



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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We are proud to present this week's newsletter—it invites you into Our Winter Season. Our school is exploring this time of year in so many different ways— we are excited to share these events, and opportunities, with you.

Our reporters bring you a 'Behind the Curtain' exclusive of the Performing Arts' team. In the build up to the latest showcase, they have spent time hearing from students involved. We will be sure to secure our tickets when they are released, and hope you do too. The Showcase promises to highlight Lyng Hall at its very best.

We also take you outside of the school walls, and share some remarkable achievements from our student community. We are proud to share these highlights, above and beyond, with you.

This week is the beginning of the Advent season, and there are many opportunities to celebrate Christmas—both at Lyng Hall and in the other MAT schools. Please see details of these events—we look forward to seeing you there. Our Foundation Team, in particular, have designed a beautiful event to support an incredibly special charity. Moments like this are the heart of our school.

Have you heard of White Ribbon Day?

It is a significant day that acknowledges the need for collective action against violence towards women and girls. On 29th November, a vigil was held in Coventry City Centre. You may remember last week's edition which shared the active role our sixth form students took in challenging the stark reality of this image. This year's theme - **We Speak Up** - is an attitude shared in this newsletter. Our features highlight the values of our community; a desire to promote peace, acceptance and understanding.

We are proud of how much our school has achieved and the vision we commit ourselves to. Join the movement.



The Writing's on the Stalls—movement in partnership with Chelsea FC and AFC Bournemouth



We Speak Up photograph campaign in Silbury Arcade, Milton Keynes by Claudia Janke, a London-based artist. Sponsored by London Northwestern and West Midlands Railways.

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Over the next few weeks, we are going to share different ways our community celebrate during the Winter Season. We are proud to share these unique celebrations with you.

Diwali! By Simran Dhaliwal, Alisha Akhtar and Nyah Coleman

Diwali originated in ancient India as a fusion of harvest festivals with its roots, dating back over 2500 years! It began as a simple harvest festival where farmers lit lamps to thank the sun and pray for future harvests, symbolising renewal and gratitude. A festival of light: "Diwali" comes from the sanskrit word "deepwali" which means "row of lights", referring to the lamp lit during the celebration. Simran from 7M says she celebrates Diwali like...this! She said she loves the candles and loves watching them, she also said she find them cool! Additionally, Simran says she does fireworks and feels thankful to be there!

Dia de los Muertos by Gabriella Adeniyi and Nova Mcguigan

Dia de los Muertos is a multi-day Mexican holiday primarily celebrated on the 1ST of November and 2nd of November where family and friends gather to honour deceased loved ones. It is a joyful and festive time that combines ancient and Catholic observations. How is it celebrated? Mexicans usually set up altars with offerings to the dead. Offerings include food and photos and people usually decorate graves with marigolds and candles. Parades will occur in the streets, and they are usually very colourful. Food: The people eat like Pan de Muerto also known as sweet bread and calaveras (sugar skulls) The sugar skulls represent the sweetness of life. The celebration is not meant to be scary or grim instead it's a heartfelt holiday that remembers deceased children and adults which should be a memory. Did you know that Dia de los Muertos is NOT a Mexican Halloween instead it's a celebration

