



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



## Did You Know? Editor Daria Strimbeanu

*It was Refugee Week 16th—22nd June. This year's theme is 'Community as a Super Power.' Ms Lazarska took a group of TEFL students to visit different Primary Schools where they shared their traditional stories from their home countries. The stories in Pasho, Persian, Ukrainian, Turkish, Urdu, Slovak and Portuguese were beautifully read, translated and illustrated by Lyng Hall TEFL students themselves.*

*What a better way to celebrate this year's Refugee Week's message of Community then to invite one another into the world of folklore of many languages and cultures.*

*"Just wanted to say a huge thank you for the assembly on Monday- the children thoroughly enjoyed hearing all the stories and the different languages. It was so lovely to hear them and see their confidence speaking in front of a big audience. We sent thank you notes that my class have written to you." Ms **Davenport - Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Academy***

*"What a fantastic session! Thank you so much - it was wonderful to have your students share their stories with us today - they were a credit to you!"*

*I would like to share these [pictures of the event for our school community.]*

*I look forward to continuing our language and culture links." Ms **Coonan**  
**Henley Green Primary School***

*What a wonderful impression the students on the following pages have made on our community. Refugee Week – 16 – 22 June 2025*

# We are Lyng Hall—Refugee Week—Tell Me a Story

They translated these stories into English for us.

Lyng Hall TEFL students shared traditional stories from their countries.

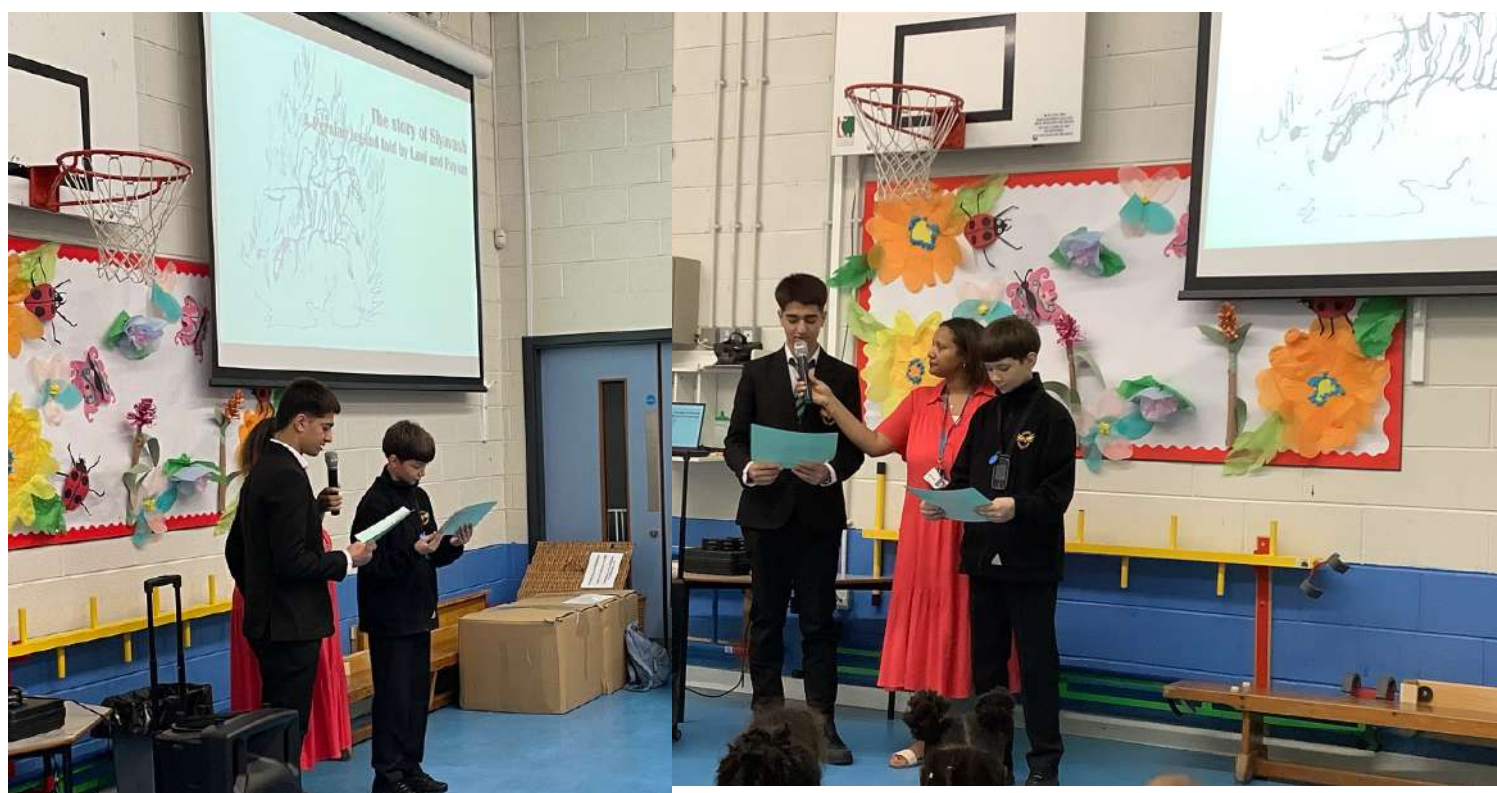
"Tell Me A Story" project lets you into the world of folklore from all over the world.

