



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For Your Diary

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Did You Know?

It has been a busy week, once again. It was lovely to see the students who are involved in Hairspray go off to see a production of this very show in Wolverhampton. Reports are the show was great—it will inspire our very own production at the end of the school year.

The award for song chosen by UNESCO Youth Peace competition was presented to the talented UNESCO ambassadors this week also. It is always lovely to welcome in our chair of governors, Ghulam Vohra, who speaks so highly of the inspiring messages that the ambassadors are spreading through our community and beyond. A huge congratulations to them for their success.

We also had a Guinness Book of Records attempt verified for the students taking part in the world's biggest poetry lesson. A shout out for them and another well done for Miss Hagan for her enrichment activities.

We have a final week before half term, so thank you for your continued energy. Remember, you are at school for 6 hours out of a 24 hour day. You have lots of time away from school—so make your learning hours count. Be kind, be respectful and ensure your education opens doors for your future.

We are Lyng Hall - UNESCO

Last year, our UNESCO Ambassadors entered the **France TV UNESCO Youth for Peace Competition**. We waited patiently and were overwhelmed to hear that we were successful. Among 74 participating classes and 142 pre-selected creations, the jury designated **10 winners** and 4 special mentions. We are delighted by this achievement and incredibly proud of our young voices being recognised.

Under the patronage of Marina Picasso, with the themes of Drawing, Singing, Filming and Cooking Peace, the jury of the France Télévisions UNESCO International Youth for Peace Competition has designated the 10 winners of this new edition, which has mobilised the network of UNESCO-associated schools in 9 countries, including three new entrants: the United Kingdom, Gambia and Portugal, having joined Ukraine, Japan, Belgium, Lebanon, Poland, the Republic of Mauritius and France.

So, not only were we successful, but we were the first UK entry. This is another level of achievement which makes us very proud of our students.



The award was initially received in the UNESCO Head Office in Paris, by the UNESCO ASPnet UK National Coordinator, Ann Beatty (photo left) and later presented by Our Chair of Governors to our successful students.

The young volunteer students from 6 to 20 years old focused on strong messages to deliver to humanity, or rather to our share of inhumanity, based on 4 themes. On this occasion, Anne Daroux, Director of Education, praised the achievement of these young people in perpetual search for beauty and peace. We were announced: Winners of the France Creative Youth Prize for Peace: ""Violence is not the answer", Lyng Hall School, UNITED KINGDOM.

[Winners of the 2024 International Youth for Peace Competition | FranceTvPro.fr](https://www.france.tv/pro/france-tv-pro/france-tv-pro-2024-international-youth-for-peace-competition/)



Our UNESCO Ambassadors with Chair of Governors, Ghulam Vohra (left to right): Daria Teodora-Nedelcu, Deborah Eribalo, Emmanuel Dampare, Julien Quesney, Alicja Bieda and Daniel Eribalo.

Guinness World Record Holders

WE DID IT! WE BROKE THE RECORD!

We are very excited to inform you that Guinness World Records has **APPROVED** our record attempt for the Largest Poetry Lesson (Multi-Venues).

The formal record is for 43,516 people (from around 500 schools), which is enough to fill a football stadium!

More than 125,000 young people from over 1,000 schools took part in the lesson, but many couldn't be counted due to the very strict Guinness World Records requirements.

Miss. Hagan is delighted to share that we were one of the 500 successful schools and that the students, and school, can now be recognised in the Guinness World Book of Records. The created poem has been published on the Children's Poetry Archive.

The poem can be found here: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/what-counts/>

A video testimony of the attempt is located here: [We've Broken a Guinness World Records Title! - YouTube](#)

We share this closing message from the Professional Poet, Laura Mucha, who coordinated the World Record Attempt.



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. Some of you will be privy to the new punctuality reports, these are in place to help you achieve better grades and as a reminder to manage to manage your time properly.

New tutor shout out

After a bit of a shuffle with some tutor groups we have two new tutors in dragon college.

