

**DIOCESAN SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND**



As a voluntary aided school, we are expected to gather from parents 10% of the funding for building projects. In order that the College can meet this contribution, we request a donation of £11 per child or £20 per family. This figure is below the recommended sum that operates in other diocese areas.

A leaflet provided by the Diocesan Schools' Commission for the Archdiocese of Birmingham is available upon request.

Thank you for your support in this matter.  
Mr D. Carne Executive Business Manager.



House	13.10.2017	6.10.2017
Allen	94.2%	94.3%
Hinsley	97.1%	96.5%
Manning	96.0%	93.4%
Newman	95.3%	93.4%
Vaughan	93.7%	94.8%
Wiseman	94.2%	94.4%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>



# THE GRIFFIN

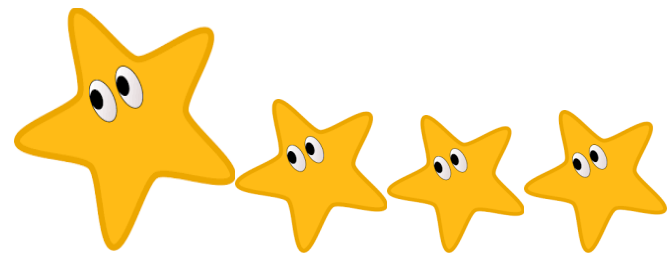
## Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

*Ad majorem Dei gloriam*

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Week 6

### COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer	Weekly Prayer
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p>



### THIS WEEK'S STAR READERS

#### Congratulations!!!

This week's Star Readers include;

Keane Esprey and Izzy Batkin regular visitors to the Library and they are taking their reading very seriously.

Well done to Jurvina Bahia for reading 99,750 words this week and also Sienna Brindley-Eden who has read 126,853 great effort you two.



### MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS



Our Griffin Dancers have two gigs over the next couple of weeks.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October they are performing as part of the Liam Keeling Foundation fundraising and on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October as part of a multi-cultural celebration organised by Cannock Lions.

Our Griffin dancers, led and choreographed by Miss Blewitt are a credit to our College and Performing Arts Department. They regularly achieve very high placings in National Contests and are dedicated to their art form. Well done and thank you to Miss Blewitt and all the Griffin dancers for their superb performances, commitment and generosity in working hard and performing top class routines.

It's a 10 from Len!!! and I am sure even Craig would be impressed.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 22nd October 2017</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Monday 23rd October 2017</b>	St John of Capestrano, Priest
<b>Tuesday 24th October 2017</b>	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
<b>Wednesday 25th October 2017</b>	The Six Welsh Martyrs and their Companions (W)
<b>Thursday 26th October 2017</b>	Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops (E)
<b>Friday 27th October 2017</b>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<b>Saturday 28th October 2017</b>	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

### 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 Jeremy Howard

<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

### LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

**AmDg**

The last seven weeks seemed to have flown by, which can only mean one thing, we're all having fun!! I hope all students have adapted to college life once again, especially Rudiments.

I wish you all a safe and joyful week off and the students come back restful and ready to face an exciting new term.

Good luck to all Syntax students for their upcoming mock exams. I hope your revision is going well. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless~~Javier~~

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



### NON UNIFORM DAY

We will be holding our first non-uniform day of the year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October in order to raise monies for the **Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)** and **Jesuit Missions**.

The pupils will pay £1 for the privilege of wearing their own cloths in college. In addition, students will be collecting loose change. We hope to raise in excess of £800.

### CAFOD

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The charity stands beside people living in poverty – whatever their religion or culture. Through local Church partners, CAFOD helps people directly in their own communities, and campaigns for global justice, so that everyone can reach their full potential.

CAFOD believes that everyone in the world has the right to live their lives with dignity. That's why CAFOD works through the local Catholic Church and other partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East to fight poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest.

