



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this week's newsletter, we are here to inform you about the latest news in our school. From back-to-back victories from the year 7's to the 85th Coventry Blitz Anniversary celebrations. We are also proud to tell you about the community events that the school have taken apart in. Finally, since Christmas is getting closer, please support us with the charity events to help the people in need—we share a number of adverts for ways you can become involved in the wider community.

This year is a very important year for Coventry. It celebrates the remembrance of the soldiers who passed away in World War 2 whilst fighting for our country. Every year the people of Coventry gather around the cathedral to host a festival honouring their late family. This year was particularly poignant for Coventry, as it was the 85th anniversary of the Coventry Blitz. A special service was held at the Cathedral, and a number of other community events were held across the city. The linked articles at the bottom share with you the creative ways our wider community recognised this historical moment.

We are proud, at this time, to be part of the community of Coventry because they have endured many challenges but still continue to be a lively city of people from all over the world. We are a city defined by our resilience and diversity. These are values we are proud to represent.

Whilst we remain on the subject of being proud, it is important to highlight our Y7 Football Stars. The year sevens have had a very successful start to the year with a whopping three victories; and high goal averages across the games. This has put them in a very dominant position at the start of the football season and hopefully they continue to win many more coming their way.

As we look ahead to the winter season we look forward to the exciting programmes that are happening within our school community. It will be our privilege to share these events with you.



Sitting Rooms of Culture



Weaving Flames

We are Lyng Hall—Lest We Forget

85th Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz

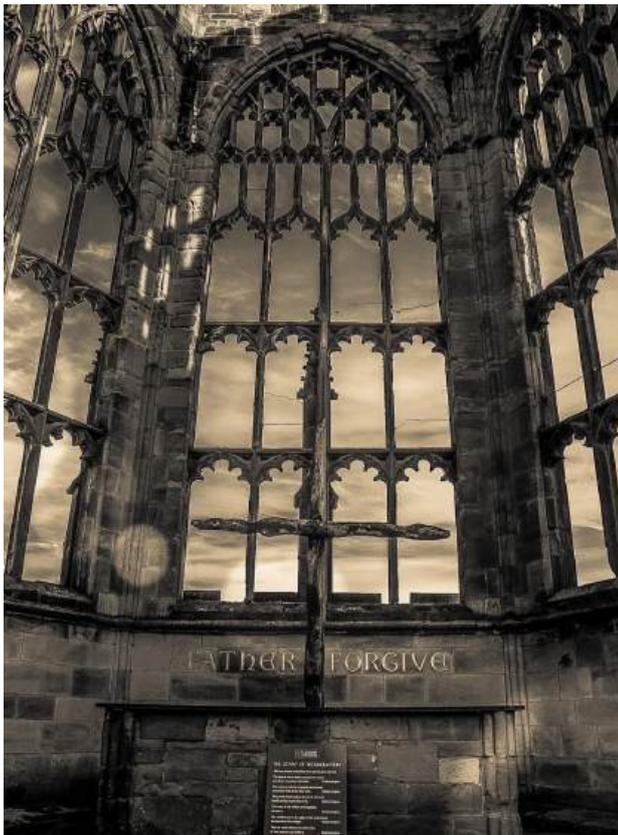
By Lissy Kelly and Iris Manole

On November 14th 1940, Coventry experienced the most devastating raid of WWII, code-named 'Moonlight Sonata.' This devastating raid was carried out by 515 Germans. During the 11 hours of constant bombing there were 568 confirmed deaths, at least 863 people seriously injured, over 4,300 homes destroyed and two thirds of Coventry's buildings demolished.

This year will mark the 85th anniversary of the Coventry Blitz. The people of Coventry will be commemorating the Blitz with a civic service at the cathedral, a two-minute silence as well as the sound of sirens at 7:10 pm to mark the moment that those dreadful eleven hours began in 1940.

The Blitz anniversary also happens to fall on the annual peace festival in Coventry. This festival runs between the first of November all the way to the 16th of November. It focuses on peace, reconciliation and also remembering the fateful night of November the 14th.

Did you know that the word 'blitz' is short for the German word 'Blitzkrieg' which means 'Lightning war'? People were forced to cover their windows with curtains and blackout paint so that any of the German bombers couldn't see their targets. Surprisingly, not all bombs exploded immediately, meaning they would not go off for hours or even years causing an undetected threat later on. One in 2008!