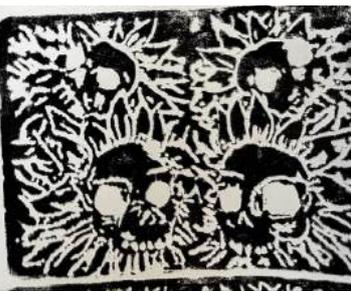
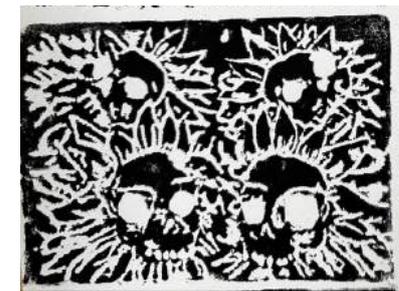
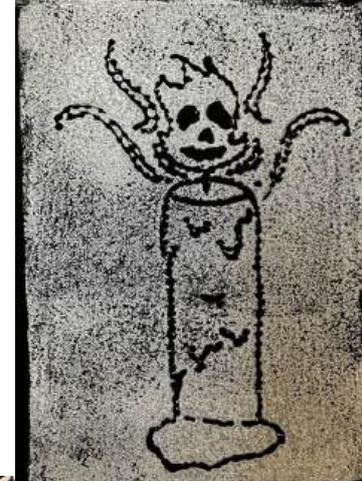
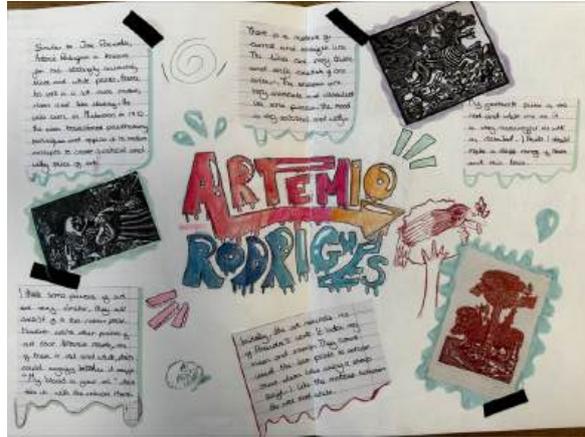
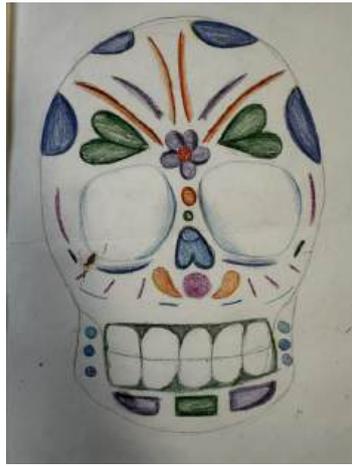
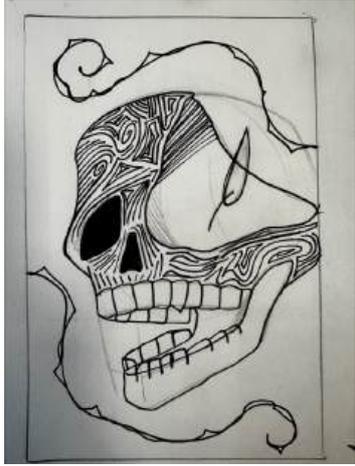
Art (Day of the Dead) by Elektra Erdmane-Hermane and Majka Wodyk

Currently, we are working on some unique designs of Dia Los Muertos; which is a wonderful celebration for Mexico to express their inner roots of their culture! It brings extraordinary memories and beliefs of their passed ones, as they still cherish them in their hearts, requiring them to show symbols, candles, marigolds and other fascinating objects to bring back their loving souls to flow with rich meanings and divine.

As we are talking about Dia Los Muertos; I would like to add that over the past 1 month or more we have been looking at drawing, sketching and shading beautiful designs of Calaveras (skulls) which was a great experience not only to expand our drawing skills but also to look at new traditions in other cultures. Also, we have done an assessment in art to test our skills on our drawing which contained any kind of Mexican designs such as Calaveras, marigolds, ofrendas or anything Mexican related.

Marigolds are fascinating flowers which contain speckles of gold and amber. They are symbolic to Mexican people because they are known to bring hope, peace and supportive guidance by its determined scent. Additionally, they are an incredible illustration of nature and a creative feature to craft, especially when it comes from your own imagination to express your mind in growth.

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Community Event: Sky Dome Charity Christmas Wonderland

TEFL2 helped out Ego Arts by decorating Christmas trees that will be on display in Coventry Cathedral as well as be a part of Christmas Wonderland set for children and families facing social exclusion. The students also had a chance to work on the set created of all recycled and reclaimed materials. It was a pleasure to watch our multicultural and multi-faith cohort getting involved, giving back and supporting children in Coventry.

