

STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DATE 11.07.2025

So, the time is now fast approaching when I will come to Lyng Hall for the last time. It was six months ago that I announced my intention to retire at the end of the year and the intervening period has flown by.

I started at Lyng Hall as a young deputy headteacher exactly 30 years ago and became the headteacher 22 years ago. I have worked with over 5000 students in that time. I am always pleased when new students ask me if I know their parents or relatives who I have taught. I am always pleased that I can remember so many! It was probably time to think about retirement when I was told "You taught my grandparents"!!

Lyng Hall has gone through many changes during the time I have been here and I have had four attempts to secure us a sports hall, so, I am really pleased that this has finally happened and a state-of-the-art sports hall will open in the new year.

It is always a pleasure to see students involved in the range of activities that we offer, mandarin with trips to China, productions, trips and visits, musical events, robotics, sports activities, affiliations with UNESCO, student leadership and council, to name a few, all give students the opportunity to broaden their experience.

I have been very fortunate throughout my time here to work with the most dedicated and committed staff imaginable, they have made my job both easier and more enjoyable.

In the end it is the students who are the lifeblood of the school and I have enjoyed watching them develop from young children to young adults, ready to take their place in the community. Some have returned as members of staff and others come back to see me from time to time to let me know what they are doing. Often, I meet them unexpectedly at open evenings with their own children who are joining us.

Finally, I need to thank the parents of the students who have given the school and me unwavering support. I really do appreciate it.

It has been a pleasure and I leave you in the capable hands of the staff and the new Headteacher Leah Martindale as the school continues on its journey.

Best wishes

Paul

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We are Lyng Hall—Mandarin Trip

Mrs Priest and Ms Shi have sent a number of pictures and descriptions of 9M and they are enjoying (with a very packed schedule!) their time in China.

Here is a description from one of the days: "We have had great fun whilst working hard. Both Hong Ju and I have said what a pleasure (if exhausting) it has been so far to lead the children in 9M on the trip.

On day 7 they studied in the morning. Then we went to visit THE top school in Shanghai. Students represented Lyng Hall and the UK with pride and maturity.

We will get a detailed report for September, for the next newsletter.



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<u>College – Update</u>

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



To provide a visual to lasts weeks statistical break-down, the above chart shows the final points for each college, at the end of the championship. This was following the two days of college competitions, where students took part in several activities, within different subject areas, to earn points for their college.

Shockingly and unexpectedly, despite Dragon having sat very comfortably in fourth place all year long, they proved to be very successful in the competitions on these days which, resulted in a tie between themselves and Pegasus (whom were in third place before the two-days of competitions).

To break the tie and to decide which college to crown as the overall champions, we looked at the performance of Pegasus and Dragon across the two college championship days. Dragon placed first on day 1 and earned a substantial amount of points on day 2, to title them as championship winners across the two-days. Due to Dragon out-performing not only Pegasus but, all colleges, they were crowned with the overall winning title!



<u>College – Update</u>

Some photos from the College Championship Days:

























<u>College – Update</u>

As promised all year long, the winning college received a free reward trip to Red Kangaroo. This took place last Friday, where transport was organised for all Dragon pupils, to enjoy a bounce session at the trampoline park.







How our school can support your family

We will work together with you to understand what help you need and then together make a plan. This may include working with partner agencies and Coventry City Council's Early Help services as well as members of your support network and other professionals who will form a team around your family to help make positive changes.

How do I get support?

If you want to receive help from your school, please speak to

You can also request help at your local Family Hub by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/applyearlyhelp or by calling 0800 8870545.

There is also 24/7 support available through the Coventry Families Portal https://www.coventryfamilies.co.uk

All schools are part of Coventry's Early Help Partnership and will work closely with other agencies to help you and your family. All help is free and confidential.

How could you and your family benefit from family support?

The family support is designed to help your family in the challenging moments of your life. Our school staff are skilled professionals and want to help you and your family be the best that you can be. The earlier you get help the better.

What happens if I don't want the help?

We want to work with your family and it's important we have your full engagement but you do not have to take the support that we are offering you, this is a voluntary process and you can tell us at any time if you no longer want the support.



Family Support



Having a conversation





Working together to create a plan



Regular meetings to review the plan with the team around your family



When things are better for you and your family the plan will close



You will be asked for your agreement for Early Help services to come together to support you and your family and to share relevant information to get the right help with the right people.

We will use your personal information so that we can provide the right advice and guidance and provide the help that you require as early as possible.

Coventry City Council process personal data because it is necessary to comply with our legal obligations and perform our public duty. We will only share information when it is necessary and lawful. We will tell you if we need to do this and who we are sharing information with.

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The Privacy Notice explains how personal information could be used, what for, who it will be shared with any why.

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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: <u>freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk</u> Applications can be made through: www.coventry.go.uk/ applyforfreeschoolmeals

SCHOOL

To purchase food in the school dining room, money must be paid onto <u>ParentPay</u> as we are a cashless school. Login through: <u>https://</u> <u>app.parentpay.com/public/client/</u> <u>security/v2/#/login</u>

If you experience any problems with this, please contact your child's pastoral year coordinator.

> 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.

We accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.

UNIFORM

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 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:

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http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses.

Applications: <u>www.coventry.gov.uk/</u> <u>applyforatravelpass</u>

Queries: Tel: 02476975445 or Email:

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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: <u>https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/finham-park-multiacademy-trust/9iw43f/c2s/ZdU7Z020/CE955/facebook/</u> Money raised will support children across all the schools within our Trust.

School Calendar

Coming up...

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

Friday 18th July - Last day of term