

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

If your child's attendance drops below 90% you will automatically receive a letter notifying you of the situation (a copy will be forwarded to the Education Welfare Officer to monitor your child's attendance). This percentage drop will take into account:

Authorised/Unauthorised absences

If you are unaware of any absences for your child, it is imperative that you contact us immediately in order that the appropriate checks/amendments can be made.

Contact Numbers in College

College Attendance Officer	Mrs Bayliss 01530 502215 (ext 233)
College Absence	01543 502215 (option 1)
College Mobile/Text Service (24 hrs)	07976 191013



THE GRIFFIN

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous:
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the
cost;
to fight and not to heed the
wounds;
to toil and not to seek to rest;
to labour and to ask for any
reward
save that of knowing I do your
will.
Amen

Evening Prayer

May the Lord support us
all the day long,
till the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in his mercy,
may he give us
a safe lodging,
a holy rest,
and peace at last.
Amen

Weekly Prayer

Lord,
Give us wisdom before we
speak,
understanding while we
listen,
sensitivity towards those we
meet,
and the perspective of your
kingdom
in which to see the things of
the earth.
Bring us to the day's ending
blessed through having
shared the day's beginning.
We ask this through Christ
Our Lord.
Amen.

STATIONARY PRICE LIST

Available to purchase from Pupil Services

EQUIPMENT	National Retailer 1	National Retailer 2	OUR PRICE
Black Pens	89p	69p	10p
Rubbers	99p	69p	10p
Sharpeners	99p	99p	10p
Small Ruler	£1.09	99p	50p
Large Ruler	£1.99	£1.29	£1.00
Green Pens	69p	69p	10p
Protractors	£1.29	89p	50p
Pencil	79p	69p	10p
Clear Pencil Case	99p	99p	50p
Handwriting Pen	£1.49	£2.69	£1.00
Compass	£1.10	£1.29	£1.00
Casio Calculator	£9.99	£9.99	£6.65
Colouring Pencils	£2.99	£2.99	£1.00
Pocket English Dictionary	£7.99	£4.99	£5.00
Pocket French Dictionary	£7.99	£4.99	£5.00
Day Books	N/A	N/A	£4.00

MUSIC NOTICES

All peripatetic lessons will begin next week:

Monday: Keyboard
Tuesday: Woodwind
Thursday: Strings

Clan na gael will meet every Thursday lunchtime
and the Singing group will meet on Wednesday
lunchtimes.

The CCF Band will be on a Thursday 16.00-16.45



Magis Music opportunities will be confirmed next
week.

Please come and see me to check when all our
extra-curricular activities take place.

Here's to another great year of music making!

Mrs Burrowes

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

St Mary's & St Thomas More

Rev Fr Peter Weatherby
<http://www.cannockcatholic.org>
07766 335591

Our Lady of Lourdes

Rev Fr Philip Newbold
<http://www.ourladyhednesford.com>
01543 422576

St Joseph's, Burntwood

Rev Fr Paul Haines
<http://www.stjosburntwood.co.uk/>
01543 686266

St Joseph & St Etheldreda, Rugeley

Rev Fr Peter Stonier
<http://www.rugeleycatholicchurch.co.uk/>
01889 802531

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 10th September 2017	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 11th September 2017	St Deiniol, Bishop (W)
Tuesday 12th September 2017	Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday 13th September 2017	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Thursday 14th September 2017	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday 15th September 2017	Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday 16th September 2017	Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

Welcome back students, to a new academic year! Let's take our experiences from last year, reflect and then take action in the year ahead for the greater glory of God, for each other and ourselves.

Contemplate on what makes a successful school leaver; set your minds to that target and use the teachers to fuel your ambitions which will enable you to become men and women for others.

Have a restful and peaceful weekend.

Blessings, Javier.

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE



Welcome back

We welcomed the new Rudiments to the college on Tuesday. They spent the day preparing for the new year and participating in a retreat. At the end of the day, the whole staff gathered in the college hall with the new Rudiments for their first college assembly and each pupil was called up by name and presented with a college enamel badge to wear on their blazer with the letters **AmDg** – Ad majorem Dei gloriam – for the Greater Glory of God. This first assembly formally welcomed the pupils into the college.

The remainder of the college returned on Wednesday. We held a whole college assembly on the Artificial Training Pitch and we carried out a uniform check. We have 730 pupils in the Main College and there were 22 pupils in incorrect footwear and only two pupils in an incorrect skirt, this amounts to 3%, in simple terms the overwhelming majority of pupils came to college in the correct dress code. I wish to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all the parents who have supported the college in this manner.