The students' families joined in to allow us to hear stories in their original language.





# We are Lyng Hall—Refugee Week—Tell Me a Story



# We are Lyng Hall—International Trip

## 6th Cities of Remembrance Network – UNESCO Ambassadors’ International Trip

**Ypres and Dunkirk: 20-27 May 2025**

*Our UNESCO Ambassadors were invited by CAIF – Coventry Association of International Friendship – to the Cities of Remembrance symposium in Ypres and Dunkirk. In the 6 months building up to the trip, they were invited to explore the topic: ‘Diversity of Remembrance.’ This prompt created space to explore their own journeys, family, and heritage. We agreed upon the title ‘Creative Tapestry’ for our presentation to share how the project wove us further together as a group.*

*The Memory Cities network, officially created in Dunkirk in 2016, aims to bring together several cities around the world that have been heavily affected by the conflicts of the 20th century. The network currently includes 17 cities, such as Hiroshima, Bizerte, Krefeld, Gdansk, Oradour-sur-Glane, and Boutcha. This year’s event coincided with the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Dunkirk and the 85th anniversary of Operation Dynamo – this was the operation to evacuate a large number of British, French, and Belgian troops from Dunkirk, trapped by the advancing German troops. The various delegations explored key topics such as the rise of extremism, European engagement and citizenship, and current geopolitical events.*

*During the 8 days, alongside Political Delegates from around the world, our ambassadors engaged in a series of commemorative events for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: the arrival of the Little Ships flotilla and military vehicle exhibition; Commemorative ceremony in memory of the British servicemen who died in Dunkirk during the 1940 campaign; Visit of the Fort des Dunes Museum; Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate; Official commemorative ceremony marking the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo; and a Symposium with 200 students from Dunkirk to address the issue of Far Right Extremism.*

*In this newsletter, our ambassadors share the impact of the visit with you*

**“To serve in the education profession is both a privilege and a responsibility. History warns us of the impact education can have. The classroom has more than four walls. It is an opportunity to give space for conversations with young people that can shape a tapestry in our future which is beyond lines of division, the tug of war of territory and the suppression of self. Diversity of remembrance is us acknowledging the different threads of the tapestry that creates the world’s picture. This project enabled me to see the shared narratives I have with my students. Our families, at one point in time, fought on opposing sides of the same war. But our conversation, our journey together demonstrates the power of education to change futures; and the strength of young voices to elevate the possibilities of future generations. We are proud to belong to a school and city that are nationally recognised as places of sanctuary who place peace and reconciliation at the heart of what we do.”**



**– Miss. Hagan, Director of English,  
UNESCO School Ambassador**



# We are Lyng Hall—International Trip

## Our Creative Tapestry

Our journeys are pieced together  
An image of fragmented stories  
We've become united as one  
Each of us carry a unique voice.