“Reconciliation can rise from ruin, light from ashes” - words and photographs (courtesy of Lady Godiva) from the anniversary service at Coventry Cathedral on 14.11.25. Attended by Miss. Hagan.

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85th Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz

By Maisie Jenkinson and Hyelsinta Mshelia

In this week's article, we are recognising and honouring the 85th Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz. During the Peace Poetry workshops we shared in last week's edition, we composed words that were shared in a community commemoration service this week.

On Thursday the 13th of November many schools joined together at All Saints' Church in Bedworth—the town that never forgets. Four different schools came together to share their words, and to commit to one another as a community to honour peace in our schools and local area. In addition to the students, the event was attended by this year's Miss Coventry, the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth members of the Local Council and parents from the community.

The 85th Anniversary allows us time to reflect on the aftermath of German forces bombing our home. We also took time to remember our attack on Dresden 5 years later and the devastation caused to homes there. It is in this shared narrative, that our twinning partnership with schools in Dresden is born. But in the words said on that fated night: "Father, Forgive," we pave a path towards reconciliation. In our partnership with schools in Dresden we choose to believe in a better future together.

As we mark this 85th Anniversary, we are reminded that remembrance is not only about looking back, but also about carrying forward the lessons of resilience, unity, and reconciliation.

Coventry and Dresden stand today as symbols of hope—proof that even in the aftermath of devastation, communities can rise together, heal, and choose peace over division.

By honouring the past, we strengthen our commitment to ensuring that future generations inherit a world built on understanding, compassion, and the enduring belief that peace is always worth striving for.



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A beam of light
A field in Bloom
My heart is whole
The warmth of a flame
A note of love
My peace is loud

An embrace of freedom
The petals that drift
My collection of life
The book of eternity
A shower of our love
My peace is loud

Grace of the dances
Harmony of the songs
Weaving of the tapestries
Building of the homes
Keeping the stories told
The buzz of life in the ground
My peace is loud

My peace is loud
The peace that will always find its way to you
In the warmth of a hug
In the sight of a bug
Peace will always share its love

My peace is in the tears I shed
The weight that gets taken of my shoulders
My peace is in the art I make
The freedom I have to express myself
That is my peace
My peace is loud

By Alex Arvai and Eden Jones, 10M



Stillness, a breath held gently,
the world, momentarily whole

The edge of all tension dissolves.
A shift in frequency,
the world moving from vibration
to a fundamental hum.
It is the subtraction of noise,
leaving only the pure architecture of space.
We inhabit the interval now,
the necessary emptiness
between action and reaction.
The concept of opposition
reconfigures itself into shared geometry.

Stillness, a breath held gently.
The world, momentarily whole.

There is no physical landmark,
no monument to this state.
It is a purely internal coordinate,
a synchronous alignment of intent.
A release from the historical constant,
a dwelling in the present perfect.

Stillness, a breath held gently.
The world, momentarily whole.

This state is simply the acceptance
of equilibrium.
The quiet, unprovable theorem
that existence does not require struggle.

By Daniel Eribalo, 11R



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Twins: Cork and Coventry

A Little History by Nadia Sikora and Harleen Thandi

This project was a 15 month history project conducted by the Coventry Irish Society where they explored the history of the Irish community in Coventry. Coventry was the first city to twin with Cork. The decision to twin with Coventry was a result of the number of Cork people who had emigrated to Coventry to find work and later chose it as a place to settle. Today our partnership is about sharing values and opinions between our communities. Art is one of the ways that this can be achieved.

Meeting Cork Poets by Ierene Kour and Zaphyia Samaira Kapur

On Friday 7 November, our UNESCO Ambassadors went to Earlsdon Library to attend the prestigious event of a poetry exchange with poets from Cork and Coventry.

We experienced poets presenting with a wide range of forms that inspired us as the younger generation to be passionate and expressive with our words.

Poetry is a form of self-expression, it encourages you to be creative and allows you to share your thoughts with rich words, and imagery. It is miraculous how so many diverse people were able to connect and enjoy the art of words. We had the opportunity to present our poems, about peace, family and community. The community there were incredibly welcoming.

Overall it was a wonderful experience to meet other poets, watch them perform and present our poetry. We look forward to seeing you at future events with us.



