



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



Did You Know?

The first term has been a long one, with 8 weeks starting off our journey into autumn. Pupils, on the whole, have dealt with the tiredness this brings, really well. A well-deserved rest and restore is definitely needed.

A reminder that ties must be worn or repurchased, via the school and only a top with a logo is acceptable in class. Jumpers and very warm fleeces are available for a really reasonable price at Cat Ballou.

The student respect charter is displayed in every classroom. The college assemblies deliver what they mean every fortnight—'Be your Best' was the focus this week. The student newsletter is full of people being their best!

A lovely article on the first robotics competition from Mr Van den Top is the main message in this newsletter, it is great to see how a spark of an idea has grown over the year. We look forward to also sharing an article on the 3D printer and how that is being used in a future edition.

Today Highly Sprung have taken over the hall and pupils have enjoyed their captivating performances through the day. An article also to follow. Have a lovely half term.

We are Lyng Hall - Be Your Best



The theme for this week's college assemblies and in school is: 'Be your Best.'

It was lovely to share the different things that pupils do during the school day and outside—our UNESCO ambassadors, for example, the robotics' club (see next page for their exciting first competition,) Science club, Literacy Leaders, representatives in sport clubs—Student Council, Accept and Respect—the list could go on!

Mrs Smith also shared what we could do every day to be our best and help others become their best:

Smile! Open a door, show your manners—please and thank you.

Don't litter—or expect someone to pick up after you.

Look your best—in school—tie, correct shoes and a logoed top (we could see great pride in assembly.)

Also, look down at your page—what does your work show—your best?

Reminding pupils every day to be their best does make a difference. 😊

A message from West Midlands' Police:

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approaches, West Midlands Police would like to encourage you to talk to your child about staying safe and sensible during this time.

Remember...

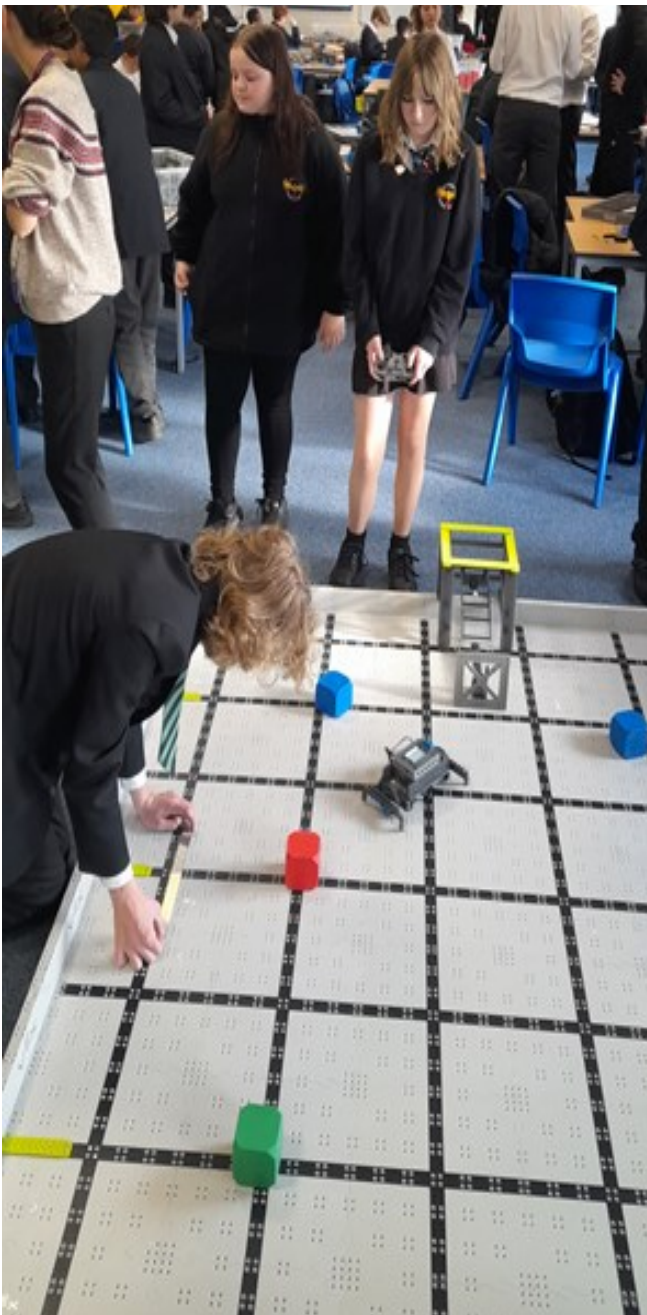
- Stay visible at night by wearing fluorescent clothing or head torches
- Supervise children with sparklers and at firework displays
- Warn your children about stranger danger and only trick or treating in well-lit, known areas
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

You can download our free parents' guide of safety tips here: <https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/>

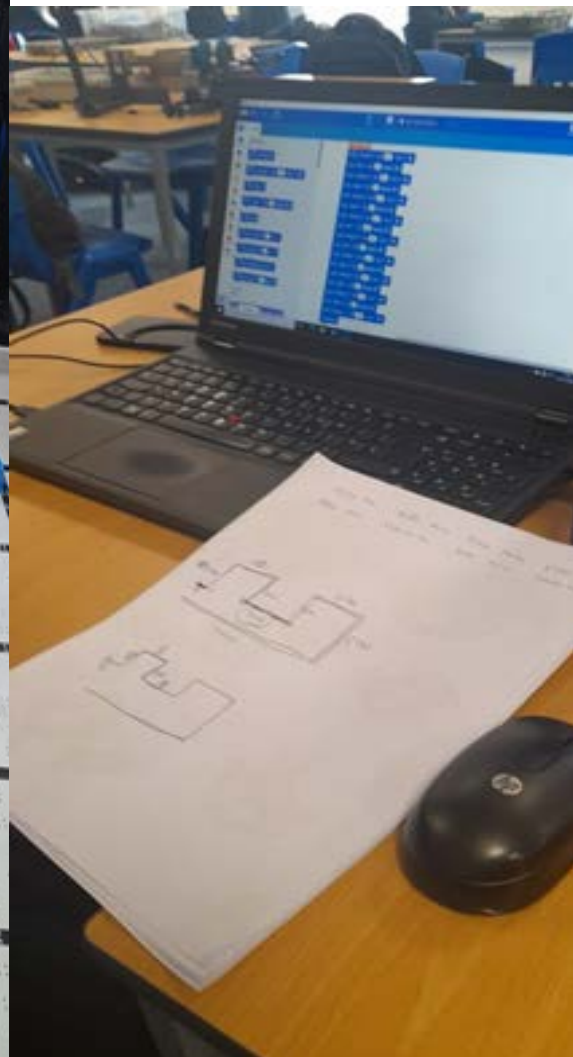
We are Lyng Hall - Robotics Summit

The robotics club has been running for the past 2 years and we have now reached the stage where we are open to competing with robotics clubs outside of our school community.

We were invited to take part in the first “**Finham Park MAT Robotics Summit.**” The organiser has put an exciting program together which will test the skill of the pupils from different schools in a fun and collaborative way. We participated with two teams consisting of the following pupils; Ayrton, Patrick, Lewis, Balachandra, Myla, Abbie, Tommy and Johnny. The Robotics session on the Friday prior to the summit we had collected all the materials we needed to compete in the competition.



The day was introduced by the head of the MAT Mr Baillie with a message outlining the importance of Robotics for the future of the UK.



We are Lyng Hall - Robotics Summit

The students started with a 30 minute mini-robot build, in which the pupils were encouraged to interact and collaborate with students from the other schools, which created a fantastic atmosphere. The robot needed to be able to complete a course using a controller, and autonomously follow computer programming. Both our teams completed this task with great determination as we had to find solutions to problems that came about due to not having all the building components as indicated on the design.

Next we competed against all the other teams (at least 15!) and came second in the controller race with a fantastic time of 13.1 seconds. We did not have many runs at this, as we continued on to the second part of the competition in which the robot had to complete the same course autonomously.

We were the only team to successfully complete this difficult task which earned us top honours in this part of the competition.

Excellent results aside, I could not be more proud of the way our students conducted themselves, and the fantastic way they collaborated with their fellow students to complete the challenges.



We are Lyng Hall -Robotics Summit

After the lunch break we returned to be introduced to the new VEX competition for this year, Rapid relay. In this game, robots need to launch balls through designated targets to gain points. The design of the robots is up to the pupils, but has to follow strict rules on height, and the number of motors used.

Again, our pupils were all quick to jump to the task and worked together to start developing the designs, and initiated the build of the robots we will be entering into the Rapid relay MAT competition that will take place in the summer term.

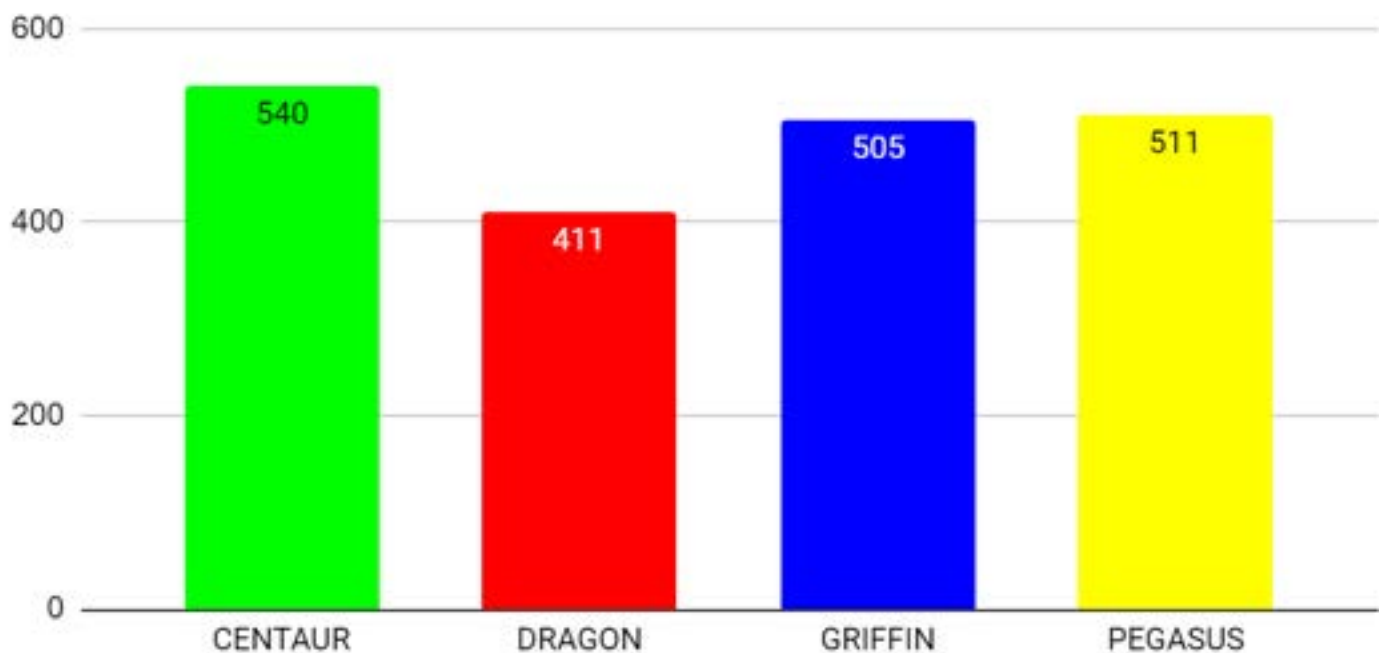
The collaboration between students and staff of the MAT was fantastic with the exchange of both ideas and the sharing of equipment. Many positive connections were formed with a clear desire showcased for future collaborations, including the preparation for the competition in the summer term of next year during which the different schools that do not have the correct gear can borrowing the gear needed to practise for this event.

