



# STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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## Our Young Editorial Letter

Hello, my name is **Maisie Jenkinson** and as a part of the Lyng Hall School Reporters' team, I am excited to once again be sharing today's news.

Today is a very important day across the world for those who lost families during WW1 and WW2. At 11:00 to 11:02 people across the world will sit in silence together in an act of solidarity for remembrance, and a desire for future peace.

We are also in the middle of Coventry Peace Week and our features show what activities took place. Each highlight why community and peace are so important in this world: students of Lyng Hall school were active participants in these community outreaches.

As today is Remembrance Day we will look through why the symbol of the poppy is so important and why the sacrifice that the soldiers made was necessary for our survival. I know I am grateful for how they fought for our country with passion, bravery and relentless fortitude. I acknowledge the peace I have the luxury of now, is built on the shoulders of those who came before me. So today I say, **Lest We Forget.**

Our participation in Peace Poetry Workshops in Coventry and Bedworth, and an audience with the Lord Mayor, shares the vital role we each have towards the continuation of peace in our community, and world. We shared stories of people who fight for its existence: our school's involvement emphasises our commitment to our city's vision. As one of the ambassadors representing our school at these events, I am incredibly proud of all of our achievements and know that these opportunities will continue to grow in the future.

In addition to our community commitments, this edition celebrates some incredible sporting achievements. We are delighted to share the victories from one of our students who played in Barcelona. She is a part of Y9 too and on our School Reporters' Team. Her exciting article shares how she was a part of a team who became U15 girls champions - as a school we are so proud of what they have accomplished. Lyng Hall Students once again establish themselves on a global stage. This is just one of the sporting triumphs we share with you this week.

I am glad to have brought you this week's news as an editor. I look forward to the accomplishments of our school yet to come and how our school contributes to improve our community. For us, our actions towards peace are not just about this week, but our mission moving forwards.

# We are Lyng Hall—Lest We Forget

## An Exploration of Remembrance Traditions

By Pravin Pathak and Teneng Tanshie

### How do other countries celebrate Remembrance Day?

Most commonwealth countries, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, like us commemorate with a traditional two minute silence.

In other European countries, it is a very long day of remembering the ones who fought in the war on the winning side and on the losing side. Not all fought with the Allied Forces.

For Germany, it is a Day of Defeat. Their President delivers a speech. It is not a public day because the roots of this event are more complicated for their cultural context.

In Poland, it is a day of mourning as they remember the ones who were lost in the camps of Nazi Germany. A very sad day for the families of the lost ones.

### What does the poppy represent? By Harleen Thandi and Aisha Warsame

The poppy represents people who have passed away fighting in wars. It also represents hope for a peaceful future. The Royal British Legion had its first Poppy Appeal in 1921—9 million poppies were sold to support veterans of WWI. Today, very few Chelsea pensioners exist: their distinctive red coats during Sunday's Remembrance parade highlighted the resilience, and strength, it took to serve in both wars.

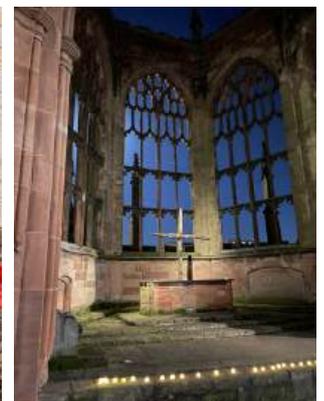
[\(Home page | Royal Hospital Chelsea\)](#)

People wear poppies as a symbol of remembrance: to support the armed forces, veterans, and their families who have served and been sacrificed in conflicts.

The poppy is traditionally worn with respect on the left side, over the heart. When the leaf was added in the 1960s, a custom was added for it to be set to 11 o'clock. The poppy should be worn during the remembrance period from the last Friday in October until at least 11th of November. This year is a special remembrance for our city, with the 85th Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz on 14th November.



*Use this link to explore how other communities commemorate the day.*



# We are Lyng Hall—Lest We Forget

## Remembrance Poetry curated by Our Editors

### Why Wear a Poppy:

"Please wear a poppy," the lady said,  
And held one forth, but I shook my head.  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,  
And her face was old and lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.  
A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on care-free feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun,  
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"  
When she'd pinned it on, he turned to say;  
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered; "This is Remembrance Day.  
And the poppy there is a symbol for  
The gallant men who died in war.