Ego Arts are a charity creating theatre, music and production arts, accessible to all. EGO aims to eradicate social exclusion and change lives with the arts.

'My name is Hellem. I came from Zimbabwe. I went to Coventry Sky Dome to help the charity. I liked helping each other while working. It was important for me because all this hard work will help children enjoy Christmas Wonderland.'

'My name is Yousuf. I'm from Afghanistan. I liked the place and the kindness of people involved. I liked to help the people to access things that usually cost a lot of money and not everyone can afford it.'

'My name is Anna. I'm from Slovakia. I went to Coventry Sky Dome. I liked helping the people by decorating the tree - I like creative things.'

'My name is Somaya. I'm from Afghanistan. On 20th November TEFL2 went to Sky Dome to help decorate the place for Christmas for children to enjoy. We all worked together and it was a good experience.'

'I'm Nisar. I liked the place so much. I liked people's kindness - they help children that don't have money.'

By TEFL



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Coming to a theatre near you soon—

A winter spectacular that shares the best talent our community has to celebrate.

We've had the opportunity to go behind the scenes and talk to some of our rising talent.

This week's reveal brings you a sneak peek at the show, and what it takes to commit to the Performing Arts' team.

Kezia Oduro interviewed Aashi: a taste of what goes into the making of a grand show

In her opinion she says that the winter show case is a talent show where people sing songs, do dances and act freely. She also says that they auditioned to apply for the roles they love and wanted to act out. According to her all the people are doing a group dance and some got the opportunity to apply for the elite dance team. She shared that they build great bonds through the winter show—all are excited to perform their hard work—and encourage you to become involved in the movement next time.

They have built up an amazing surprise for the school community and—our little peek behind the curtain has got us excited for more!

Holly Masterson had the opportunity to interview Nora:

This winter, our wonderful Performing Arts team are showcasing **The Next Step**, an exciting bundle of talents. To earn a spot for their favourite role they had to take part in an audition, which was nerve wracking but beautiful to see everybody portray their passions. Nora, whom is taking part in Host, Hamilton and Romeo & Juliet expresses that her favourite part is the dances in Hamilton - they are full with excitement. Nora and Aashi are doing a dance duet which is a great way to boost their confidence for later experiences they might take part in for the future.

Performing Arts is a great way to find people who also have the same interests as you but also to get professional teaching in acting, dance and music. The winter showcase celebrates the dedication that students have in Lyng Hall but also the love and work the performing arts teachers put into their job. Lyng hall are very fortunate to be blessed with such an amazing performing arts team, come along to the Winter Showcase to find out!



Looking behind the curtain...

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We visited our Foundation students and would like to share an exciting event in the coming weeks for our community.

The Christmas Fayre is available for everyone, it will be offering exciting games to get you in the Christmas spirit. Fancy your arm a throwing a snowball? Or winning a chance of Red Kangaroo Jump Pass or Flip Out Pass in the Raffle? It promises to be a place of enjoyment, community and celebration.

The prices range from 50p to £1 - very affordable for all. Any money donated is appreciated and will ultimately help others.

As cool as that sounds, with striking decorations, all who visit the Christmas Fayre, will thrive in the warmth of welcome. The theme of white and red embodies the love that is shaping this event, and students' wish to help others who are in challenging circumstances.

Foundation students have designed, and prepared, these wonderful ideas. We are proud of this event, and what it shares about the heart of our school community. We and thank all students for

All of these events will benefit the charity **MACS** <https://macs.org.uk>

It is an honour to support the incredibly special work this organisation do. The QR code below will allow you to discover more.

Our Foundation students look forward to welcoming you week beginning 8th December.

By Elektra Erdmane-Hermane and Majka Wodyk



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**PEARL HYDE'S
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
4PM - 6:30PM

FREE ENTRY

SANTA'S GROTTTO £3 PER CHILD.
GROTTO TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
BEFORE FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER VIA PARENTPAY.

