo	10Y	1317	Temil Kazeem	10O	1503	Ashley Dewis	10I	1530
Reece Wilkes	10M	1412	Kimberley Frimpong	10Y	1218	Kevin Yu	9R	1499	Vanessa Nwajioha	10R	1415
Lucia Gaborova	TEFL	1372	Ayub Jama	8I	1151	Nucula-Razvan Costache	10O	1479	Amelie Munro	10R	1366
Patrick Stark	10M	1364	Annalise Treacy	8I	1088	Piotr Jonas	10O	1469	Sara Raducan	10I	1320
Anna Lackova	TEFL	1308	Igor Kap	8I	1055	Charlie Raybould	9R	1455	Julia Witrykus	10R	1318
Ayrton Sumner	10M	1268	Jason Laleye	10Y	1052	Liam Adkins	9R	1437	Wiktorja Zamosna	10R	1280
Jaromir Gabor	TEFL	1250	Andreea Duna	8I	1034	Caitlin Valentine	9R	1430	Alfie Brown	10R	1279
Centaur	7B	1243	Taylor Purcell	8I	1020	Lona Nembo Wakam	9R	1417	Harkiran Kaur	10R	1244
Lily-Rose Eggleton	10M	1207	Liam Kavanagh	8I	1012	Rasan Mohammed	9R	1400	Trey Langa	10I	1231
Tehillah Nyakudya	10M	1185	Alfie Smalley	9M	1000	Griffin	9R	1400	Javion Duke	10I	1217

The table above shows the top 10 pupils in each college. To get to the ‘top’ you have to have the highest number of overall, academic points, so this is a great achievement.

There were a large number of postcard nominations added to the system last week and Miss Gaggini has another stack of postcards in her office. Each postcard nomination is worth 100 college points so, this can inevitably make a huge difference to the college grand totals.

As it stands, Griffin and Pegasus currently have the highest number of postcard nominations. These nominations are made by teachers, when pupils show one of our 4 college values: empathy, determination, responsibility and resilience. Which college will have the most nominations next week?



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

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 18th March - Year 8 Parents Evening

Tuesday 18th March - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Day 1)

Thursday 27th March—Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Day 2)

w/b 14th April - Easter Holiday