



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



Did You Know?

Josh, the new editor, completed his GCSE Mandarin last year, so his editorial this week involves Chinese New Year:

Did you know? January 29th marks Chinese New Year (农历新年, "nóng lì xīn nián") in the lunar calendar. The day begins on the first new moon between the 21st of January and 20th of February. The first day is also called the Spring Festival (春节, "chūn jié").

The festival is celebrated by a cleaning of the house on the day immediately before, followed by large family gatherings and feasts, sharing Mandarin oranges and red envelopes with phrases or poetry on them (红包, "hóng bāo") for good luck.

The new year is celebrated for the following days after the Spring Festival, through activities such as lighting fire crackers, offerings to the God of Wealth (财神, "cái shén"), smaller meals with dumplings, and further cleanings and disposing of litter from the previous days, to ward off bad health and encourage good luck." Josh.

It was lovely to see so many parents for the Year 9 parents' meeting this week, thank you to those who came in to speak to us. C. Smith

We are Lyng Hall—Performing Arts' Uniform

You may have already seen some students wearing the new Lyng Hall performing arts uniform. Students who take PA (dance and drama) at KS4 and KS5 have all had a set of items purchased for them - a grey T-shirt and a black sweatshirt. These items are logoed and have the student's name on the back and initials on the front.

The students are allowed to remain in the uniform for other lessons on the days when they have PA. One of the reasons behind the uniform is that there are no changing facilities in the performing arts' corridor.

They should always look smart, pairing the uniform with other suitable black clothing and not accessorising. We will be asking them to wear their sweatshirts whenever possible and keep the grey T-shirts for PA lessons so that the main uniform colour remains black.

This is a great addition to the uniforms for Lyng Hall.

Mr Sanford-Casey.



We are Lyng Hall—Stem Day

This Tuesday, some of our amazing younger years took part in an all-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshop, brought to us by the team working on HS2; the new high-speed rail and one of the largest rail infrastructure projects in Europe. The workshop involved many interactive activities including creating a tunnel that could hold up weight out of straw and creating a design for a futuristic train station. Mr Van den Top, Science teacher and Stem co-ordinator said, "It was excellent... it was at their level and very engaging."

The students were inspired by the way the concepts and demonstrations were explained and the sixth formers were proud to help.

Josh.



College – Centaur—Student Focus

Lorenzo Bryan—7Y—Centaur



Lorenzo is a shy young man, who since September, has had over 97% attendance, over 99% punctuality to tutor time and lessons, 585 achievement points with Zero negatives!!! Lorenzo works very hard in Tutor time for PSHE and numeracy, and particularly thrives with Maths!

Teacher comments:

Mr Grant praised Lorenzo's ***'Excellent standard of work, really good behaviour and punctuality'*** while Mrs Williams, his tutor, says about Lorenzo: ***'He's well-mannered, polite and I'm happy that he is a part of our tutor group 😊'***



About You?

My mum is from Poland and my dad is from England. I can understand Polish but not speak it! I came from Little Heath Primary. I was really excited to come to

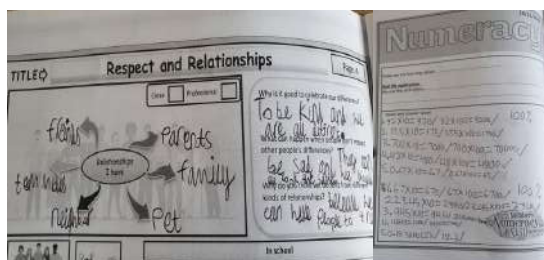
Lyng hall. Since coming My favourite subjects are PE, English and Maths. Mr Grant is my favourite teacher because he is funny and supports Man Utd! I also support Man Utd and Josh Zirkzee is my favourite player.

Home life?

I like Pizza but there are too many favourite foods that I have. I play Fortnite on PS5 and I have a cat called Oreo.

Your passion?

I like playing football and I am good at it. I have played for Aston Villa's development centre based in Coventry, since I was in year 6. It has been hard because we have to do lots of difficult training drills. Before this, I was playing football since I was 4 years old. Unfortunately, I have had to quit playing for Villa because of the distance. I have since joined another team called Alvis FC in Coventry.



