



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Introducing Our Young Reporter Editorial Team

Hello everyone, my name is **Temitope Akinmoladun** and I am honoured to introduce myself as a new part of the Lyng Hall Young Reporters' team. I'm passionate about sharing stories that matter to my fellow students and staff, I look forward to bringing you the latest news.

In recent weeks, our school community has been actively engaged in a variety of noteworthy events that demonstrate our dedication to growth and achievement. For example, the *Rooted for Change* book launch was an inspiring community event. Author Gad Turuthi shared powerful messages on resilience, culture and reminding us that strong roots are key to guiding young people towards a positive future.

We participated in the Hiroshima Memorial Day at Coventry Cathedral—our UNESCO ambassadors shared their original work, and participated in a drumming performance at the remembrance service. The day was a powerful mix of culture, creativity and reflection, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved.

Our International Stories project was a valuable exchange that celebrated heritage and learning across generations.

Last but not least, we joined the community in a 5km run at Memorial Park. Students from 90 researched local charities and raised valuable money. It was a memorable experience filled with encouragement, teamwork and giving back to the community.

In conclusion, these projects and events have given our students valuable opportunities to learn and contribute to the wider community.

From celebrating culture and heritage to supporting charities and taking part in global remembrance, has helped us grow together with pride and purpose.

I look forward to sharing future stories with you.

We are Lyng Hall—Community Events

ROOTED. FOR CHANGE.

I hope this message finds you well.

I just wanted to say a heartfelt **thank you** for coming to the *Rooted for Change* book launch. It was truly an awesome and memorable event, and your presence made it even more special. I especially appreciate you bringing the boys along — it meant so much to see them there, and I trust they were inspired as well.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement. Looking forward to staying connected and working together in the future.

Warm regards,
Gad Turuthi

Initially, when we arrived at the venue, we were the first people there despite coming at the right time. It was funny to think about but also reminded me of my own cultural background since we usually take arrival times loosely.

When everyone arrived it was very welcoming because of the friendly man who was leading the event, we then had a traditional Kenyan meal which was delicious but definitely set this event off very differently to other book launches.

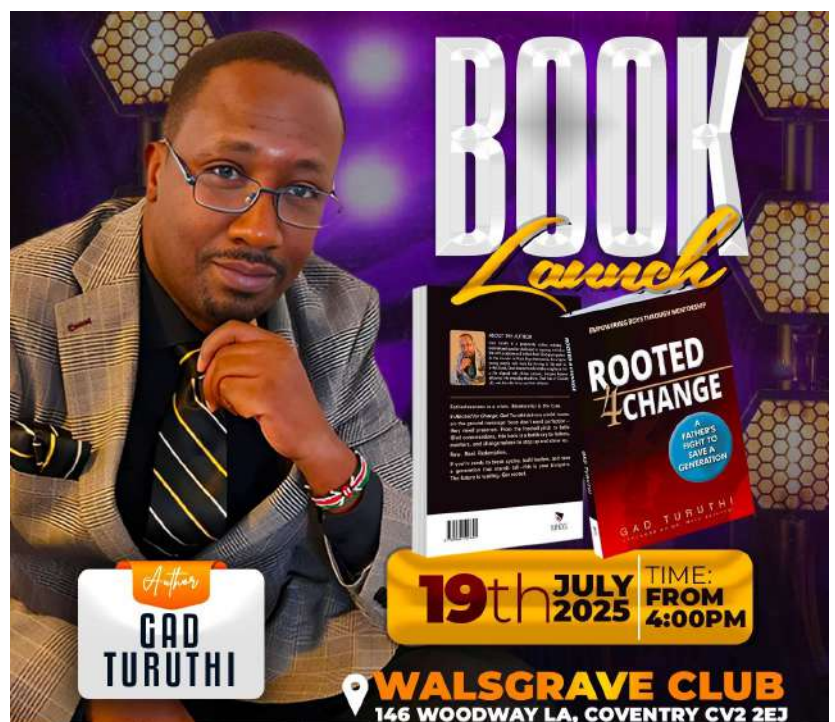
Afterwards, multiple people took the microphone to show their appreciation for the author of the book, Gad and how far he had come. It also held a Christian theme as well with a prayer about the success of a brother and even better days ahead.

After reading the book the whole event's significance is further shown as he writes about the hardships of young boys and advice from someone who was a troubled child. At the moment, the key lesson I take away - as I journey into adulthood - is our roots are the most crucial part to success in the future.

