



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Introducing Our Young Reporter Editorial Team

Hello my name is **Maisie Jenkinson** I am filled with joy to announce that I am a part of the Lyng Hall School Young Reporters' team. I am enthusiastic about stories around the school and what our school does to support others. I look forward to announcing our latest news.

In previous weeks our school community has been busy with the amount of events going on which are newsletter worthy, these events celebrate how incredible we are at our school. For example our first article is about a book club which is ran in W14—it allows you to not think about school but be transferred into a different world that you can enjoy. We encourage all members of our community to be a part of this. It is not only for joy—the article shares the importance of reading and the skills it provides.

Another event that is taking place is Black History Month—we celebrate why it is important and why we celebrate the activists that have shaped culture and actions we can still take but recognising now shows why we celebrate the change, the difference and help people feel welcome at our school. Our menu this week, and Friday's red day, acknowledge the importance of this in our community.

We joined alongside the nation in hosting a Macmillian Coffee Morning—doing a part in the fight against cancer—this took place on Friday the 26th September. Students and staff baked - a variety of food helped raise lots of money for this charity. It was a community event that shared the heart within our school. We are here together to do what we can to make the lives of others better.

Many sports events have taken place during the recent weeks—we have a new team of Sports' Reporters who will be interviewing the players. This week the spotlight is on the basketball team - with one of stars, Michael Adonu— they explain the impact they had on the game and how they represent our school as a whole from a sports perspective. It is exciting to be reporting on this vibrant side of our school community. More interviews, and match reports, will be shared with you in the days to come.

I believe our school is very lucky to have such opportunities - there is so much more to explore in our school, I look forward to more stories shared with you.

We are Lyng Hall—Introducing Our Community

Our school community welcomes many new faces in this academic year—our Young Reporters have visited each of them to introduce them to you.

Getting all the right angles—an interview with Mr. Abdullahi by Kiruthic Sivanantharajah and Jacob Berry

We had an interview with Sir to get to know one of the newest members of our community.

Why did you join Lyng Hall?

It was a new perspective and offered me a fresh challenge to teach.

How have you found Lyng Hall so far?

I find the staff very helpful, polite and supportive of my journey.

How are you finding the students?

I am really enjoying getting to know them: I have a mixture of different classes.

What is your goal?

We have interviewed Ms Hussein and asked about her journey and experience in Lyng Hall.

Firstly, we asked her why did she choose RE and History?

‘I choose RE because I like to learn different cultures and religion. This can help to get to know other people better. For History, I choose that so I can learn about the past’

Secondly, we questioned her why she chose to work here?

‘The school is inclusive and diverse. I wanted to make a difference, and the school seems that it has high aspirations.’

After, we asked her what’s her favourite part of her job?

‘Building relationships with my students and overall, my students. They really make me positive and keep on doing my work.’

Finally, we questioned her that if she had a class with really bad behaviour and no one listens to her what would she do?

‘I would always try to keep the class positive and that respect is both ways (if you respect me, I will respect you). At the end of the day, I am just trying to teach and not being your enemy.’

We really enjoyed interviewing her and we will keep you updated!

By Helianah Chizororo and Hanna Pawlowicz

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An Interview with Miss Gilbert by Kane Kennedy and Khalifa Khan

Why did she join Lyng Hall?

She joined Lyng Hall because in this school they can get an amazing relationship with the students in the matter of one lesson. Even though the students don't know her very much, they have treated her very well and one of her favourite classes to teach is 7M (which we appreciated hearing). According to Miss, 7M were so concentrated, even Miss. Gilbert was laughing because of the joke the class had ready for her (it was about the work though).

Did you have any interesting jobs before getting a job as a history teacher?

It turns out Miss Gilbert owned, not just working at, but owned two cafes and one catering company! Miss always wanted to be an English teacher but as Miss got older she realised all you do is read books; so she wanted a role that offered her something different to do with her time. So she went back to university to try get a degree for History because she thought the study would be interesting; instead of teaching the same thing in each year she thought, I get to learn about the past and why things are the way they are today.

What pets do you have?

It turns out she has two cats and one dog. So, we have managed to find another animal lover!

An interview with Miss Marcos by Nova Mcguigan and Gabriella Adeniyi

Why did you choose this school?

"I was given this school by the West Midlands. I didn't get to choose the school I wanted but I love it here."

How are you finding this school?

"Lyng Hall is an amazing school, and I would teach here forever if I could."

How are the students at Lyng Hall?

"Each student has a unique personality and an amazing behaviour."