- STALLS
- SANTA'S GROTTTO
- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- GAMES
- REFRESHMENTS



FINHAM PARK 2

**CHRISTMAS
Fair**

WED 10TH DEC 2025 £1 ENTRY INCLUDES FREE DRINK 6.00PM - 7.30PM

EDWARD'S KEEP, FINHAM PARK 2

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN A STALL
PLEASE CONTACT:
R.BOULTON@FINHAMPARK2.CO.UK




MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Community Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December
11am - 1pm

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Toy Sale · Refreshments · & Much More!



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We are Lyng Hall—London's Calling

Hamilton by Holly Masterson and Elian Mohammed

We met with Julia Witkyrus and Michael Adonu to discuss their adventure

On Thursday 20th November 2025, selected Lyng Hall students got the chance to go to London to watch the musical ***Hamilton***. The experience was wonderful, one which was magical and brought excitement to all pupils. They wore their uniforms proudly as they represented Lyng Hall on this trip, going to places they had not experienced before.

When they first arrived the first thing they decided to do was to eat McDonalds, nourishing them for the 11 hour day in London. After McDonalds they trekked to Buckingham Palace being the best tourists of London, they even saw the royals outside in their carriages. Finally, they were stood outside Hamilton for the first time, ready to experience the best musical of their lives.

The building had extravagant architecture as they walked in with goosebumps. *Hamilton* was extremely good and left everybody in tears, filled with laughter and happiness. Emotion fulfilled them and they thought the actors played their roles perfectly, creating the best show for everybody to watch.



College – Update On The Race

At the start of half term, **Griffin** had the lead with 767 college points. As we explore the league this week, we can note they are even further ahead now. You can see from our graphs the race over the past fortnight has heightened the taste of victory for all **Griffins**. They are reaching a point where they may almost be unstoppable! Too soon to make this claim?

But this is how close the race is...

In the space of one week, **piercing Pegasus** have lost second place. Although week by week, they are increasing their points, this week it just wasn't enough. The silent surge from **Centaur** has paid off as they take the lead in closing the gap with **Griffin**. Unfortunately, our fiery underdogs remain in last place, **Dragons** have struggled to get any momentum.

Dragon's top class remains 11Y who are crushing it and those people are. It is also wonderful to see entries from a number of other tutor groups—making a name for themselves on the leaderboard.

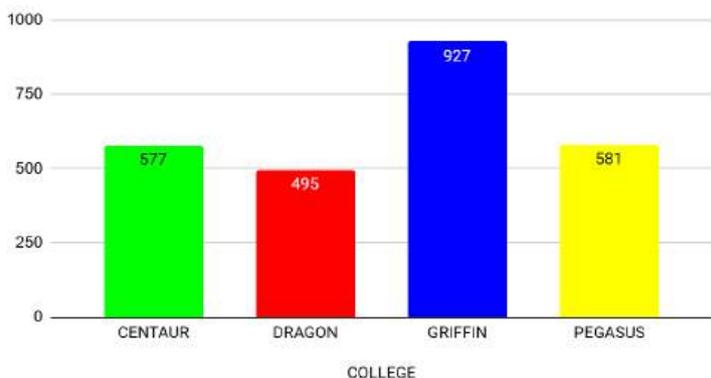
Griffin's top class is now 7R, they have accelerated to match the historical excellence of 11O we have reported on.

Pegasus' top class is 11R who are still dominating the leaderboards. They really are a year group to look up to. Their top students are: Ameerat Kibuuka, Leema Nessa, Dhyey Vyas, Balachandar Thangailango, Vanessa Nwajioha and Abdul Qayomi.