Nos histoires que nous partageons,  
Les fils de notre passé,  
L'identité de notre avenir.

La diversità è l'eco delle nostre radici  
e un ritmo condiviso di differenza  
che batte in tutti i nostri cuori

La diversita' unisce le persone ed e'  
La bellezza nella differenza.

frumusețea se găsește în diversitatea  
pe care o împărtășim cu toți

różnorodność jest w każdym z nas,  
jednoczy nas wszystkich we wspólnocie

Purtând moștenirea noastră în sufletele noastre  
Ajungem să fim unul dintre aceiași  
Făcând o schimbare în această lume coruptă  
O poveste pe care o prețuim cu toții inimilor noastre

Culture is woven through each person and  
every story that is manifested from this diversity  
is one that should never be forgotten



# We are Lyng Hall—International Trip

## **Identity - Eden**

Being able to experience this is something I will be grateful for all of my life. Even though the main purpose of the trip was educational, it created many fun memories with the other ambassadors.

Throughout our time there we had the opportunities to meet and talk with delegates and representatives from around the world. Listening to them give speeches about how they want to counter far right extremism made me realise how much of a problem it's becoming in the world today. And then being able to speak with them afterwards about the state of the world and even just having casual conversations was helpful in furthering my understanding of how to better the world.

Each part of the trip helped me think about how as a person of youth I can try to make an impact on what the future can become.

Learning everything we did on the trip made me reflect more on my family's identity. Thinking about how my ancestors experienced the war, although not being on the front lines they went through many different kinds of hardships. Everything we heard linked to my family story and I'm extremely grateful to have learnt everything we did.

## **Remembrance - Daniel**

I recently attended a symposium in Dunkerque that brought together young people, activists, and political leaders to confront one of the most urgent threats facing our world today: the rise of far-right extremism.

What became clear to me during those days is this: remembrance is not just about looking back it's about protecting the future.

Far right ideologies do not emerge in a vacuum. History shows us, again and again, what happens when hatred is normalised, when people are divided, and when dangerous ideas are left unchallenged. From the Holocaust to the Rwandan genocide, the signs were there - subtle at first until they became impossible to ignore.

Remembrance is how we keep those signs from being forgotten. It is our strongest moral compass. It reminds us not only of what happened, but how it happened how language was twisted, how communities were scapegoated, and how silence allowed cruelty to grow.

To remember is to resist. It's a refusal to let history repeat itself.

We, as young people, inherit these memories not as guilt, but as responsibility. When we remember the victims of hate, we honour them by speaking out against new forms of it whether they appear in classrooms, online comment sections, or political speeches.

And Remembrance gives us context, clarity, and courage. It teaches us that extremism doesn't begin with violence—it begins with forgetting.





# We are Lyng Hall—International Trip

## **Reconciliation - Julien**

Our trip showed us pain, trauma and suffering on all those who had to endure this war. We were given tasks to do and asked to do a 'scavenger hunt' and find certain buildings and statues and learn the meaning behind them. This told us about the history of Dunkerque and key individuals in its past and allowed us not only to learn about history but visit it. We also visited an expedition in a museum in Dunkerque where a man shared his heritage and what happened to his grandparents during the war. I had to translate what he shared with us as he was French, and because of that he managed to reconcile something with us because it was so important to him. After that there was a parade and the "Little Ships Flotilla" which included boats sailing across Dunkerque with music to remember operation Dynamo which was an important moment in the war. We also went into a symposium where the delegates of cities in other countries spoke together, and despite their differences this showed how those countries managed to reconcile with each other.

## **Heritage - Daria**

Heritage. We were able to see the flotillas, a boat parade that is passed down through generations in Dunkirk to remember the things that happened long ago. We also visited a number of international cemeteries. This taught us to cherish our past, our heritage, and ourselves. I feel happiness when thinking about how that trip changed me for the better and made me want to learn more about my heritage and my family's story.

Heritage:

Something that makes you—You

The flotillas:

something passed down

new generations.