Earlsdon
Carnegie Community Library

Our UNESCO Ambassadors with two highly acclaimed poets from Cork: *Bernadette Gallagher* and *Phil Spillane* and Kay Forrest, Director of Irish Society

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Peace is a Community Affair

In our English lessons, we've been exploring narratives about the Coventry Blitz, Dresden and Flanders' Field. We were challenged to think about the statement:

"Peace is fragile, but Coventry Cathedral is a symbol of hope."

As our features this week are honouring the 85th Anniversary, I wanted to share my thoughts on this idea:

ABCD (Agree, Build, Challenge, Develop)

Assessing Oracy - Let's talk
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SPEAK
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Apply in context: "Peace is fragile, but Coventry Cathedral is a symbol of hope"

A Very persuaded AGREE	I agree with...because... The reason I agree with...is... I would like to argue the same... I would like to sustain this... This is an interesting point because... This aligns with my understanding of... I concur with the point...made as... A proposal/argument I strongly agree with was... A key strength I identified was... It was effective when...	I agree with...but would like to add... I also think it's important to consider... I would like to build on... point because... Building on what... Said... In addition to...point... Expanding on your proposal/argument, I would like to share... It is common knowledge that... / It is well known that... Research/statistics can be inferred to	B Somewhat persuaded BUILD
C Not persuaded CHALLENGE	I would like to challenge this because... I would like to counter... I disagree with...because... I would like to object on grounds of... I would like to dissent... My own view is different because... I am sceptical about... I question the point raised about...because... My rebuttal for this is... On the contrary, have you considered...	In my opinion... / I am of the opinion that... In my view... I would suggest that... I believe that... An additional insight I gained from this is... This broadens the scope of... It's interesting to compare this with... This adds a new layer to my understanding of...as... I hadn't considered the prospect/view/argument of... before, but now I...	D Somewhat persuaded DEVELOP



"I agree with this unique statement because the context relates to resilience; a loving community reuniting and to believing in miracles. Even, in times of greatest struggle, we should all believe, thrive, and hope.

I would like to justify this perspective by sharing what I rely on and spiritually believe in. Firstly, as we take a curious glance at the word "fragile" we can recognise that peace is a surprise to us, as it is difficult to gain and to receive. But more importantly, peace is the right of everyone, it should be the entitlement of all, regardless of circumstance.

This sacred building is an illustration of optimism. When you are in complete defeat, you will always seek hope, this building is a landmark for it. There are times when people feel like they cannot call their city home; but new sitting beside old reminds us we can always reclaim our place of belonging.

Hope is not the light: it is the ember that refuses to die when the fire has stolen everything else.

Hope is not a blaze: it is the final ember clinging to life in the ashes of what once was.

Hope is not what shines: it is what smoulders quietly after the world has gone dark.

Hope is not the fire: it is the whisper of warmth left in the ashes daring to burn again.

Hope is the ember the darkness could not kill...small, trembling but still alive.

Hope does not define but reunites with pleasure."

By Elektra Erdmane-Hermene

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Interfaith Youth Conference Reflections

On Monday 10th November, a group of our sixth formers joined with other schools across the city to reflect on the importance of Healthy Relationships as a way to counter Domestic Violence.

"I think the activity that made me think the most was focusing on what makes a healthy relationship rather than focusing on why a relationship was bad. It showed me that focusing on the negative weighs you down rather than showing gratitude for the ones that don't. I think it's an important topic because it highlights, especially to young people, how our perspectives shape things.

I think it's valuable for young people to work together because it allows everyone to understand each other's perspectives and allow us to compare our own interpretations and being more mindful when making a judgement." - **Sabjuna Mayurathan**



"The activities made me think more about the topics we discussed, be able to think deeper, they helped me be more informed on the situation. The topic of relationships is very important as relationships are very common therefore being informed on healthy relationships will be very beneficial for everyone. It is important for young people to have a space to work together as we should all communicate and be able to discuss very important topics. It's vital for all young people to be able to speak freely about the topics of relationships to spread awareness." - **Maleehah Mirza**

"The activities that made me think the most were the discussions about what healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviours look like. Hearing examples and having to spot the warning signs made me realise how easily unhealthy patterns can be overlooked. Toward the end of the conference, the conversation about abuse towards both women and men was especially eye-opening. Understanding the different signs of abuse; emotional, physical, and controlling behaviours, really stood out to me.

The topic felt especially important because relationships have such a big impact on our mental and emotional wellbeing. Knowing what healthy boundaries look like, and recognising early signs of harmful behaviour, is something everyone our age should feel confident about.