And because they did, you and I are free -  
That's why we wear a poppy, you see.  
I had a boy about your size,  
With golden hair and big blue eyes.

He loved to play and jump and shout,  
Free as a bird, he would race about.  
As the years went by, he learned and grew,  
And became a man - as you will, too.

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,  
But he'd seemed with us such a little while  
When war broke out and he went away.  
I still remember his face that day.

When he smiled at me and said, 'Goodbye,  
I'll be back soon, Mum, please don't cry.'  
But the war went on and he had to stay,  
And all I could do was wait and pray.

His letters told of the awful fight  
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),  
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,  
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won -  
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."  
The small boy turned as if to go,  
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.  
That sure did sound like an awful fight  
But your son - did he come back all right?"  
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;  
She shook her head, but didn't speak  
I slunk away in a sort of shame,  
And if you were me, you'd have done the same:

For our thanks, in giving, if oft delayed,  
Though our freedom was bought - and thousands paid!  
And so, when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne  
By those who gave their very all  
When asked to answer their country's call  
That we at home in peace might live.  
Then wear a poppy! Remember - and Give!

- Don Crawford



# We are Lyng Hall—Community Events

## Female Fragility

### *Reflections on Lord Mayor's Peace Conference by Ierene Kour and Hyelsinta Mshelia*

UNESCO Ambassadors of Lyng Hall School attended a private tea with the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Rachel Lancaster discussing violence against women and children, how to raise awareness and how to protect our society from out-of-date practices that damage our community. The book 'If They Should Come for Us' is an anthology created by the UNESCO Ambassadors about the forgotten women in our history, and those in our present, that made such a big difference for us as people that have shaped us, our values and our world. All these programmes were organised by Director of English, Lisa Hagan. Our Ambassadors meet every Friday Period 7—peace is a community effort, we invite you to be part of the movement with us.

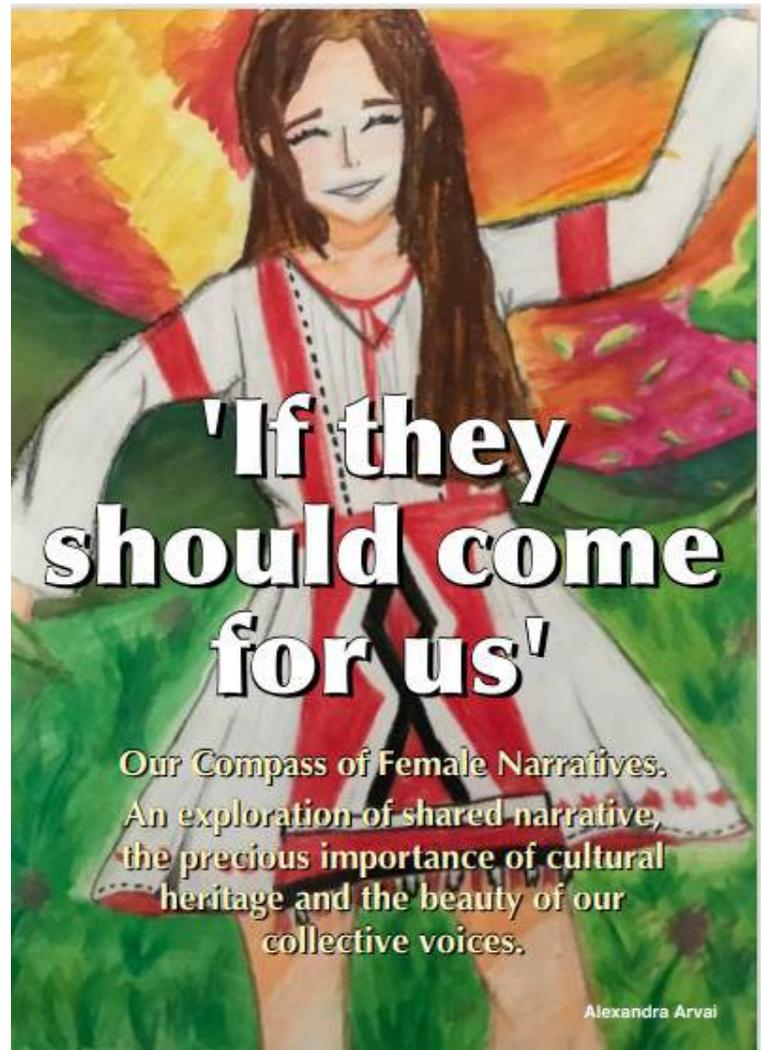


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# We are Lyng Hall—Community Events