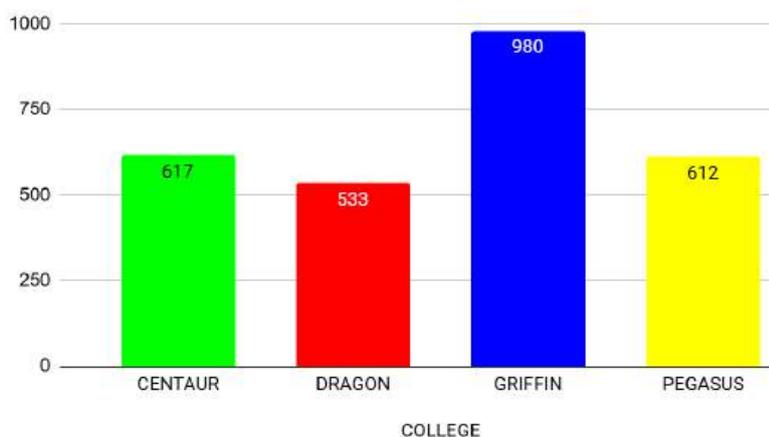
Like **Pegasus**, **Centaur's** year 11's are controlling the game, with their leaderboard almost exclusively from 11M.

Good luck to everyone and we will see you next week for another update—**7M Reporters**

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



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Celebrating Achievements – Community



You may remember we shared with you about our exhibition at Holy Trinity church. Thanks to the generosity of the Lord Mayor's Peace Committee, our work has been turned into an anthology. This is being used across communities—Manjit Kaur, Chair of SACRE, personally delivered a copy to Sir Kier Starmer at 10 Downing Street last week—UNESCO Ambassadors



This week copies of our anthology make their journey to Northern Ireland...

Celebrating Achievements – Service

Life in the Cadets by Oliver Whiting, 11R

This weekend camp was all about having fun and having awards given out. These awards included accolades like: best NCO, best cadet, most supportive cadet/NCO and best adults.

During the weekend, we had exciting activities: laser tag, archery tag, Santa dash and an inflated obstacle course. The cadets and the adults both enjoyed an evening meal in formal dress where I was chosen to say a toast at the end. In this toast, I had to get everyone upstanding and then lift my drink and say, "to the king". I then repeated this, but I instead changed the king to "Minden Company." This is our way of making a toast and saying the important things in cadets. The King just being a general term for cadets and Minden Company being the section of cadets we are in.



After the toast, the awards were handed out where I, along with another cadet, were joint first for Best **Cadet**. We then shared the award, and both got certificates for them. I was then called up again to receive **my 1-star completion badge** and certificate before getting up for a 3rd and final time to get a **promotion from Cadet to Cadet Lance Corporal**.

Receiving these awards made me feel very proud of my journey in cadets and made me realise what hard work can do.

I believe serving in the Cadets is important because it helps to learn valuable life skills such as, first aid, being able to navigate when lost without anything but a map and compass, using grid references to locate something or someone, being able to survive in the field whilst needing to feed yourself and many more skills.



Celebrating Achievements – Sports

Local Talent: Tawhidullah's MMA Journey

An Interview by Teneng Tanshie and Christian Smith

Tawhidullah began his MMA career just one year ago, quickly he found his place in clash grapple. What started as fun hobby soon evolved into a serious pursuit, driven by his aspiration to master the fighting style of Afghanistan and Dagestan in the next 2-3 years.

Family support

His father serves as his coach providing guidance and support. He trains alongside his brother and his dad, creating a strong family bond through the sport.

Future Aspirations

Although he hasn't competed internationally yet due to his age, Tawhidullah plans to make his international debut next year. Inspired by his favourite fighters Khabib Nurmagomedov and Islam Makhachev, he is determined to make a mark in the world of MMA.

As members of his tutor group, we are proud of his achievements and wish him the best of luck as he continues his journey in this sport.



There are a number of community groups you can become involved in, use this link to find out more about the MMA Unit. What will your talent be?



We Are Lyng Hall

Did you know?

SCHOOL MEALS	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p>If you experience any problems with this, please contact your child's pastoral year coordinator.</p>	
TRAVEL PASS	<p>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</p> <p>Applications: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass</p> <p>Queries: Tel: 02476975445 or Email: schooltransport@coventry.gov.uk</p>		
UNIFORM	<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>We accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.</p>

School Calendar

Tuesday 2nd December—Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 4th December—Black History Month Performance