I also found it valuable to have space to work together with other young people. It made the conversations feel open and supportive. Working in groups helped the session feel more engaging and made it easier to reflect honestly.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to take part." - **Rhianna Robertson**



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Reflections on the Interfaith Conference

“Miss. Hagan brought us out this evening to help build a generation of young women who are able to now speak out against violences that toxic dynamics may bring. We have heard a testimony when the victim was alone but Miss. Hagan wanted to empower us so that we would never have the same experience, that we would recognise that we are part of a local and global community in this room.

This afternoon held panels and workshops that helped strengthened our understanding and abilities to differentiate healthy and negative relations; and navigate through instances. The tasks brought us together, uniting womanhood so those who may have suffered prior realise they are never alone.”

Sabrina Bah

“I would like to share a poem composed about the themes, conversations, and testimonies we’ve heard together. It reflects on the violence against women and how we can learn from past trauma; and turn something devastating into a new path for growth and change. As a community, we need to help others who need a voice, like ours, to share their story.”

Hiyab Gezae

Our scars may fade
but they never truly dissipate.

A ripple effect—
my trauma at the centre.

My community impacted,
both a victim and a harm.

In one breath,
divided in dissonance.
In another,
renewed and reformed.

Not a victim,
but a survivor.

The semantics are key,
Yes, I am, a statistic
(1 in 3)
But this is an episode,
not the entirety of me.

Within the grassroots of ourselves,
the potential of change can be found.

The igniting of a generation
who can defy
the monolithic boundaries
of our time.

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SACRE and Interfaith Conference

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Football Spotlight – Sporting Reports

Y7 Phoenixes Blazing to Victory

*Today I will be interviewing Max Kostka, from the Y7 Team, blazing through the games—
by Tawidullah Sulatanzai*

I had the opportunity to watch our stunning year 7 in action, attending their third victory of the season. I want to share with you a snapshot of my time on the sidelines.

From my perspective, the atmosphere was booming for our side—there were so many other students, alongside myself, supporting from our school community. I think this support and camaraderie boosted their game to another level.

To be stood on the sidelines made me incredibly proud—our players were great to watch and the victory was well-deserved.

After the game, I asked one of the star players, Max Kostka, for an interview.

Q. How was your performance through the games?

I think I did quite well. I scored a hat-trick, and ensured a goal in every game I've played so far.

Q. How was your team's performance?

To be honest, our team was lagging behind a bit in the middle stages but we found a fire that ultimately ensured we took a victory in all games. Our performance is definitely stronger in the second halves: support from our school community and pep talks from our coach, Mr. Ward, always help to accelerate our game.

Q: What was it like playing so many different schools in such a short period of time?

It was quite challenging playing with different schools—they all have different strengths and limitations to learn. But Mr. Ward's wisdom and training guaranteed we snatched all wins.

This is a good start for the Y7s—we hope you will join us in cheering them on from the sidelines, becoming a part of the waves of motivation. We hope they continue to blaze a fire through the league and look forward to sharing with you.



Football Spotlight – Sporting Reports

Y7 Phoenixes Blazing to Victory

An interview with Nikodem Lisewski, from the Y7 Team —by Christian Smith

Nikodem thinks the games went very well—it has been a joy to be part of a team who are working hard for victory; and supported by their manager Mr. Ward.

The first game 5-0.

The second game 4-0.

The third game was 3-1.

You can see a steady streak of victory. He thinks the first game was the best game because the game gave them confidence for the season ahead. He plays a tough position in left back and sometimes, when needed, plays right back.

Max was the player of the match in the last game —playing a crucial role in midfield—my fellow reporter has just shared his interview.

In this final game, the team started off okay but progressively got better in the match as they picked up momentum. They played against Meadow Park—who were a tough side—however Lyng Hall pulled through and won it for everybody. They weren't worried about the game because they won their last two game's so they went in with pride .

The team have quite a long period now to focus on their practice, and fitness. Their next fixture is not until February—we, like them, look forward to seeing them back on the pitch. They are top of their league and proud to be playing for Lyng Hall football team. We are equally proud of their success.



College – Update On The Race

Welcome to the ultimate showdown of academic excellence, where grit meets grind and the scoreboard tells no lies. The college halls have echoed with the roar of competition, and the leaderboard is in—let’s break down the stats like it’s game day!