## Poetry for Peace

### *Reflections on SACRE Peace Poetry Workshop at Methodist Hall, Coventry*

This has been **Coventry Peace Week** (1st-16th November) - on Wednesday 5th November, we went to town to the Methodist Church where we learnt new skills to develop our poetry content and understand the important topic of peace and community.

The concept of **Community** was our goal - it was about celebrating what is most important and how we can all join together and collaborate towards **World Peace**. The workshop included us looking at a poet from Birmingham and how he has developed his poems to share his view of the meaning of peace. His name is Benjamin Zephaniah, his poem 'The British' shows us how many languages and cultures have come to be; and the significance of cherishing each one.

The workshop also included time for each of us to write and share the poems we had written and perform them in 3 separate groups. This was a beautiful space for a community of peace to be formed between the schools.

This performance gave us the chance to show what we are capable of and what we have learnt from Lyng Hall; the workshop drills and activities to help us read it slower so our audience can understand the meaning of our poetry. It was a space to celebrate the powerful voices we have that have been nurtured by our teachers.

This workshop saw five schools across the city coming together to celebrate the power of poetry to share messages of Peace; and to reflect on what we can do when we come together as a community. On this project we partnered with Seva School, Bluecoat, Eden Girls, amongst others.

### *Reflections on Peace Poetry Workshop at All Saints' Church, Bedworth*

Hello, our names are Bhavika Sharma and Zaphyia Samaira Kapur. We had the privilege of being invited to go to the poetry workshop in Bedworth. It was a wonderful experience where we got to discuss how Coventry was affected by the Blitz in 1940. We wrote our draft poems on peace and community, in the workshop that took place on Thursday 6th November.

We had very special guests in attendance: Miss Coventry and Manjit Kaur. It was lovely to meet them and discuss with them the importance of these values.

The workshop was led by Josh, All Saints' Youth Leader, who was a very good host.

To conclude, we would like to invite anyone reading this article to join us on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November at All Saints Church in Bedworth, where we will be performing our poetry in a special commemorative service from 1-3pm.

# We are Lyng Hall—Community Events



*Our UNESCO Ambassadors at a Peace Poetry Event at All Saints' Church, Bedworth with Miss Coventry. A wonderful young lady who campaigns for provision for Young Carers.*



*Our UNESCO Ambassadors at Bedworth's War Memorial—The Town that Never Forgets. It is a privilege to be part of their commemorations with other schools.*



Our KS3 students joining with other schools across the city at Methodist Hall, Coventry. They worked with Poet Laureate Emily Lauren Jones—reflecting on the importance of peace in our world, and recognising the power of poetry.



# Football Spotlight – Sporting Reports

## Winning Goals — Team Rising to Victory

*Tawhidullah Sultanzai and Christian Smith have interviewed our Football Champs!*

----- *Alex Cotter and Harry Hewitt, Y10*

**Alex Cotter:**

**Q: How did the game go?**

If we were honest we were a bit sloppy at first and weren't switched on but throughout the game we gave ourselves motivation and slipped a win 5-3.

I scored first, then they scored 2. This gave us a bit of fire—leading to my next goal before Ibi scoring 2. They didn't give up, and they scored again. But luckily an own goal went in from their side and slipped the game further to our favour and little cheeky win to Lyng Hall!

**Q: How was it playing against Foxford?**

Playing against Foxford was a good challenge and woke the boys up, they challenged our skills and put us under pressure. Unfortunately I picked up an injury during my second goal and had to come off which lead me to missing out on a hattrick! Maybe next time...

**Harry Hewitt:**

**Q: What are your thoughts on the game?**

As Alex said we were sloppy but then we switched on. Ultimately, we got the game our team deserved. After a slow start, we gave our all, enabling us to still snatch a win!

**Q: Can you tell us more about your save?**

Luckily I gave it my all from the start and saved a few goals. Our team was lacking at the start, placing me under a bit of pressure, and could have resulted in a loss. But thankfully, my saves limited this potential.