Overall, the event had a big significance for me because of the prominent African and Christian presence but also set a very unrealistic standard for any other book launch I go to in the future.

<https://miziziboysmentorship.com/>

By Emmanuel Dampare



We are Lyng Hall—UNESCO Ambassadors

Did you know? Hiroshima Remembrance

Hiroshima remembrance day, held on 6th of August each year, marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. This event was one of the most significant moments of the Second World War, as it directly contributed to Japan's surrender and the end of the conflict. Remembering Hiroshima therefore highlights a major point in world war history.

Hiroshima Remembrance Day carries deep human significance. The bombing killed tens of thousands of people on impact and scarred generations which suffered from the long term effects of the radiation. Survivors, *known as Hibakusha*, share their experiences to remind future generations of the horror of nuclear war. The day therefore honours victims while spreading a message of peace.

Finally, Hiroshima Remembrance Day plays a crucial role in international reconciliation and memory. It stands as a warning to future generations about the role of nuclear power in war. We as young people need to be part of the movement of change continuing the *Hibakusha* legacy and becoming ambassadors for nuclear disarmament.



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We are Lyng Hall—UNESCO Ambassadors

Reflections by Daniel Eribalo, Y11 UNESCO Ambassador

On Hiroshima Memorial Day at Coventry Cathedral, we began the day with a Japanese drum workshop, immersing ourselves in traditional rhythms and learning the cultural significance behind the drumming. Following this, we presented our original poems to the Hiroshima Ambassador, representing Japan, gifting him two beautifully framed pieces. This presentation took place in front of a large audience, making the experience even more memorable and impactful. Later, we were chosen to perform our drum ritual during the remembrance service. Wearing traditional vests, we performed with energy and precision, contributing to a moving and respectful ceremony.

The day was an unforgettable and enriching experience. The Japanese drum workshop was both educational and enjoyable, giving a hands-on understanding of Japanese culture. Presenting our poems to the Hiroshima representative was an honour, and seeing the audience's response added a sense of pride and accomplishment. Performing the drum ritual during the remembrance service was a highlight, as it allowed us to actively participate in honouring the memory of Hiroshima while engaging with the ceremonial aspects of the event.

Overall, the day combined creativity, cultural learning, and meaningful reflection, leaving a lasting impression of respect, collaboration, and celebration of art and memory.



We are Lyng Hall—UNESCO Ambassadors

Dear Ms Martindale,

The Lord Mayor, Members of the Lord Mayor's Committee, SACRE, Coventry Multifaith Forum and Godiva Trust would like to thank your students Daniel Eribalo, Julien Quesney, Emmanuel Dampare, Eden Jones, Daria-Teodora Nedelcu and Deborah Eribalo for taking part in 'The Hiroshima Day' Service at the Cathedral on Wednesday 6th August 2025. The service was live streamed too and will be shared with the Japanese Ambassador.

The ambassador was represented by Councillor Kentaro Kaneto.

This was an important service in which the two cities Coventry and Hiroshima shared their commitment to peace and reconciliation. We were proud of our young people's contribution as a reflection of their peers, the City of Coventry and United Kingdom.

Your youngsters confidently addressed the audience through their presentation of their poems in Lord Mayor's chamber. They performed playing Japanese drumming after a quick learning session! The audience included our MP Taiwo Owatemi, Lord Mayor Councillor Rachel Lancaster and other local councillors, and members of the wider Japanese community from various parts of the country.

We thank them and your teacher Ms Hagan for the preparation involved in this presentation and for giving up their time during the holidays to take part. We hope this encourages other youngsters to participate next year.

Kind regards

Manjit Kaur

Co-Chair Coventry SACRE



We are Lyng Hall—Intergenerational Stories

“Our fated meeting speaks to the divine wisdom of lives that are meant to be connected. It was beautiful to witness the threads that intertwined Mary’s narrative with Julien’s and Emmanuel’s. Since that point a number of meetings have taken place which have allowed this connected tale to flourish. It is a privilege to guide the boys through this process, and to support them in learning more about their own heritage through Mary’s testimony. We look forward to seeing their creative narrative work as it develops.” – Miss. Hagan

Reflections on the Project by Julien Quesney

Me and Emmanuel meeting Mary was truly a coincidence - she worked in both Ivory Coast and Ghana, the homelands of our heritage. We both paid her a visit to her house where we exchanged stories about her time in Africa, and stories that we were both told about those places.