She also has a degree in biology, that's why she chose to teach science.

Our final question:

How did Miss Martindale inspired you?

Miss Marcos responded with, "She sees the good in every student and is making quite a good change to the community."

We are delighted to have introduced some of the newer staff here at Lyng Hall School.

We are Lyng Hall—Welcome to *Our Book Club*

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.” — George R.R. Martin

By Maisie Jenkinson, Sahasvi Thennakoon and Hyelsinta Mshelia

Started by Miss Hagan, *Our Book Club* began as a simple idea, a space to share stories, ideas, and imagination and has now grown into a vibrant community of readers who meet every Monday lunchtime in W14. Together, we explore worlds beyond our own, diving into every genre imaginable, from fantasy and adventure to mystery, romance, and horror.

When you join, you don't just read, you *live* the story. Each page becomes a new adventure, every character a new friend (or foe). Reading allows you to escape reality for a while and step into limitless worlds created by imagination.

But our club is about more than stories. It's about growth. Reading expands your knowledge, sharpens your vocabulary, strengthens your writing, boosts your critical thinking and improves your writing skills. It can even help you unwind and reduce stress through the simple joy of getting lost in a book.

Miss Hagan was inspired to start the club through her work with the UK Literacy Association (UKLA), where she serves as one of the judges for a national competition that selects the *best books for young adults* (ages 11–17). Together with the UKLA, we share a mission — to encourage young people to read more. Did you know that only 1 in 3 students in the UK read outside of school? We want to change that statistics and inspire everyone to *dream bigger through reading*.

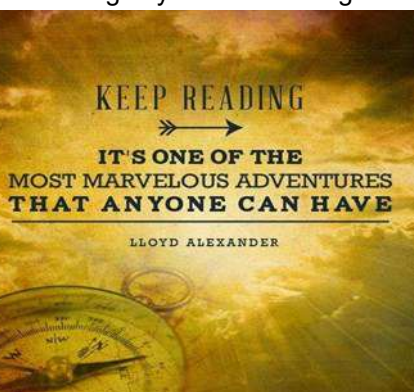
By March, our goal is to read 100 UKLA-shortlisted books, and every member plays a part in achieving it.

When you join, you'll receive your own reading journal to record your thoughts, reflections, and reviews. You'll be encouraged to read one book per week (or take a little more time if needed) and share your insights with the group. It's not about how fast you read; it's about how deeply you connect with the story.

Every Monday lunchtime, W14 transforms into a world of imagination. The sound of pages turning, laughter over plot twists, and discussions that spark new ideas fill the room.

Did you know? Reading fiction can increase brain connectivity. A study found that reading a novel boosts activity in the brain's language and sensory motor regions—even days after finishing the book.

And Reading non-fiction can train your brain to think like a detective. Whether it is history, science, or biography, non-fiction encourages you to sift through facts, spot patterns, and question sources—skills that sharpen your analytical thinking and decision-making in real life.



Books remind us that no dream is too big and no story is too small. They teach us empathy, courage, and hope. When you open a book, you open your mind — and when you share it, you open your heart.

So, join us on this adventure. Let's explore, imagine, and dream without limits. Together, we can make reading not just a habit, but a way of life. Let's dream, discover, and live a thousand lives together. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Miss Hagan.



We are Lyng Hall—Community Events

Standing Firm in Power and Pride

Reflections on Black History Month by Alice, Temi and Valerie

Black History is important because it honours the achievements, creativity and impact of Black people throughout history, in science, politics, art, education, literature, music, and every field. Many of these contributions were ignored, erased, or undervalued for centuries.

For a long time, mainstream history excluded or distorted the stories of black individuals and communities. **Black History Month** helps fill those gaps and ensures a fuller, more accurate understanding of the past.

Black History Month is important to us because it gives us a chance to honour the struggles, achievements, and contributions of our heritage. It reminds us of the strength, courage, and creativity that have helped shape our world. This month encourages us to learn from the past, celebrate Black culture, and continue working toward equality and justice for everyone. By remembering where we come from and who made a difference, we are inspired to make difference ourselves.

Black History Month in the UK for 2025 will be celebrated from October 1 to October 31. The theme for this year is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," which pays tribute to the resilience and strength of the Black community. This month serves as a time for reflection and recognition of the contributions of Black heritage and culture to UK society.