From one generation

to the next.

The cemeteries:

A place of respect

to those who fought;

A place of remembrance

for the lives sacrificed

for our freedom.

Let's spend these moments

To pay respects

To those who came before us



# We are Lyng Hall—International Trip

## **Belonging - Alicja**

Feeling like I belonged. While we were in Dunkirk, we had the opportunity to listen to delegates from countries like Germany, Italy, Poland and even South Korea speak at a symposium with the topic being how to fight against far-right extremism and growing hate speech as well as how to protect the youth from it. After the symposium, we spent some time speaking to the delegates as well as explaining to them what we as ambassadors do together as a group. During these conversations, I realised what an honour it was to speak to these people.

As a young person, I had noticed how not many people my age get involved with these sorts of activities. This made me feel like I belonged amongst all these people. We were the youngest people there and many of the delegates were willing to speak to us, find out who we were and find out why we chose to join this group. They also wanted to hear a younger person's perspective and opinion on what was spoken about in the symposium.

My experiences made me feel noticed and acknowledged amongst so many important people since younger people can sometimes get dismissed by older people. The fact that we were able to speak to these people was a huge achievement in itself and the fact we were recognised was another achievement. The trip was absolutely amazing and I had so much fun while we were there. We explored many different monuments about the war and times of suffering that we got to reflect on.



## **Acceptance - Alex**

Our time in Belgium and France was amazing and the greatest time away I have ever had, especially since I got to hang out with my friends and we got to network, which I've never done before. The delegates were a delight to talk to and it was a lovely experience since they were very accepting to us being there.

I am glad that we got to network and see the symposium before we presented to all the delegates because meeting them made me feel less nervous to do the presentation in front of them. The Flanders Field Museum was where we did the presentation and it was gorgeous. When we did the presentation, I felt accepted as a person and my family heritage by all of the delegates because they were all listening attentively to our speech and gave us a large round of applause at the end. Everywhere in Belgium and France I felt like I was accepted and the atmosphere was a very nice one.





# We are Lyng Hall—International Trip

## Friendship - Deborah

I recently had the incredible opportunity to go on a school trip to Belgium with my friends and teachers. It was truly an unforgettable experience, with a lot of learning, adventure, and reflection. We were able to take part in many fun and mesmerising activities, all while deepening our understanding of the wars that took place there and the impact, they had on so many lives.

One of the most memorable moments of the trip was a guided bus tour that took us to important historical sites. We stopped at cemeteries where thousands of soldiers who lost their lives in the war are buried. Walking among the rows of gravestones was really emotional. It made me truly realise the amount of loss and sacrifice, and reminded me of the importance of remembering those who fought for our future.

Another highlight of the trip was the chance to meet new people from different countries and backgrounds. By the end of the journey, we became close friends with many of them. These friendships are something I will always remember.

## Responsibility - Emmanuel

That's something we've forgotten, the rise of dictators erasing the idea of justice, the irreversible damage done to the minds of the needy and desperate.

Two eyes connecting but only causing disarray and confusion.

Two geniuses blinding the world with their knowledge.

Days, months, years casting obsidian shadows of doubt, fear culminating into an amalgamation of temptation; making the public submerge into a lake of sin.

The remedy to this painting of wickedness; simple. A pure construction.

Every individual transitioning into an architect of peace.

Every citizen protecting the jade land each one of us nickname earth.

Your mute facade does not aid in the fight for preservation; your silent persona only corrupts the memories that should be evolving us into a greater future.

The reliance must now shift to the ones with less than half of the experience but double the unique imagination that we need to craft something special.

Don't look hide from the responsibility. Conquer it. Then and only then will the evil be destroyed instead of the liberty.

To cure the globe of a darkness by impaling it with swords of light.

