



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Did You Know?

I am pleased to be able to pass over the student college weekly newsletter to our new editor—Josh Goodridge.

Josh is currently in Year 12, studying Sound Engineering BTEC, Sociology and Maths A Level. I have taught Josh—Years 9 –11, so know he is an avid reader, a deep thinker and always eager to support.

And what an edition to launch—a single news item from an exciting experience he took part in—meeting Ed Sheeran in Coventry for a workshop!!!

Hello, my name is Josh and I am so proud to be editing this newsletter. The experience of meeting someone like Ed Sheeran in person was absolutely phenomenal and inspiring: his words on creativity and the music writing process was amazing to hear, as someone who is interested in a music-based career!

I would love to say thanks to Soundlabs and to my teacher Mr Sanford-Casey for supporting us with this wonderful experience!



We are Lyng Hall - Ed Sheeran!

World Class Musicians - and Ed Sheeran!

On 10 January 2025 seven students were invited to a top-secret workshop with someone that they just knew as a 'signed artist'. It turned out to be Ed Sheeran!



Ed spent time with music teachers from 4 schools discussing how we deliver music education. He was particularly interested in how Lyng Hall delivers music technology as he believes it will open up more career pathways than music alone. At this point, 50 students from the schools had been collaborating to put together a performance of an original song written by a young person from Coventry Music, who were hosting the event.

As rehearsals finished, Ed appeared, prompting great shock from all those attending! He performed 'Perfect for them' then took questions such as, 'What's the largest venue you've ever played?' (The Melbourne Cricket Ground) 'Who's the best artist you've ever collab'd with?' (Beyonce and Eminem) 'If you could switch to any other genre, what would it be?' (Afrobeats). He then listened to the students perform and was impressed by what they had produced.

"It was such a great opportunity to meet someone who is in the music industry, and it was incredible to actually perform something for him! It was brilliant to hear what he said about being close to giving up when someone asked him about that - he said that if you write 5 songs in a day, and 1 is great but 4 are terrible, you need the 4 bad songs to have made the good one work." Josh Goodridge - year 12.

To me - Ed seemed so interested in music education, was extremely knowledgeable about how music works and could be improved in school and seems keen to help, so who knows, we could even see him again!

The students had the wonderful opportunity to take some personal photos with Ed!

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Here is sixth-form band member and Year 13 music technology student, Jake Wood. It's incredibly awe inspiring to see such a giant in the music industry up close and personal! After providing his consoling and amazing speech, we just about caught him on the way out."

"Me and my mate Ed!" - Jake Wood, Year 13

This is another one of the amazing photos that two of our music technology students got to take with Ed. Looking smart as ever, Year 12 students Daria Strimbeanu and Mikolaj Gurzynski are here posing with the amazing Suffolk singer. Here is what Daria had to say:

"It was inspiring, especially for people who don't know what to do in their future and who are passionate about music. He said that with music, you just have to go for it and not have a plan B, and just trust that you'll be successful; and not listen to friends who tell you not to do music.... He's more blond than ginger though, so that was disappointing"

- Daria Strimbeanu, Year 12

And here's what Mikolaj had to say about Ed's appearance:

"He's less ginger than I thought! I felt inspired by his presence – it's Ed Sheeran!"

- Mikolaj Gurzynski, Year 12



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

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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...

Tuesday 14th January - Year 9 Parents Evening

Tuesday 4th February - Year 11 Targeted Parents Meetings

w/c Monday 17th February - Half Term