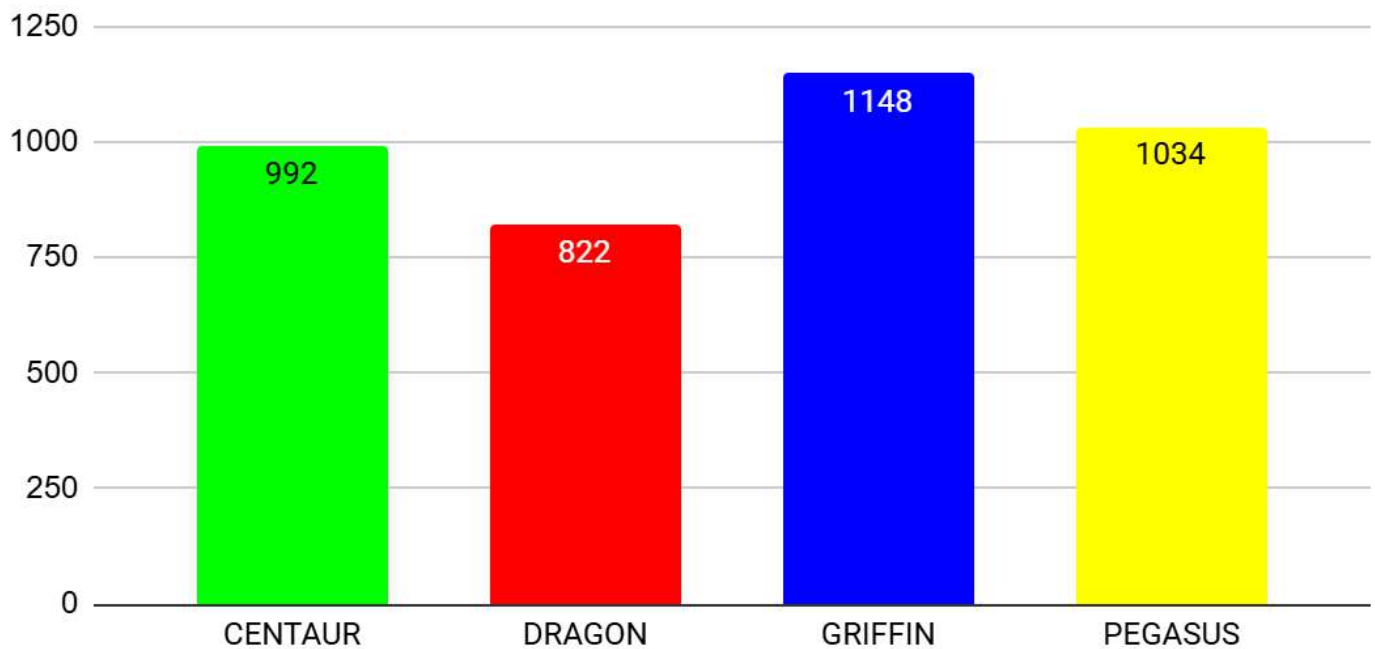
Your Future?

If a career in football doesn't work out for me, I would like to get into painting and decorating. I have a family member who does this for a living, which I like to see.



College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



Welcome back to all! We are now a third of the way through this academic year and the current College Championship totals can be seen above. Griffin have managed to remain in first place, with their points gained from the last week of term, combined with the points received in the first week and a half back. Despite Dragon being in fourth place, they have received a 1000 point bonus for having the most pupils complete homework in the first week back — this is an excellent achievement and will most definitely help them close the gap and climb up the ladder! Dragon's number of negative points did let them down this week, as they had the most compared to all other colleges. Griffin performed particularly well with the highest weekly increase in points and highest percentage of attendance. Centaur was the most punctual college to lessons this week, which is a great standard to set. Pegasus' performance was consistent and steady, not quite at the top for any of the categories but, not at the bottom either. Pegasus could be an undetected threat to beware of... all they need is one strong week and they could definitely jump to first place and knock Griffin down. As soon as Mr Loach is ready, I have no doubt that he will round up Pegasus pupils; to reclaim their first place title!

College – Update

Here are Lyng Hall's 'Top 10' performing pupils in each of the colleges.

TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Reece Wilkes	10M	1289	Deborah Erbalo	10Y	1177	Nucuta-Razvan Costache	10O	1313	Ashley Dewis	10I	1394
Patrick Stark	10M	1174	Kimberley Frimpong	10Y	992	Temi Kazeem	10O	1302	Sara Raducan	10I	1217
Caitlynn Babb	10M	1152	Jason Laleye	10Y	952	Piotr Jonas	10O	1247	Julia Witrykus	10R	1215
Lily-Rose Eggleton	10M	1134	Ayub Jama	8I	923	Freddie Crossley	10O	1211	Amelia Munro	10R	1190
Ayrton Sumner	10M	1102	Annalise Treacy	8I	851	Franciszek Mazurek	7I	1170	Vanessa Nwajoha	10R	1189
Lucia Gaborova	TEFL	1010	Chloe Farrell	8I	849	Griffin	7I	1161	Alfie Brown	10R	1159
Wen Bo Hu Lavelle	10M	968	Darren Junior Bishop	10Y	826	Yahya Khan	7I	1157	Javion Duke	10I	1141
Emaan Haroon	10M	962	Igor Kap	8I	824	Griffin	7I	1150	Trey Langa	10I	1124
Tehillah Nyakudya	10M	954	Taylor Purcell	8I	820	Grace Dawson	10O	1150	Logan Miller	10I	1100
Jamie Hajdan	7B	946	Dean Marumo	10Y	812	Griffin	7I	1140	Alex Becheru	10I	1098

Miss Gaggini is excited to present the newly-gained points badges in the next round of assemblies. Bronze - 1000 points, Silver - 1500 points, Gold - 2000 points.

DOUBLE POINTS FOR NO BEHAVIOUR POINTS

7Y 11I 7R 10Y 7I SEA 7M 8R 10I

Here are the total number of minutes late, for each college. These totals are made up the minutes late, produced by each pupil within the college, to all 6 lessons of the day, this week. This is something that college coordinators will be working to reduce over the next few weeks, with a particular focus of lateness to school and lesson 1. Any tutor groups will full punctuality with receive a 'double-points' award.

NUMBER OF MINUTES LATE	
CENTAUR	1814
DRAGON	3903
GRIFFIN	2320
PEGASUS	2832

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...

Tuesday 4th February - Year 11 Targeted Parents Meetings

w/c Monday 17th February - Half Term