## Memory Cities' Network's Post



### Memory Cities' Network

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Congratulations to all the students of Lyng High School who participated in the 6th International Symposium of the Cities of Remembrance network! 🎉

Their dedication to presenting a thoughtful project on memory and diversity is truly inspiring. By engaging with these important themes, they have contributed meaningfully to preserving history and promoting understanding across cultures. Well done on your remarkable work and representation of your school on the international stage! 🌍

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Félicitations à tous les élèves de Lyng High School qui ont participé au 6e colloque international du réseau des Villes Mémoires! 🎉

Leur engagement à présenter un projet réfléchi sur la mémoire et la diversité est une véritable source d'inspiration. En abordant ces thèmes importants, ils ont contribué de manière significative à la préservation de l'histoire et à la promotion de la compréhension entre les cultures. Bravo pour leur travail remarquable et pour la représentation de leur école sur la scène internationale! 🌍

Linda Hiron



### Linda Hiron

Government Administration Professional  
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CAIF members, students from Lyng Hall school, Coventry with their teacher and parents, celebrate their successful visit to the 6th Symposium of the Memory Cities' Network.



# We are Lyng Hall—Summer Activities

*As the school summer holidays are fast approaching. For many eligible children and families, HAF is a highlight of the Coventry school summer holidays. This summer we have an incredible range of activities available to grab the interest of every eligible child and young person including: multi-sports, coding, cooking, plumbing skills, skateboarding, performing arts, STEM activities, and so much more.*

***We have 26,803 activity sessions available this summer. We need your help to ensure that all of these get booked up so that children and families do not miss out! Bookings open at 4pm on Wednesday 25th June.***

[Eegu](#) · [After school](#) · [In place of school](#) · [Beyond school](#) - click on link to register your interest.



**COVENTRY HAF**

### A SUMMARY

HAF Holiday Activities are free for children who receive Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Each child can book up to 16 sessions this Summer.

A maximum of one experience can be booked per child:

- Planet Ice - Ice Skating
- The Wave - Swimming
- Individual Clubs (e.g. Drayton Manor)

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## OUR LISTINGS

108 listings available

### HAF @ Alderman's Green




Making a difference across...  
SKY BLUES IN THE COMMUNITY

- Alderman's Green Community Primary School, Coventry
- For ages: 5 - 11

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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### HAF @ Broad Heath Primary School



Making a difference across...  
SKY BLUES IN THE COMMUNITY

- 9 Broad Heath Community Primary School, Coventry
- For ages: 5 - 12

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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### HAF @ Grace Academy



Making a difference across...  
SKY BLUES IN THE COMMUNITY

- Grace Academy Coventry, Coventry
- For ages: 10 - 12





# We are Lyng Hall—Summer Activities

## Coventry HAF

Free activities and  
food this Summer

**Something for everyone  
this Summer**

Sports, Swimming, Day Trips, STEM  
activities and much more

**21 July to 31 August 2025**



Book now at  
[coventry.gov.uk/haf](https://coventry.gov.uk/haf)



## Coventry HAF

Free activities and  
food this Summer

**Going live on  
Wednesday 25 June  
at 4pm for bookings**

**21 July to 31 August 2025**



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## Griffin – Update

**This is our time. Our team. Our victory to claim.**

In Griffin college, excellence is not just a goal — it's a standard. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or in the arts, we are a community of determination and pride. With Championship Days fast approaching, now is the time to step up, stand tall, and show what it means to be a Griffin!

Every lesson counts. Every moment you spend in class builds your future. Being present, focused, and prepared is the first step toward success. Let's commit to turning up — not just physically, but mentally and emotionally. You're not just earning grades; you're earning greatness.

At Griffin, we rise together. Support each other. Celebrate every win — big or small. When one of us excels, it lifts us all. Let's build each other up and create an unstoppable force fuelled by unity and school spirit.

Now is the time to step forward, rise higher, and give your all. Champions are made from commitment, consistency, and heart. And we've got it all.

Because we are **Griffin College**.