Pegasus came to play and left no doubt—they may be third place on the league table but they are chasing victory for this academic season. With **Pegasus** (11R) dropping a monster 776 points, followed closely by Ameerat Kibuuka (11R) with 773, this house is flying high and fast. Their top ten is stacked with scores above 600, proving that **Pegasus** doesn’t just soar—they dominate.

Griffins: The Depth Kings

With 867 points, we have **Griffin** who have been leading for weeks now, and they look like they are going to be leading for a while. **Griffins** brought depth and consistency to the field. Ola Marecka (11O) led the charge with 717, but the real story is the relentless pack of **Griffins** from 7R, each posting scores in the mid-600s. This squad is young, hungry, and built for the long haul. Watch out—**Griffins** are building a dynasty.

Centaurs: The Silent Surge

Don’t sleep on the **Centaurs**. Cameron Fuller (11M) lit up the board with 732, the second-highest score across all houses. With nine of their top ten hailing from 11M, this house is tight-knit and laser-focused. **Centaurs** are the quiet storm—steady, strategic, and surging.

Dragons: The Underdogs with Fire

Dragons may be trailing in the numbers, but they’ve got heart. Deborah Eribalo (11Y) leads with 595, and the squad shows a mix of upper and lower years, proving that fire burns at every level. With rising stars like Maisie Jenkinson (9O) and **Dragon** (9O), this house is laying the groundwork for a comeback.

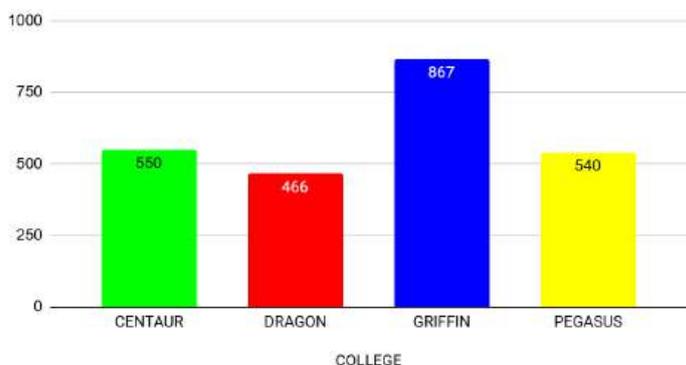
MVPs of the Week:

- **Pegasus** (11R) – 776 points: Unstoppable.
- Cameron Fuller (11M) – 732 points: **Centaur’s spearhead.**
- Ola Marecka (11O) – 717 points: **Griffin’s ace.**

Final Whistle:

This isn’t just a leaderboard—it’s a battlefield of brilliance. **Pegasus** may have taken the crown this round, but the season’s far from over. **Centaurs** are charging, **Griffins** are grinding, and **Dragons** are heating up. Stay tuned, stay sharp, and may the best house rise to glory!

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Cameron Fuller	11M	732	Deborah Eribalo	11Y	595	Ola Marecka	11O	717	Pegasus	11R	776
Rhyan Kelly	11M	680	Kyle Hickman	11Y	596	Griffin	11O	716	Ameerat Kibuuka	11R	773
Janis Lewis	11M	660	Jason Lacey	11Y	527	Griffin	7R	664	Pegasus	11R	763
Devin Pearson	11M	647	Bryce Northall	11Y	513	Temi Kacem	11O	603	Loena Naska	11R	760
Lucas Arms	11M	623	Maisie Jenkinson	9O	497	Kyle Drew	11O	654	Dnyey Vyas	11R	688
Zachary Price	11M	605	Dragon	9O	489	Griffin	7R	651	Trey Langa	11I	668
Benkati Nyakutya	11M	579	Dean Marumbe	11Y	494	Griffin	7R	650	Balachander Thangalange	11R	651
Miley Carne-Croft	11M	526	Andra Laubani	11Y	474	Griffin	7R	617	Abdul Gayomi	11R	646
Vivian Patel	11M	523	Ryilee Harris	11Y	471	Griffin	7R	616	Pegasus	11O	626
Bartholomew	10O	389	Dragon	11Y	467	Griffin	7R	643	Veronica Newkocha	11R	600



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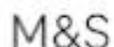


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TRAVEL PASS	<p>If you live more than 2 miles from the school, your child may be eligible for a free bus pass. For information on how a student would qualify for a pass please visit: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses</p> <p>Applications: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass</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

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

Tuesday 2nd December—Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 4th December—Black History Month Performance