Mary then brought her gifts and items she managed to keep from Africa; explaining the stories and origins about each of them. This made us reflect on the culture of our countries and help us connect with each other, which is why we also brought items of our own for Mary.

I brought a fan from Togo, which is a country close to Ghana and Ivory Coast so we could experience diversity and different cultures from other countries that link to ours. Emmanuel brought a blanket from Ghana which was used for when Emmanuel was a baby. In Africa, they wrap the babies on the back of the mother in a blanket, so it is comfortable for both the mother and the baby. Mary was very interested in the blanket as it was used for a long time, and still completely intact.

For us this fated meeting taught us the value of intergenerational relationships - the power of the narratives when shared, and the threads interwoven. It also taught us the importance of our culture and diversity, which is something that must be celebrated not with just one specific group but with the inclusion of everyone else. My main take away that I learned was the importance of my heritage and how it can form new opportunities and experiences like this one with Mary.



We are Lyng Hall—Lady Godiva Legacy

Celebrating the legacies of great women by Hadaya Gulzar and Safiatou Bah

On Friday the 19th of September, 10 year 11 students went to the city centre to celebrate the Godiva festival. It was wonderfully decorated and incorporated various distinct colours, brightening the atmosphere. This festival included many different identities gathering from across Coventry.

One of the year 11 students, Hadaya Gulzar, had the opportunity to walk at the front of the parade alongside Lady Godiva, proudly carrying her flag which had art of Lady Godiva printed on. After the ceremony, Lady Godiva had the primary children to hold her dress. Behind them, several banners—representing all the nationalities of Godiva Sisters—were carried by our students. Lady Godiva is the one who initiated this festival, and it is one that celebrates the power of the female voice and the diversity of nations celebrated in our city.

After the ceremony, the sisters shared a variety of cultural foods with the primary and secondary students. There were foods like samosas, Chinese spring rolls, Irish snacks, dates, Kurdish sweets and more. There was a share of Columbian jazz music, Ukrainian, Christian and opera songs. These songs encouraged everyone to dance and have fun.

I believe that celebrating heritage is incredibly important so we can all be seen for who we are and acknowledge the beauty of our differences. Overall, we had an amazing time exploring the wonderful heritage held inside Coventry.

It gives me great pleasure to thank you all for supporting Godiva Trust for the Dame Goodyvers Daye Godiva Sisters 2025 event, held on Friday 19th September, part of Heritage Open Days programme.

We understand that this event now has a dual purpose and becomes a commemoration of the historic Godiva as well as a thanksgiving for Godiva and her family of today in a positive and reflective way. The nature of the event allowed over 50 Godiva Sisters a chance for their communities and our young people to come together and offer support to one another at this sad and difficult time in an ever-increasing fragile world where some communities and their families are facing terrible times and the horrors of war in their country of origin.

We were delighted to have the West Midlands Lieutenancy represented by Pauline Black OBE DL and our Lord Mayor councillor Rachel Lancaster joining us in our procession from Broadgate to Priory Gardens to start what proved a splendid event. Grateful thanks to the Reverend Fr Aloysius Buke-na representing all Christians, and Sikh community Tabla player Preetinder Chagger, who together gave us all a lovely blessing. They both said thank you for giving them the opportunity to serve. It was our pleasure to witness Christian and Sikh praying in unison, blessing us, its moments like this that show the potential of universal love.

It was, a reflective, beautiful, inspirational fusion of cultures and faiths, a joy, sharing our Coventry Godiva family of respect, trust, love, difference, understanding, peace and reconciliation. And brilliant meaningful speeches.

Pru Porretta MBE

Director, Godiva Trust. Chair, Coventry Multi Faith Forum



We are Lyng Hall—Lady Godiva Legacy



Dragon – Fundraising Outreach

Every Step Counts

Last year, 90 took time to learn about different charities in Coventry. We each chose different ones to research about in pairs, looking into what they do, who they help and why their work is so important. We found a variety of them from organisations that help children, the elderly, people struggling with mental health and animals. Our group won and so our first project this year was a local animal charity—**we managed to raise £311!**

The charity walk at memorial park was enjoyable because we were doing it with people we like being around and other people there were friendly and encouraging. The people hosting the walk/run were kind and welcoming to all the new runners and told us how it worked while answering all questions that people were curious and confused about.