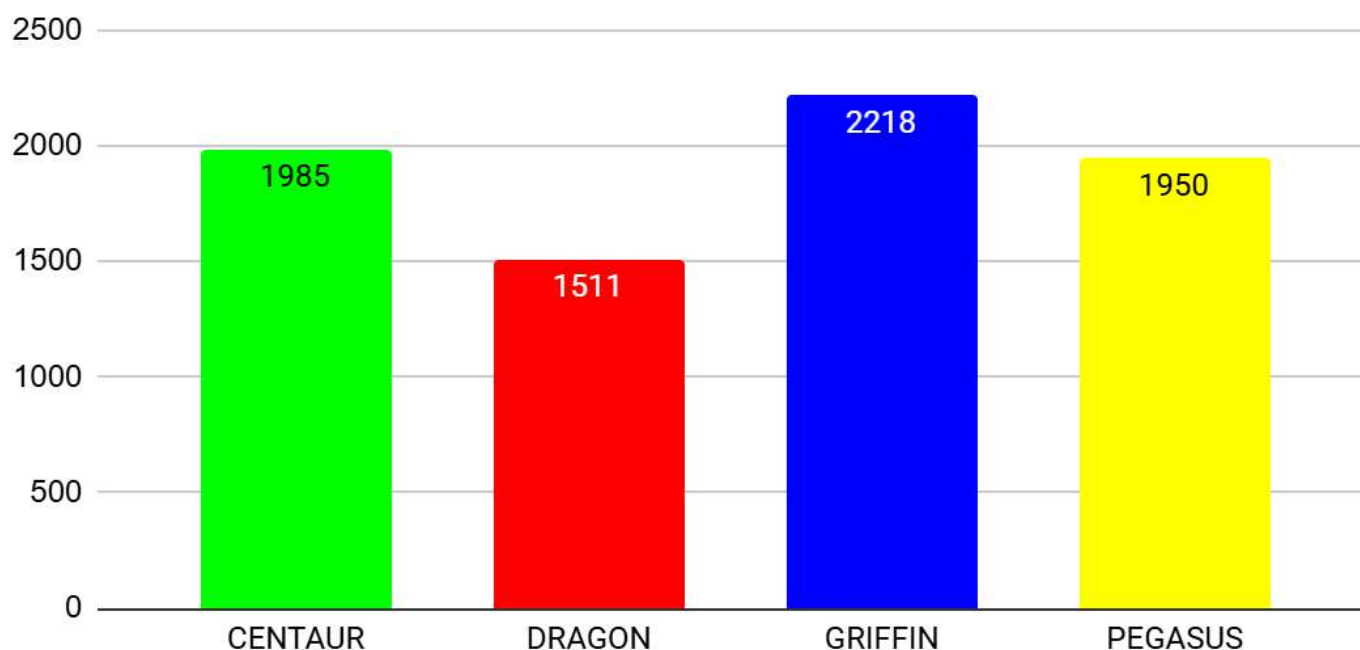
And **we were born to be champions**.





## College – Update

### COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Here we are!... The whole year we have been competing for points, leading up to this moment... **THE COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP DAYS!** On Monday and Tuesday, the whole school will be taking part in various different activities, to win points for their college. The winning college will get to go on a trip to Red Kangaroo on Friday.

The above chart shows the current college positions and this has remained the same for the majority of the year however, there are **SO MANY** points up for grabs across the two champ days that, anything really good happen! This means, despite Dragon being in fourth place, if they absolutely smashed the competitions and beat the other colleges in several areas, it is statistically possible for them to be crowned winners overall.

The pressure is high but, with good teamwork and togetherness, each college has a fair chance of taking the win. Get ready for day 1 on Monday, have fun and good luck to all!



## 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 Fundraising

A big thank you to our amazing supporters who raise free funds for us on #easyfundraising. If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for Finham Park Multi Academy Trust every time you shop online. All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, Expedia, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you. Please sign up today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/finham-park-multi-academy-trust/9iw43f/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/facebook/> Money raised will support children across all the schools within our Trust.

### School Calendar

**Coming up...**

**Monday 30th June & Tuesday 1st July - College Championship Days**

**Wednesday 2nd July - Drayton Manor Trip**

**Thursday 3rd July - Celebration Evening**

**Tuesday 8th July - Culture Day**

**Wednesday 9th July & Thursday 10th July - Year 9 vaccinations**

**Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th - Hairspray at 7pm**