Tuesday 14th October Lunch Menu

JERK CHICKEN
OR
JERK SEASONED CORN ON THE COB
SERVED WITH RICE AND PEAS AND A SIDE OF SLAW

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ICED GINGER CAKE OR TROPICAL COCONUT RICE PUDDING

OTHER MENU ITEMS ALSO AVAILABLE

Foot long Hot dogs
Jacket potatoes
Chicken tikka wraps
pizzas
Baguettes and Sandwiches

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Composition by Temitope Akinmoladun, 90

Dear Suppression,

You've followed me for as long as I can remember. You crept into my thoughts, my dreams, my voice telling me to be quiet, to stay small, to take up less space. You taught me that peace meant obedience, that silence was survival. And for a long time, I believed you.

But now I see what you are. You feed on fear. You thrive in doubt. You keep people like me chained with guilt and shame. But the chain has started to crack, the more you push me down, the stronger I become. Every time I raise my voice, every time I speak my truth, I chip away at the walls you built around me.

You thought you could break me, but all you did was teach me how to rebuild. You can keep your silence because now I have learnt how to make noise.

Sincerely,
The One Who Won't Be Quiet

Show racism the red card:

We are teaming up with the 'show racism the red card' campaign to help tackle racism and inequality if and when it arises. We are therefore joining the 'wear red' day on the 17th October. Here's a note from the campaign:

'Wear Red Day is our chance to show that we are united in our belief that whilst prominent figures and disturbing narratives are bent on dividing us, we know that there is more truth in the fact that **TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.**'

Please support us by donating £1 or more for your child to wear red mufti on the 17th October. If you have any difficulty, please let us know.

Community Event – Fundraising Outreach

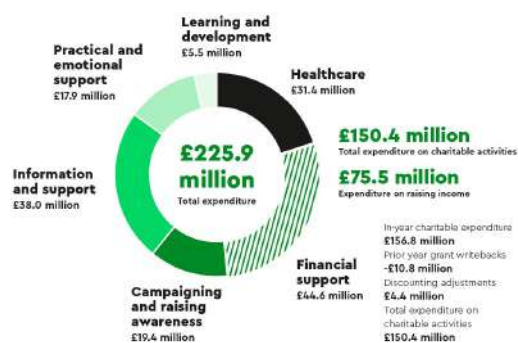
Every Calorie Counted by Macie Milbourne

On Friday 26th September Lyng Hall held an amazing coffee morning to in aid of **MacMillan Cancer Support**. Students and staff cooked up a storm for the school and the local community. Cinnamon buns, fairy cakes, scones, cheesecake, muffins, Bakewell tarts and so much more were available for people to buy and enjoy. Students served tea and coffee as well as the delicious cakes to over **100 people!**

In total the event raised **over £350** for the charity. Everyone enjoyed the event and the atmosphere was amazing. Students that worked hard for the event did the school proud.



Did you
know?



Basketball Spotlight – Sporting Reports

Shooting the Hoops Right—

Mohammed-Zaeem Hussain Syed, Daisy Newman and Sebastian Barinec interviewed one of our basketball stars, Michael Adonu

We have interviewed a basketball player from the schools team and this is what information we got from the encouraging captain.

Two weeks ago on Thursday 25th September 2025 after school, the year 11 Lyng Hall basketball team played against Bablake secondary and won 54:36. They played with three year 11s and had four sixth formers for support (Yousef, Psalm, Jann and Natan). At the start, they controlled the pace and managed to rotate the ball around and were able to score lots of points against them while they kept a strong defence.

Bala used lots of long ranged shots to increase their points and Emmanuel used his layup package to control the key and Michael used his dribbling to play through their defence.

Eventually Lyng Hall managed to overcome Bablake and win with a massive gap of 18 points: an incredible victory!



(Q) how did you manage to keep a big gap in the scoreline?

(A) “We kept a strong defence to keep them away from passing.”

(Q) How did you feel after the match?

(A) “After the match we felt really proud of ourselves as Bablake had a very big reputation which meant that our reputation ascended massively.”

(Q) How did you feel when the opposing team scored?

(A) “When the enemy team scored we felt nervous but more encouraged to win as well.”



We look forward to sharing with you the inside scoop on other Lyng Hall Sporting Stars!



College – Update On The Race

Welcome to our latest college report—brought to you by Hashim Idris Hassan and Kai Jarrett.

In the first half of the last fortnight, **Griffin** was in the lead with 330 points which is outstanding! They have now only increased their lead even further; they are definitely the frontrunners in this race.