Our group from 90 went to Memorial Park to run 5km (twice around the park) to raise money for an animal charity that help animals that don't have shelter or carers to provide them with basic necessities. Only two people from our group ran it (lets just say it was a memorable one) - plus Miss. Hagan! Whilst the rest of the group walked the route with Mrs. Colletta. During the run there were people around cheering us on and were encouraging us to keep going, helping us to not give up.

It was an empowering experience—we feel proud of our accomplishment and the money raised. We look forward to sharing next steps with you.



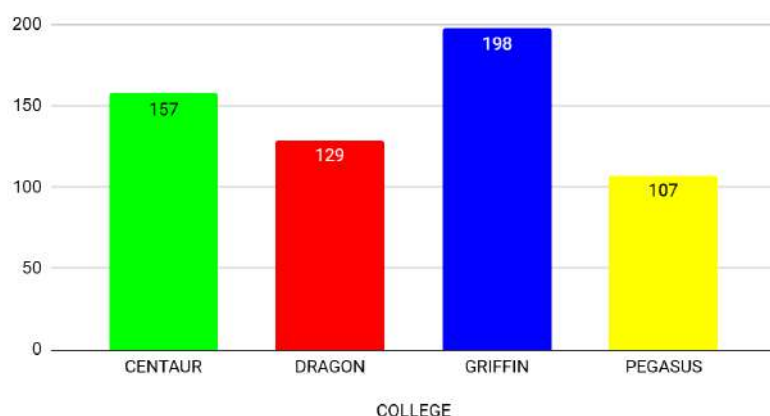
College – Update

As the year has just begun, we wanted to introduce ourselves as the new BBC Young Reporters' team for the school. We are hardworking, determined and persistent. Additionally we are willing to put everything we have got into making this team and newsletter the best it can be. We want your help too in recording iconic and heroic moments.

Introducing all of us: Simran, Alisha, Valerie, Nova, Lissy, Kiruthic, Khalifa, Kane, Mohammad, Haashim, Hanna, Oliver, Hellianah, Iris, Gabriella, Kai (7M)

This academic year has just begun and Griffin is taking a fantastic lead already. Griffin is ahead by 41 points! Coming in second place, we have Centaur with 157 points. At third place, we have Dragon; at 129 points. Hopefully, they will be able to catch up with Centaur and Griffin. Unfortunately, Pegasus has fallen to last place, with only 107 points but hopefully they can make a comeback in the next couple of weeks. Good luck to all the colleges, we will keep you updated on the latest news.

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Jacob Lewis	11M	310	Deborah Eribalo	11Y	260	Temi Kazeem	11O	288	Dhyey Vyas	11R	292
Dexter Pearson	11M	308	Breya Northall	11Y	257	Kyle Drew	11O	265	Pegasus	11R	252
Cameron Fuller	11M	305	Andra Lularu	11Y	218	Jason Manzenzha	11O	258	Balachandar Thangailango	11R	252
Miley Carver-Smith	11M	302	Muhammad Haashim	11Y	193	Saniyah Imtiaz	11O	255	Pegasus	11R	252
Lewis Arms	11M	288	Dean Marumo	11Y	192	Ola Marecka	11O	245	Abdul Qayomi	11R	235
Zainab Nisa	11M	285	Ahmed Muhammed	11Y	189	Andrei Dan	11O	230	Alfie Goodridge	11R	233
Vinay Patel	11M	273	Jason Laleye	11Y	189	Freddie Crossley	11O	217	Stefania Sarpong	11G	230
Centaur	11M	266	Kimberley Frimpong	11Y	174	Danyaal Khan	11O	205	Vanessa Nwajioha	11R	219
Tehillah Nyakudya	11M	260	Melissa Osmane	11Y	167	Daniela Mmadu Macuacua	11O	205	Pegasus	11G	217
Wen Bo Hu Lavelle	11M	255	Philip Ruszkowicz	7G	163	Marco Machala	11O	201	Harkiran Kaur	11R	217



We Are Lyng Hall

Did you know?

SCHOOL MEALS	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		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.
TRAVEL PASS	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: schooltransport@coventry.gov.uk		
UNIFORM	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.	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 accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.

School Calendar

Friday 10th October - school photos

Wednesday 15th October—Y10 English Literature Study Trip to British Library, London

Wednesday 15th October—Y11 Information Evening

w/b 10th November - Year 11 and 13 mock exams

Wednesday 12th November—Flu vaccinations