**This was a good comeback from the first loss from the boys in the first game! We are proud of them and look forward to sharing future victories and insights from the boys. Long may the victories continue.**



# Football Spotlight – Sporting Reports

## Barcelona Experience

*Kristy Ebihon, member of 90 and Dragon College, shares her experiences of representing at a football competition in Barcelona*



Barcelona Experience Under 15 Girls Champions!



**The Barcelona experience was wonderful,  
and I will treasure it for life.**

Me and my mum were delighted to receive the letter that got me into this competition.

It was a tough one though. In the first round we lost to Scotland 0-1 but in the second game we won 2-0 against East Ireland putting us in the semi-final. That game we played against Northern Ireland with a win of 1-0, putting us in the finals.

In the finals we won 1-0 and got the grand prize. Not only was it a unique experience but to come away as a champion was a moment I will never forget.



# Badminton Spotlight – Sporting Enrichment

## Badminton Club

*Elektra Erdmane-Hermane and Majka Wodyk share their thoughts on the impact of Badminton Club and the beauty of taking part in our Sports' Enrichment programmes.*

Have you ever got bored within one hour of deciding what your potentials would lead to? Or perhaps wondering where you could fill up what your heart really desires?

In Lyng Hall School, we offer a variety of extraordinary clubs that will facilitate your rising skills and enable you to find a healthy lifestyle.

We wish to share with you our joy of badminton, you can get easy access to equipment provided for you by the school. Furthermore, attending would be the most un-regrettable choice during your lifetime here in Lyng Hall. Badminton offers great opportunities for you to explore and learn new skills, to continue to grow. It provides you with so many benefits to enjoy new sports outside and inside of school. All the clubs are welcoming and provide a foundation for Sports to be part of your life both during your time here and as you journey into adulthood.

Our Sports' department offer so many different opportunities for our student body. All you need to do is take that first step.

We promise you won't regret it.

	<b>Period 6 (3:15 – 4:15PM)</b>
<b>MON</b>	Year 10 Football – Mr Franklin Year 9 Football - Mr Turner 6 <sup>th</sup> form/Year 11 Basketball – Miss Davies/Mr Ward Girls football – Mr Ward
<b>TUES</b>	All years Boys Swimming – Mr Loach/ Miss Davies Year 7 Football – Mr Ward Year 8 Football – Mr Davis
<b>WED</b>	Year 7 & 8 Basketball – Mr Turner & Miss Davies
<b>THUR</b>	Year 9/10/11 Basketball – Mr Turner All years Girls Swimming – Miss Gaggini/Miss Davies
<b>FRI</b>	Year 11 Football – Mr Walker All years Badminton – Mr Ward/Mr Turner



# College – Update On The Race

At the start of half term, **Griffin** has taken a striking lead with 767 college points, they are far ahead of the other colleges now and there will need to be some serious competition to catch up.

In second place, we have piercing **Pegasus** with 506 points, and behind by only 4 points, is **Centaur** with 502 positive points. These two teams are in close competition with one another and the race is a fierce one to try to catch up with **Griffin's** strong headstart. In last place, still, we have **Dragon** with 430 points they're 300 points away from **Griffin** - it feels like an impossible leap but they have closed such a significant gap before with their determination. Hopefully, they can make a comeback!

**Centaur's** year 11's are absolutely smashing it as all of the names on the top **Centaurs** are from 11M— incredible role models to lead the college towards possible victory against **Griffin**.

**Dragon's** top classes are 11Y who are crushing it and those people are: Deborah Eribalo, Jason Laleye, Kye Hickman, Dean Marumo, Brea Northall and Andra Lautaru. Once again Y11s leading us from the front.