Mr James

- Subject Lead for Art and Design Technology
- Likes to draw on procreate
- Is a black belt in karate
- Eats noodles every lunchtime



Miss Middleton

- Director of learning for Performing Arts
- Loves to dance
- Worked as Tinkerbell at Disney
- Loves all types of cake

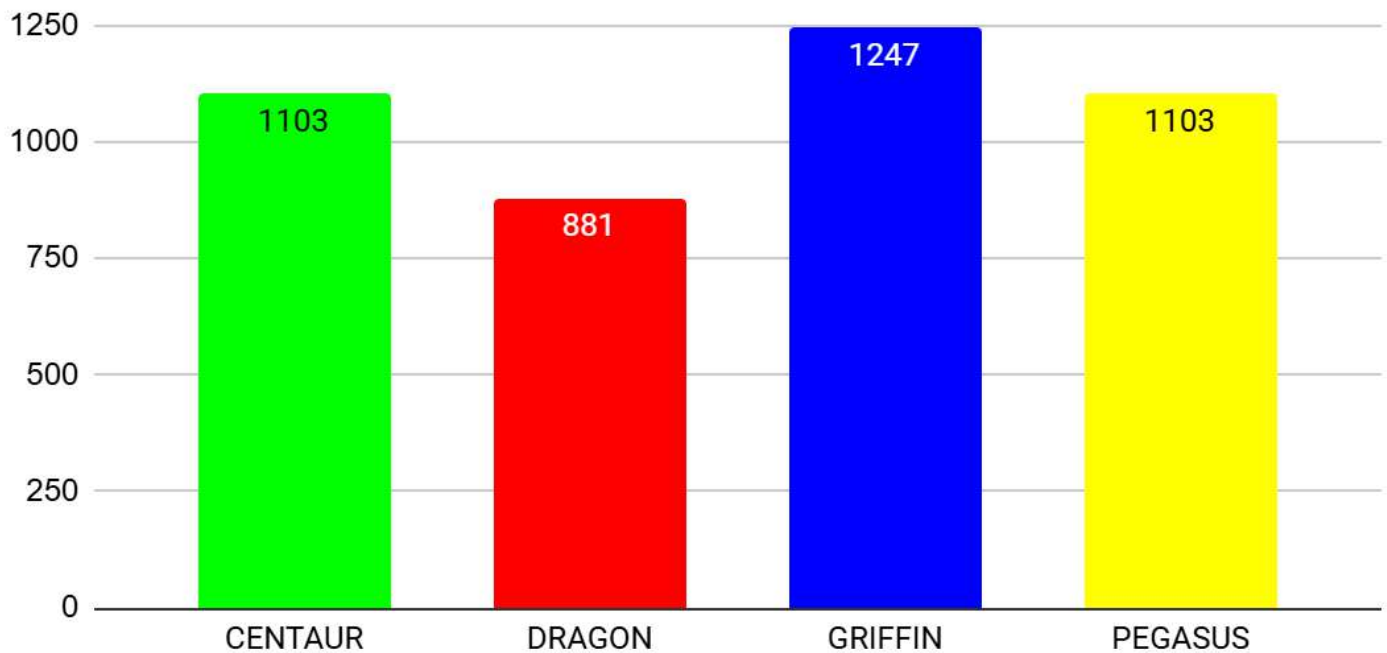


Welcome to the new tutors joining the Dragon clan. Looking forward to great things together. As a college we are a strong team, we need to continue to push for postcards and positive points to get ahead.



College – Update

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



It is the end of a new week and there appears to be a big change!... Centaur and Pegasus are now tied in second place, with 1103 points per pupil. Over the last few weeks, Centaur pupils have been working hard to increase their number of positive points and this has finally 'paid off'. All they need now, is another strong week of high achievement points and they will most definitely move up to second place.

Griffin should still be cautious and not get too comfortable. I think the current goal for Dragon needs to be to close the gap. It is still possible for Dragon to catch up, especially with all of the bonus points up for grabs.

A special shoutout to **7R** and **8M** this week who received no negative points at all and therefore had their total number of positive points doubled. **Centaur** were the college with the best punctuality to school and lessons, and they also had the lowest number of negative points out of all four colleges so, received 1000 bonus points. **Griffin** had the highest homework submission score so also received 1000 bonus points.



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 evening

w/b 17th February - Half term

w/b 24th February and 3rd March - Year 11 mock exams

w/b 10th March - P16 A Level mock exams

Tuesday 18th March - Year 8 parents evening

Tuesday 18th March - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations