



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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Did You Know?

WINTER SHOWCASE - CENTRE STAGE - CHANGE OF DATE!

Please note that the school's winter showcase "Centre Stage" will now take place at 7pm on Tuesday 17 December and Wednesday 18 December, not on the 18th and 19th as previously advertised. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

It is lovely to see the first Christmas hamper come in—well done to TEFL for a beautifully designed box—I think you have set the standard very high!

The red day is on the 13th December, pupils can wear red and hopefully, in tutor groups, they have decided how they are going to organise their hamper. See the pictures of the first box created by a tutor group—it will give inspiration to what can be achieved.

There is a lot going on, with show rehearsals and enrichment activities keeping pupils busy. It's always great to see those who choose to give extra to the school, making it a lovely place to see such talent.

A lovely article about things to enjoy in December and the talented pupils who took part in Your Voice, an enrichment event from English.

Have a lovely weekend.

We are Lyng Hall - Christmas Hampers



The first tutor hamper is in! Thank you so much to Ms Szalak and the TEFL pupils for decorating this so beautifully and filling it up with goodies!

What a marvellous contribution, you are all stars, thank you.



We are Lyng Hall - Bake Sale for Cocos

Christopher Kennedy:

We wanted to support Coco Foundation a charity that Mrs Smith works closely with. We all had fun running around and telling people about us selling cookies and trying to encourage them to buy them. We spent a whole afternoon making posters and we were all having fun and enjoying it. We also raised £112.50 and we sold out of all the cookies, it was super hectic but really fun and I would gladly do it again.

Caitlin Payton:

My class 7I held a bake sale to raise money for Mrs Smith's charity, Coco Foundation. I was running around the forecourt telling people that there is a bake sale, trying to encourage them to come and buy a cookie for 50p each. As soon as break time ended we sold out of all the cookies and we made £112.50. Also, we made fantastic posters to put around mainstream school.



We are Lyng Hall—Your Voice

On Tuesday 3rd December, students from Y7-Y9 participated in a workshop with the English Speaking Union. They were chosen as they have each committed to the ESU Shakespeare competition, where they are challenged to memorise a monologue or duologue by Shakespeare. We are incredibly proud of their courage and determination. The workshop was entitled: *Your Voice* and it provided students with the space to **find their passion** and to **not hold back**.

Students share details of the workshops they did: “In today’s workshop, we were looking at how we can make our speeches unique to ourselves and to see how we can make it more appealing or cohesive. Taking a text and seeing how we could make it engaging to an audience, thinking about where we could add pauses or a change in tone; possibly adding humour to lighten up the mood and release any tension.

Even if you’re nervous about speeches, you can use the tips to see if it makes it easier. Being able to convey a topic that you might not be passionate about can put you in a situation where you’re not sure what to say, using humour can put you at ease, relax the tension in your body and let you collect your thoughts.”

“We’ve looked at pictures to see if we could come up with an interesting or entertaining plot. Even if you didn’t come up with anything, hearing others’ ideas could help expand your imagination. If one of the images doesn’t make you think about anything at first—hearing other thoughts can encourage you to look with a deeper meaning.

When we were asked to think about what we would put into Orwell’s Room 101, we reflected on what we believe is the most damaging idea to our society and why that is. Working in small groups helped us to understand what other people think about this challenging topic.”



Miss. Hagan: “I was incredibly proud of all students during the afternoon. A number overcame significant fears to participate; they were a perfect example of what is possible when we have the resilience to try, and the support of others beside us. One of the closing speeches captured what we need to do to our fear.”

Rory: “I believe that fear should be put in Room 101. Life would be a lot more fun without it. Without fear, you could allow yourself to do more enjoyable things without your emotions holding you back.”

Another student shared that they overcome their fear about “thinking other people will judge you.” These are beautiful moments, and steps, in our journey.

Our enrichment programmes are supported by our sixth formers who mentor the younger students in their personal growth.

Alysha: “Helping and being apart of the workshop gave me the chance to learn about the younger students and connect with them. It was amazing to see how comfortable and less nervous they got as the workshop progressed. It was a wonderful experience and I am very proud of how much the students overcame.”



The afternoon provided a safe space where students were able to share personal ideas that were important to them. It culminated in their presentation of their speeches at the front of the theatre. We look forward to their final Shakespeare performances in a few weeks. If you want to get involved in Oracy Enrichment opportunities, just find Miss. Hagan.



College – Dragon

Hope you have all had a good week Dragon College!!!

Dragon college are still running in 4th place but we can change that really easily. We need all of Dragon college on time and completing work in lessons and we will smash it.



Things to celebrate this time of year.

Not everyone loves Christmas or even celebrates Christmas so what can you focus on this time of year instead?

- The change in weather - seeing the leaves fall and the change in colours is great this time of year. It's always nice to throw on a blanket and snuggle down watching a film after a nice walk.
- The lights - seeing the houses and buildings glowing in the twinkly lights always brings a comforting feeling and makes everything look magical.
- Family - having time off allows you to connect with family more easily and frequently allowing you to create memories of good time.
- Clothes - layers and layers of warm clothes are always a comfort. Warm fabrics and soft scarves make for a happy mood.
- Foods - comfort foods are great this time of year. Something hot to fill your tummy and warm you up.

What do you enjoy about the winter months??




College – Update

There are only 2 more weeks left, before the Christmas holiday. Anything could happen in this time, in terms of college points, so it would be great to see some healthy competition between the colleges during this time.

Postcards are a great way to earn additional college points, as they are worth 100 points each! Students can be nominated by their teachers for a college postcard, if they show one of the four values in their lessons or around school: **Empathy**, **Determination**, **Responsibility** and **Resilience**.

College Value Postcards

The four college values are: **empathy**, **determination**, **responsibility** and **resilience**.
Every time you exhibit one of these values staff can nominate you for a postcard.



Lyng Hall School
Empathy Determination Responsibility Resilience


Well done for proudly representing your college!

has been nominated by:

for:

You have demonstrated the college value of:

DETERMINATION



The postcards are posted home to share your success.
Each postcard is also worth 100 college points.
If you achieve 4 nominations for a value, you will receive a dot badge for that value.

COLLEGE SHOUT-OUTS:

Centaur: Highest number of achievement points this week.

Dragon: Highest percentage of attendance.

Griffin: Fewest negative points this week.

Pegasus: Had a tutor group with zero 'lates' for the entire week.



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.

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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...

Friday 13th December - Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December - Winter Show Performance 7pm

Friday 20th December - Last day of term