



# STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates For Your Diary

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## Did You Know?

*"Good day all! This week, there's been some exciting developments in our lovely Performing Arts department! The first dance rehearsals for the school production of Hairspray have officially begun; let's wish our lovely dance team all the best with the show and rehearsals!"*

*Band rehearsals also continue in the Music department with steady progress underway. In addition to this, the PA team have a wonderful opportunity to go see a performance of Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake at the Birmingham Hippodrome. After a brief scare it has been confirmed that the trip will be underway today, on Wednesday the 12th.*

*The show is an amazing rendition of the original Tchaikovsky masterpiece. Its first premier was precisely 30 years ago, and in light of its incredible reception and popularity, it is being revived for a new generation of dancers at the Hippodrome on this very day. Since that day, it has since been performed across the globe, collecting over thirty international accolades including the Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production and three Tony Awards. The production is 2 hours long and is a reinventive, unique and bold interpretation of the classic Swan Lake performance; the Performing Arts team are incredibly lucky to be able to see it.*

*Our incredible drama teacher, Miss Middleton, said that the exciting event will be "like a rollercoaster... an incredible opportunity". Julia Wytrikus in Year 10 says that she's "[incredibly] excited for it" but is worried she "won't have anything to sing"!*

# We are Lyng Hall - FPMAT Poetry Event

## Lyng Hall students become poets at the MAT Poetry Event!

As a Multi-Academy Trust, we firmly believe in the importance of 'Reading for Pleasure' and how valuable it is in supporting our students' success both on a social and emotional level, as well as academically. We appreciate that providing students with opportunities to have experiences beyond the curriculum allows students to grow as people.



Alongside Mrs Cockrell, 12 students across year 7 and 8 had the amazing opportunity to attend the MAT Poetry workshops at Finham Park 2 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February alongside other primary and secondary schools in the MAT and Coventry. Throughout the day, students worked with the following poets: **Pep the Poet**, **Dreadlock Alien**, **Emilie Lauren Jones** and **John Bernard**. Students had the opportunity to focus on what makes good poetry, share their poetic performances to each other and receive feedback back from the poets before they submit their final pieces to the Poetry By Heart competition in April. They were also given their own "I took part in Poetry by Heart" badges to mark the end of the day.

*"It was wonderful to see our students grow in confidence throughout the day and commit themselves to each workshop wholeheartedly. Each poet workshop focused on different skills and catered well to the students to keep them engaged. The students really enjoyed the day and worked so well with the other schools. They even formed a new group with West Coventry Academy called the 'West-Lyngs!' They were a credit to Lyng Hall and themselves. ~ Mrs Cockrell.*

Here is what the students had to say:

*"I really loved the event today. It was a great opportunity to meet some famous poets. was fun and engaging!" ~ Sahasvi, and Zaphya, 80*

*"My favourite part about today was getting to meet lots of new people from the other schools and meeting professional poets" ~ Maisie, 80*

*"It was a wonderful opportunity engaging with different poets. I love how it was all interactive." - Ierene, 80*

*"I really like Pep the Poet's humorous poems. They were funny as he would come up with lines on the spot. I was nervous at first but I really grew in confidence by the end of the day." ~ Arina, 7M*

*"My favourite part was writing my own poem and talking to all the poets were very helpful and friendly! I got some good feedback to work on before I submit my poem in April" ~ Anna, 7M*



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*"We really enjoyed Dreadlock Alien, John and Emilie's workshops because they were interactive. We got to perform ours to everyone and grew in confidence." ~ Tyler and Rory, 7M*

*"Today was a great opportunity, meeting all the poets were my favourite. I grew in confidence and performed on my own and then with my friends. I so met the other school and we created a poem on the spot." ~ Jack, 7M*

*"My favourite part was writing my own poem." ~ Nishaan, 7M*

*"I liked how each workshop was separated throughout the day and we got work with different poets each time." ~ Maya, 7M*

*The best part was seeing myself grow in confidence throughout the day. I loved how I got to perform my own poem at the end of the day." ~ Tamsin, 7M*



## We are Lyng Hall - Performing Arts

On Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> a group of performing arts students went to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake at the Birmingham Hippodrome. After an initial mix up with the tickets, they were very lucky to sit in the boxes to see the performance. Lots of the students are studying Matthew Bourne as their practitioner for their coursework, so it was great to see the performance live. The standard from both the dancers and the musicians was extraordinary and the entire theatre gave the performers a standing ovation.





# We are Lyng Hall—Research

Students in tutor time were encouraged to vote on their food choices—the catering team are always happy to listen to feedback in this way, so the information will prove very helpful.

I was witness to a tutor group in Year 11 discussing what they liked and disliked—it was such polar opposites! It is clear that everyone has a different opinion on successful meal options, so collecting this information in a suitable way and discussing, through the student council, is a powerful way to make any changes that are needed.

Thank you to the student council, tutors and the students who have shared their views.





## School Menu Research Poll


This form is designed to be completed by whole tutor groups - not individual students. Please ask students who do not buy food from the dining room to opt out of the poll.

Hi, Cathy. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.


\* Required

1. Name of Tutor Group \* 


Enter your answer

2. What food items do you like from the current menu? (Tutors - please include the number of students that name items - eg. 'chicken tikka wraps - 6 students'). \* 

Enter your answer

3. Are there any food items that students do not enjoy? (Tutors - please include the number of students that name items - eg. 'footlong hotdogs - 1 student'). \* 

Enter your answer

4. Are there any food items that used to be on the menu and are no longer there that students would like to see return? (Tutors - please include the number of students that name items - eg. 'paninis - 5 students'). \* 

## College – Update

We love a badge here at Lyng Hall. Did you know that our students can earn an array of badges? Here you can see nearly every badge we award being worn by a single student. The coloured dot badges are awarded when students receive 4 college postcard nominations - green is empathy, red is determination, blue is responsibility and yellow is resilience. If they achieve all four colours, then they are awarded the purple badge. You can also see the points badges - bronze is 1000 achievement points, silver is 1500 and gold is 2000. Students collect the badges across the years that they are in school, hence why some of the badges are the same or even from the previous version of the school's logo. The purple phoenix badge represents the school's Accept and Respect group. This particular student is a student leader and so has earned various additional badges and the purple school tie for contribution to the school. Our aim is to make any badge and reward available to everyone in school.



## 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...**

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