As a member of Caritas International – a group of over 160 Catholic agencies from around the world – known as 'the helping hand of the Church', it works through the local Church where it can reach people and places that others can't.

### JESUIT MISSIONS

Despite the unprecedented wealth and technological development which exists in so many countries, 1.2 billion people in the world live in extreme poverty. One third of these are children. (World Bank 2013) In 2012, more than 6 million children under the age of five died (WHO 2013), many from preventable causes including hunger. In fact, a staggering 842 million people do not have enough food to eat. (WFP 2014)

Whilst there has been significant progress in recent years in reducing the numbers of people going hungry and children dying early, it remains unacceptable that, in a world of plenty, too many people are still living in these sub-human conditions.

It also means responding to **humanitarian emergencies** where Jesuit Missions can. Jesuit Missions offers short and long-term volunteering opportunities in Africa, Central America and Asia. It also prepares resources for schools and facilitates a companion's programme that links schools in the UK with schools in Africa. Jesuit Missions continues to provide hospitality for Jesuit missionaries returning to the UK from their work overseas.

### TRUSSELL TRUST

The pupils and staff at the college have collected over 300 items for the Trussell Trust. The Trussell Trust partners with local communities to help stop UK hunger. Thirteen million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.

The Trussell Trust's 400-strong network of foodbanks provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. In 2016/17, it gave 1,182,954 three day emergency food supplies to people in crisis.

The Trussell Trust recognises that stopping hunger is about More Than Food, which is why the organisation works with foodbanks to provide a range of new services like money advice and Fuel Banks, and helping people to break the cycle of poverty.

### AWARDS EVENING – THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

We look forward to celebrating the successes at the college at the annual Awards Evening. This year, our guest of honour is Father Peter Weatherby, the chaplain to the college and the parish priest of St Mary Catholic Church, Cannock. In the next edition of the Griffin, we will provide a full report of the evening with photographs.

There has been much to celebrate this year with record A Level results, strong GCSE performances and numerous individual achievements including Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Colours, Scholarships and Exhibitions. Next term, we will begin presenting pupils with the certificates for achievement when pupils reach 25 achievement points. Further certificates will be issued for 50 achievement points, 75 achievement points and 100 achievement points.

### OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

We held a very successful Open Evening with over 230 guests visiting the college. To date, we have 120 first choice applications and 80 other applications for September 2018 and there are still two weeks to go before the closing date on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

### END OF THE MICHAELMAS TERM AND THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTMAS TERM

The college will close at 14:40hrs on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and it will re-open at 08:00hrs on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The Syntax (Year 11) mock examinations begin in the first week back and the pupils in Syntax have been issued with timetables.

COLLEGE CALENDAR		COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES	
<b>30th October 2017</b>	Syntax Mock Exams	<b>Netball</b>	
<b>7th November 2017</b>	Lower Grammar Options	<b>31st October 2017</b>	Figures & Syntax v Cheslyn Hay (A)
<b>21st November 2017</b>	Syntax Options	<b>Football</b>	
<b>26th November 2017</b>	Griffin Mass	<b>31st October 2017</b>	Lower Grammar v Kingsmead (H)
		<b>1st November 2017</b>	Upper Grammar v Friary (H)
		<b>2nd November 2017</b>	Lower Grammar Girls 7-a-side (A)
		<b>Rugby</b>	
		<b>1st November 2017</b>	Lower Grammar v Denstone (A)

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### PUPIL SERVICES



**A big well done to all students who are now fully equipped for lessons. The college shop has all equipment in stock now, so a quick reminder below of compulsory equipment check for college:**

**Black Pen, Green Pen, HP Pencil, Colouring Pencils, Rubber, Sharpener, Ruler, Calculator, Protractor, Compass, Pocket English Dictionary**

**Students are finding using whiteboard markers and highlighters very useful in lessons so we recommend students to also purchase these but they are not compulsory. The college shop will have these available after October half term.**