The number of pupils without the correct equipment on the first day was 106, it had fallen significantly to 50 on the second day. Teachers will check pupil equipment each day. The pupils should have the following items – 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 HP pencils, a selection of coloured pencils, a ruler, a compass, a protractor, a rubber, a sharpener, a pocket English dictionary, and a Good News Bible. We will expect from Michaelmas half term that pupils acquire a whiteboard pen and a highlighter pen. All of these items are available from the Pupil Services shop and a price list will appear in the next edition of the Griffin.

I ask parents to support as a minimum the college in five ways.

- Ensure the pupils come to college on a regular basis – 95% is the benchmark below which pupils should not fall below.
- Pupils arrive on time for college
- Pupils arrive with the correct uniform
- Pupils arrive with the correct equipment
- Parents attend the parents evening and the PTLP meetings.

Additionally parents can make a significant contribution to their child through the provision of a quiet area at which the pupils can work, regularly engaging in their child's learning, and asking questions about the amount and regularity of homework that has been set. If as a parents you have a concern about homework, whether it appears too much or not enough, please contact the college and speak with your child's Raising Standards leader. The **Raising Standard Leader** for the year groups is listed below.

Rudiments	Mrs Shakespeare	r.shakespeare@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Figures	Mr Mills	p.mills@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Lower Grammar	Mr Mullen-Furness	T.FURNESS@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Upper Grammar	Mr Davies	s.davies@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Syntax	Mr Duffy	d.duffy@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Poetry	Miss Brough	j.brough@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Rhetoric	Mrs Wynne Jones	L.WYNNE-JONES@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk

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Key dates for your diaries

12 th September 2017	Upper Grammar (Year 10) PTLP
19 th September 2017	Lower Grammar (Year 9) PTLP
26 th September 2017	Syntax (Year 11) PTLP
28 th September 2017	Rudiments (Year 7) Visiting Blist Hill
29 th September 2017	Figures (Year 8) Visiting Blist Hill
2 nd October 2017	Rudiments (Year 7) Pastoral Meeting
3 rd October 2017	Figures (Year 8) PTLP
5 th October 2017	Open Evening
19 th October 2017	Awards Evening
23 rd – 27 th October 2017	Half Term
7 th November 2017	Lower Grammar (Year 9) Options
21 st November 2017	Syntax (Year 11) Options
28 th November 2017	Upper Grammar (Year 10) Parents' Evening
4 th December 2017	Christmas Concert
5 th December 2017	Rhetoric (Year 13) Parents' Evening
11 th December 2017	Carol Service
15 th December 2017	Last day of the Christmas term
18 th December 2017	INSET Day
19 th December 2017	INSET Day

Pupil Services

Pupils Services is now up and running. You can contact Pupils Services via the college phone network by adding **601** as the extension or you send emails to Mrs Scott Mullen (**R.Scott-Mullen@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk**) or Mrs Bayliss (**V.Bayliss@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk**). Pupil Services are tasked with providing administrative support for pupils, parents, and staff. Currently Pupils Services provide the following services:

- Passing on parental messages to children via the college
- A collection point of items left at home e.g. Sport kit, ingredients for Food Technology. If parent's leave the items in reception, they will be transferred over to Pupil Services for collection
- Requests for new timetables.
- Copies of letters sent to parents.
- Requests for in-term holiday request forms.
- A collection point for spare paper copies of the weekly Griffin.
- All matters relating to punctuality to the college.
- Point of contact for first day absence from college.
- Point of contact for second or more day's absence from college.
- All matters relating to long terms non-attendance at college.
- Monitoring attendance at those institutions providing alternative learning provision.
- The collection point for all confiscated items.
- Facilities for the removal of make-up.
- The provision of loaned learning equipment – pens, pencils, rulers etc
- The sale of learning equipment.
- Arrangements for leaving college in college hours to attend an external appointment.
- Pupils requesting or requiring medical attention.
- Locating teaching staff including Heads of House.
- The provision of hygiene items.
- Distributing pupil forms.
- Changes in pupil data – address, telephone numbers, email addresses.
- The meeting point for College Nurse Referrals.
- Co-ordinating Safeguarding Meetings.

However, the following staff are responsible for the following matter

- All transport matters - Mrs Tapper at Reception.
- Purchasing college uniform - Mrs Barker in the college shop.
- Parent Pay - Mrs White in the Finance office.
- In-year admissions requests – Mrs Quinn, the PA to the Head teacher