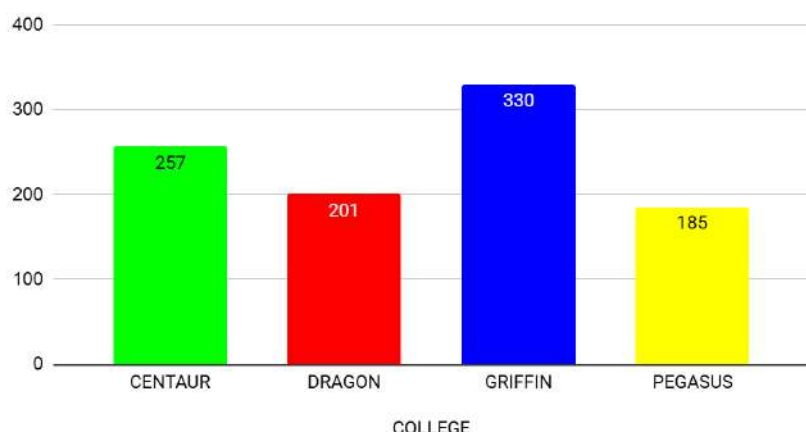
Centaur was 73 points behind **Griffin**—we hope they make a comeback. But unfortunately, this week's graph only sees the distance grow further. There's still time.

In third place, we have **Deadly Dragon**, who are 56 points behind **Centaur**, with 201 points, they best look in if they want to go to Red Kangaroo at the end of the year. Just look at this week, we can see their fierce streak as they work hard to close that gap.

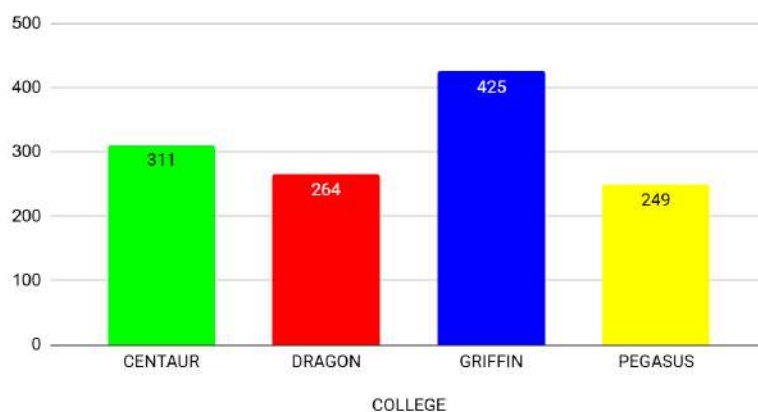
Speaking of which, **Pegasus** - who were in last place – need to continue stacking up on positive points. Don't count them out of the race too early, look at the leap they have already taken in one week, an increase of 64!

But remember this is a Marathon not a Sprint—will all the double bonuses available for punctuality, attendance and 'no negatives,' the race could be anyone's.

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



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We are Lyng Hall—Community Events

AN INVITATION: 'If They Come For Us'

By Zaphyia Kapur and Ierene Kaur

Our project revolves around remembering and respecting the women who have left generations to come with inspiration and discoveries that have moulded our world for the better.

As UNESCO ambassadors at Lyng Hall School, we talk about people and issues that deserve recognition. Our project focuses on the women who have changed the perspective of society and have been bold enough to stand for what is right. Lady Diana, Razia Sultan, Marie Curie, Malala Yusafazi, Rosa Parks are a few of the miraculous women that have shaped our perspective on the power women can have; but also the strength we can find as individuals.

This exhibition was designed by our Y13 A-Level English students—and created in collaboration with our UNESCO Ambassadors and Y11 students. **Our launch is on Thursday 23rd October from 4.30-5.30pm.** But our exhibition will remain in place through Coventry Peace Weeks.

We hope that **between 23rd October and 14th November** you find the opportunity to visit our exhibition space and leave your thoughts.



If They Come For Us – **Our Compass of Female Narratives**



Our exhibition space is open to all – it is a celebration of female narratives which have shaped our lives; in addition to providing the space for you to interact and place your mark.

At our launch event, we will share testimonies that are important to us and introduce you to the concepts explored in the space.

We have created a space which invites an exploration of shared narratives, the precious important of cultural heritage and the beauty of our collective voices.

Launch on Thursday 23rd October 4.30-5.30pm, Holy Trinity Church

Exhibition will be at Holy Trinity Church from 23rd October to 14th November

Venue is open 11am to 3pm Tuesday to Saturday

Exhibition created by UNESCO Ambassadors of Lyng Hall School and curated by Director of English Lisa Hagan.

Contact: lhagan@lynghallschool.co.uk

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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