



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important dates.



## Did You Know?

*It has recently been announced that this summer's annual school performing arts production will be..... "Hairspray"!*

*The 2002 musical is an inspirational, humorous, but at times serious and thought-provoking musical based on the 1988 film of the same name.*

*It is set in 1962 at the height of racial segregation and racial prejudice towards minorities in America - "Hairspray" addresses excellently how the characters (and hopefully the audience) can overcome their ideas about who is capable of what in society; as well as the changing political and social background of race and ethnicity at the time.*

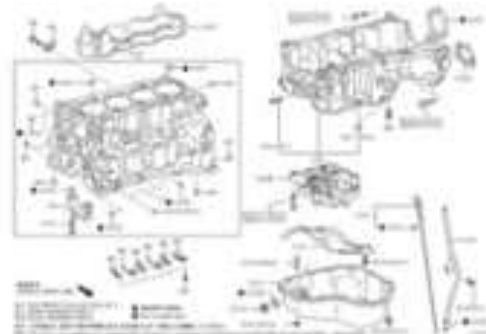
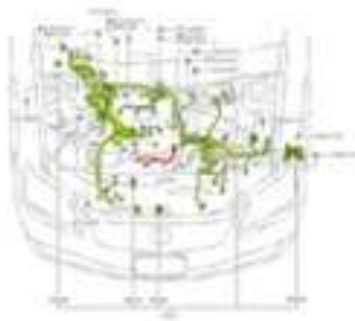
*It is a play about justice against unjust systems. It can be heavy, but the comedy and importance of the message make it worthwhile and entertaining to watch! The musical also addresses themes of body image and self-worth, and the importance of political activism.*

*Perhaps even more excitingly, the cast of the summer show have an amazing opportunity to go watch Hairspray live in Wolverhampton on February 5th! We are hoping it will be an amazing and worthwhile experience, especially for the purposes of understanding and performing the show with attention to the underlying message and sensitivities. And so, to the cast, see you all there!*

*Josh—Editor*

We are Lyng Hall—New Club!

# LHS Mechanics Club



Hello and welcome to LHS Mechanics Club, here we strive to educate you on the oldest and latest mechanical education, we give you 1 week for each presentation on vehicles, the better you present your work the harder the questions get.

Come join us

Room E1 Wednesday Period 7



## We are Lyng Hall - Maths

### PET-Xi working with Year 11 Students in Maths

We have been very lucky to be given the opportunity to work with PET-Xi to support our Year 11 pupils in making excellent progress in Maths. PET-Xi work in collaboration with schools to deliver intensive, immersive and inspirational interventions designed to make a positive impact on their learners. We currently have two programmes running with PET-Xi.

The first programme involves the students who are working hard to secure a Grade 7 or above in their GCSEs. The sessions are run online during period 7 on a Monday and focus on core skills required to achieve Grade 7. The pupils are enjoying using the laptops and partaking in the sessions using a different method of learning.

The second programme involves Maths Intensive revision days aimed at supporting pupils to move from a Grade 3 to a Grade 4. The first session on January 22<sup>nd</sup> was really successful, the pupils found it really useful and many commented that although it was hard work they got a lot of out of it. The day started with an assessment to see what pupils knew already, they then focused on their target areas from this in a collaborative interactive way. At the end of the day the pupils completed a post assessment, it was great to see so many scores improve.

Mrs Glancy is very proud of the pupils who are taking part in the sessions and the rest of Year 11 who are working hard to improve their grades. Her biggest piece of advice is **“Just 10 minutes a night will make such a difference. Use your question level analysis to identify your key areas for development, watch Maths Genie videos on this and then complete a question or two to practice. I would love to see this work bought into school as I know a lot of you are already using this method of revision at home, please come and show me at anytime what you have been doing at home.”**



## We are Lyng Hall—Options

"Hello all! Many important things are coming up soon: the end of the first month of 2025, and some exciting opportunities for students in all years.

For our Post-16s, the school has gratefully received the bursary programme resources and are now able to provide to the many who need access to them, bolstering their education.

In addition, it's important now, as ever, for the upcoming years to be considering GCSE options - thankfully, it's not a decision that is unguided! Our teachers are dedicated to letting students know why their subjects matter and who should pick them. Some of the subject options include:

- **Art:** For those who want to pursue a more creative side, the GCSE AD&T course is perfect! The course covers multi-media artistic processes and allows students to cover a wide range of artists and their works, as well as producing their own pieces.
- **Music:** The GCSE music technology course is one of Lyng Hall's most popular and successful GCSE courses. The course involves multiple aspects of live and electronic music rendering and production processes, allowing students to work as a group and independently to produce music; the course is technology-oriented, so no prior musicianship or instrument skills are necessary, which makes it easily accessible for all students.
- **Psychology:** One of the new subjects on our list, psychology is taught by the amazing Ms. Taylor and is an amazing option for those who want to pursue a career in developmental sport, therapeutic or criminal psychology, or who want to balance humanities and science; human behaviour contains elements of both! Here's an excerpt about how the course is examined from the dossier on subject preferences:

"Psychology is assessed by two exams of 1 hour 45 each at the end of the course. There is no course work but you will be given tasks to complete for practice during the two years as well as mock exams and end of unit tests."

Josh, Year 12.



## Pegasus – Update

# Pegasus Newsletter

"Staying consistent is super important, but it only counts if what you're doing is actually working. If we're consistently coming in second place week on week, it probably means something's off. We all need to step up our game and improve how we do things to really crush it and take first place!" Mr Loach-Smith

Hello everybody and welcome back from Pegasus for the new year, as we embark on a new term, it is essential to reflect on our shared responsibility in fostering a positive school environment for everyone, not just fellow Pegasus pupils. This month, we want to focus particularly on improving individual behaviours among our pupils, with a spotlight on Pegasus year 8 and great acknowledgments to 7M, 10I, and those exceptional individuals demonstrating commendable behaviour across our school.

### \*\*Spotlight : Working Towards Improvement\*\*

We recognize that all classes have their unique dynamics, and the Pegasus group in Year 8 is no exception. While every member of our community has the potential to shine, recent feedback suggests some behaviours could be more aligned with our school values. By engaging in open conversations and setting clear expectations, we believe that every student can contribute to making Pegasus year 8 a model class of respect and responsibility and this needs to start from now. There are only a small proportion of pupils who are massively effecting the outcomes of this group.

To support these efforts, we encourage students to embrace our core values: respect, responsibility, and **resilience**. Small daily choices—like showing respect to peers and teachers, being responsible for your own behaviours, and demonstrating resilience in the face of challenges—can lead to significant changes. We will be implementing regular discussions during P1 aimed at developing these traits more deeply within the class.

### \*\*Celebrating 7M and 10I: Exemplifying School Values\*\*

In contrast, we would like to take a moment to celebrate our 7M and 10I classes for their outstanding commitment to individual behaviours. These classes have consistently shown respect for their environment, their peers, and their teachers. It is heartening to witness students stepping up as role models, whether it's through their engagements in class, their interactions during breaks, or how they embody school spirit at various events.



## College – Update

# What Badges Can I Earn?

## Achievement Point Badges



**Bronze:**  
1000 points



**Silver:**  
1500 points



**Gold:**  
2000 points

This week, in college assemblies, Miss Gaggini had the pleasure of presenting the first round of bronze badges. There were a plethora of pupils whom have earned 1000 positive points and therefore, reached the bronze milestone. To earn such a high number of achievement points, reflects how hardworking and committed our students are, towards their education. Teachers take great enjoyment in awarding points to pupils, to acknowledge their achievements in school.

### DID YOU KNOW?

A new bonus award has been added, to give each of the four colleges another opportunity to win extra points! We are now tracking data which shows the number of pupils whom have completed and handed in homework, across all of their subjects. The college with the highest homework submission rate will be awarded an additional 1000 points. So far, Dragon and Griffin are the only two colleges to have won this bonus. This is particularly interesting as Griffin are currently in first place, so are increasing the gap even more with their homework bonus points however, Dragon are currently in fourth place yet, may move up to third place if their bonus points help them to overtake Centaur. Let's see which college win the homework bonus next week!

# Coventry Family Hub



## Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event

Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene  
with a FREE fun day of workshops and  
activities at The Moat Family Hub

**19.02.2025 11:00AM - 14:00PM**

The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A FREE event for Coventry families  
with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality |  
Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners |  
And Much More

In partnership with



Create it.  
Shape it.  
Embrace it.

## 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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk) Applications can be made through: [www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals](http://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](http://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