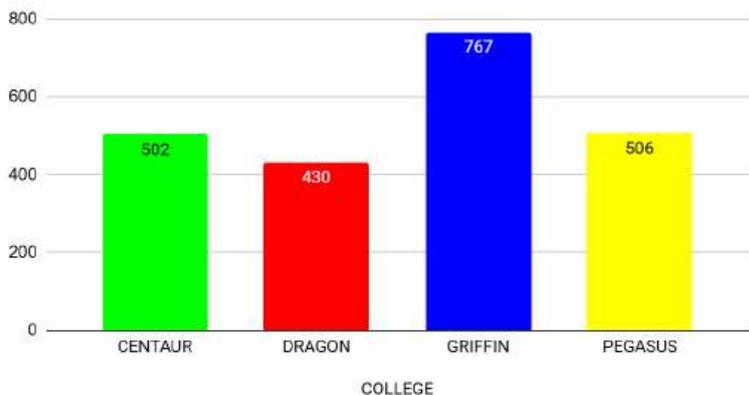
**Griffin's** top classes are 11O who are far in the lead and those people are: Ola Mareck, Temi Kazeem, Andrei Dan and Kyle Drew; equally paced by 7R.

**Pegasus' top class is 11R—I am sure you are seeing the same pattern now. Our Y11s are laser-focused with their attitude and performance. Each group leading their college forwards. Their top students are: Ameerat Kibuuka, Leema Nessa, Dhyey Vyas, Balachandar Thangailango, Vanessa Nwajioha and Abdul Qayomi.**

Good luck to everyone and we will see you next week.

## 7M Reporters' Team

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Gemma Puler	11M	848	Deborah Eribalo	11Y	813	Griffin	11O	813	Pegasus	11R	808
Thoren Hobb	11M	829	Jason Laleye	11Y	785	Ola Marecka	11O	818	Ameerat Kibuuka	11R	800
Jacob Lewis	11M	820	Kye Hickman	11Y	768	Temi Kazeem	11O	809	Leema Nessa	11R	807
Dexter Pearson	11M	800	Dean Marumo	11Y	768	Andrei Dan	11O	824	Pegasus	11R	843
Thomas Muckridge	11M	801	Brea Northall	11Y	758	Kyle Drew	11O	768	Dhyey Vyas	11R	808
Leela Airo	11M	820	Logan Rubenstein	10	722	Griffin	7R	842	Balachandar Thangailango	11R	871
Samuel Price	11M	820	Dragon	10	721	Griffin	7R	838	Pegasus	11O	856
Wayne Price	11M	830	Andra Lautaru	11Y	818	Griffin	7R	838	Trey Langa	11I	858
Wale Olayiwola	11M	800	Dragon	10	818	Griffin	7R	838	Vanessa Nwajioha	11R	857
Olusotun Babalola	11M	807	Maise Jerkison	10	712	Griffin	7R	838	Abdul Qayomi	11R	828



# We are Lyng Hall—Community Events

## AN INVITATION: Poetry and Remembrance

**Dear Families ,**

We are delighted to invite you to a special poetry reading event featuring your child, taking place at **All Saints' Church, Bedworth**, in commemoration of the **85th anniversary of the Blitz** and in celebration of **Interfaith Week**, under the theme: *"Community – Together We Serve."*

This meaningful occasion will give our students the opportunity to reflect on history, express their thoughts through poetry, and celebrate unity across communities. We would be honoured to have you join us in supporting your child and sharing in this moment of remembrance and togetherness.

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- **Time:** 1-3pm
- **Location:** All Saints' Church, Bedworth

As part of this initiative, we also hope to create a **booklet of the children's poems** to be shared as a resource across all our schools—celebrating their voices and the spirit of community.

Your presence will mean a great deal to the children and help make this event truly memorable. We look forward to welcoming you.

Warm regards,

**Manjit Kaur**

**Chair of SACRE**

# We Are Lyng Hall

## Did you know?

<b>SCHOOL MEALS</b>	<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: <a href="mailto:freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk">freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk</a> Applications can be made through: <a href="http://www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals">www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals</a></p>	<p>To purchase food in the school dining room, money must be paid onto ParentPay as we are a cashless school. Login through: <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login">https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login</a></p> <p>If you experience any problems with this, please contact your child's pastoral year coordinator.</p>	
<b>TRAVEL PASS</b>	<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: <a href="http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses">http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses</a></p> <p>Applications: <a href="http://www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass">www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass</a></p> <p>Queries: Tel: 02476975445 or Email: <a href="mailto:schooltransport@coventry.gov.uk">schooltransport@coventry.gov.uk</a></p>		
<b>UNIFORM</b>	<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

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

Wednesday 12th November— Flu vaccinations

Thursday 13th November—Poetry and Remembrance Event

Tuesday 2nd December—Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 4th December—Black History Month Performance