I would like to thank our pupils for the fantastic work they did today, the MAT colleagues for the fantastically positive interactions throughout the day and Pete Maguire and Finham Park School for organising and hosting such an outstanding event.



College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Here are the college grand totals in the final week, before half-term. Centaur have managed to keep the lead but, they should definitely not sit comfortably, as Pegasus are not far behind them! Griffin are definitely showing some fight for second place but, they are going to need high performance for at least two consecutive weeks, if they are to jump ahead. Dragon need to have a serious think about how they can improve, in order to progress their performance in the championship. They are currently gaining the highest number of negative points, out of all four colleges, every single week. This is definitely a key factor holding them down in fourth place. A big shout out to 7R in Dragon, who had their positive points multiplied by four this week, for not only have 100% punctuality but, also zero lateness to school and lessons! 10M in Centaur, 9I and 10G in Pegasus, also received the double-points award for having no behaviour points this week. - Well done!



College – Update

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Reece Wilkes	10M	464	Ayub Jama	8I	401	Freddie Crossley	100	615	Ashley Dewis	10I	466
Patrick Stark	10M	452	Liam Kavanagh	8I	394	Jason Manzeruza	100	572	Amelle Munro	10R	465
Callum Babb	10M	442	Taylor Purcell	8I	391	Nucula-Razvan Costache	100	539	Vanessa Nwajoha	10R	412
Emaan Haroon	10M	408	Annalise Treacy	8I	368	Ragveer Bains	100	519	Sara Raducan	10I	377
Wen Bo Hu Lavells	10M	400	Chloe Farrell	8I	381	Griffin	100	518	Logan Miller	10I	375
Lucia Gabornik	TEPL 1	390	Igor Kap	8I	376	Piotr Jones	100	521	Javion Duke	10I	370
Eaha Nawaz	TEPL 1	372	Andrea Duna	8I	366	Terri Kazeem	100	505	Alex Becheru	10I	348
Haleema Nawaz	TEPL 1	372	Jason Lakeye	10Y	355	Grace Dawson	100	476	Trey Langa	10I	345
Centaur	TEPL 1	368	Kimberley Fimpong	10Y	346	Luke Hopkins	100	454	Pegasus	10I	343
Kyran Halliwell	10M	357	Summer-Leigh Hislop	8I	335	Skye Merrick	100	456	Pegasus	10I	307

Here are the college 'Top 10' pupils this week. It is great to see that some are almost half way towards earning their bronze badge so early on in the school year - this is the first milestone to aim for and is awarded when pupils receive 1000 positive points.



Bronze:
1000 points



Silver:
1500 points



Gold:
2000 points

A plethora of postcard nominations have also been made this week so pupils should receive these shortly after half-term, if they haven't done so already. Postcard nominations are made by teachers when they feel pupils have displayed one of our key college values:

Empathy, Determination, Responsibility or Resilience.



Did You Know? Support:

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

SCHOOL

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.

LYNG HALL SCHOOL

TRAVEL

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:

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.

UNIFORM

We accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.

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 Are Lyng Hall

Lyng Hall Uniform Donations

We have been informed by our pupils that they sometimes out-grow their uniform during the year and therefore buy new items. We would like to take the opportunity to ask that any uniform that you may be replacing, or not using, is kindly donated to the school.

The uniform does not have to be in brand new condition but be relatively good quality (not ripped or stained) and can include PE kit, winter coats, shoes etc.

Pupils and/or parents can hand the uniform donations into the school reception at any point in time throughout the year. We greatly appreciate all donations that have been made previously and any that we receive in the future.

Thank you,

Miss Gaggini

School Calendar

Coming up...

w/c Monday 4th November & Monday 11th November - Year 11 Mock Exams

Wednesday 13th November - Year 7 to 11 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

w/c Monday 18th November - P16 Mock A Level & BTEC Exams

Tuesday 26th November - P16 Parents' Evening