

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	20.10.2017	13.10.2017
Allen	95.1%	94.2%
Hinsley	96.1%	97.1%
Manning	93.9%	96.0%
Newman	93.8%	95.3%
Vaughan	95.9%	93.7%
Wiseman	95.2%	94.2%
Whole School	95.0%	95.1%



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

Heavenly Father, thank you
for sending your beloved
Son, Jesus, to show your love
for me and to bring me back
to you.
Glory be to the Father...

SPORTING NOTICES



Massive congratulations to Sam Rogers and Kai Harvey for being selected to represent the England Dodgeball squad. After a gruelling series of trials they navigated their way through 180 selected competitors to make the final squad. The boys will be thrown immediately into the action by completing their filming duties in preparation for the team's advertisement and promotions. A very big well done!

MUSIC NOTICES



Congratulations to Miss Blewitt and our fabulous Griffin Dancers as they entertained at two Charity gigs over the half term break. On Friday they danced as part of the fund raising for Meningitis UK, in memory of our former pupil Liam Keeling and this Saturday they danced as part of the multi-cultural celebrations at St Mary's Parish Centre, charity fund raising for the Cannock Lions. Their performances were exceptionally well received and as ever The Griffin Dancers were a credit to our College. Well done to all of the girls and many thanks to Miss Blewitt for her wonderful choreography and hard work getting top class performances. They were quite simply a 'Strictly Sensation' and worthy of a score of 10 from Head Judge..... 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 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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 5th November 2017	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 6th November 2017	St Illtud, abbot (W)
Tuesday 7th November 2017	St Willibrord, Bishop
Wednesday 8th November 2017	All Saints of Wales (W)
Thursday 9th November 2017	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday 10th November 2017	St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Saturday 11th November 2017	St Martin of Tours, Bishop

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

For those students undertaking exams:

Lord, as I prepare for this examination, let your strength and your wisdom be present to me. May I revise my work thoroughly. May I understand what it is I have to know. May my memory be reliable and orderly. May I be calm and focused on the task ahead. May I know and feel the love and support of my family and friends. And may you, the author and creator of all things, enlighten me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

AmDg



APPLICATIONS FOR PLACES AT THE COLLEGE

Since September, we have seen requests for places at the college rise to the point that we are above the planned admission number in all year groups excepting Year 10. The number of first choice applications to the college for September 2018 exceeds significantly the number of places on offer and therefore it is unlikely that places will be offered to any pupils who have not made the college their first choice. Although we can credit, to some degree, the academic success of the college to these figures, the comments that I hear from parents who wish for their child to attend the college, is the significance that parents attach to the core values of the college. Parents want both the qualities of learning and the values of living to be shared with their children, they want their children to be learned but also wise, attentive and discerning, truthful and eloquent.

AWARDS EVENING

On Thursday 19th October, the college community gathered together to celebrate the achievements and success of the previous academic year. In total, there were 62 pupils who received awards. It was a wonderful occasion and we were delighted to share the successes of the pupils and students with their family and friends. The main awards were as follows.

Award	Recipient
The Victor Ludorum Prize	Ben Wood
The Victrix Ludorum Prize	Rosie Howe
The Catenian Association Prize for Community Service	Nyasha Exton
The Tony Langley Prize for Helpfulness and Courtesy	Ethan Bradley
The Governing Body Award	Cameron Wills
The Cardinal Griffin Catholic College Award for Effort in GCE Studies	Aaron Clewer
The Cardinal Griffin Catholic College Award for Effort in GCSE Studies	Roberta Foley
The Cardinal Griffin Catholic College Award for Effort at Key Stage 3	Daniel Laczowski
The Head teacher's Prize for Academic Achievement at GCSE	Joanna Antoszkiewicz
The Head teacher's Prize for Academic Achievement at GCE	Tom Page & Rebecca Smith
Pupil of the Year Award	Tom Page
The Aiden Marsden Award for Achievement Over Adversity	Molly Harrison
The Harvey Hague-Armitage Prize for Commitment to Music	Emily Downes
The Noel Sweeney Prize for Music	Bethany Parker
The House Award for Attendance ~	Allen House
The Sports Day Cup	Vaughan House

COLLEGE CALENDAR

7th November 2017 Lower Grammar Options
26th November 2017 Griffin Mass
28th November 2017 Upper Grammar Parents Evening

COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES

Football
7th November 2017 Syntax v Hart (H)
8th November 2017 Rudiments 5-a-side (A)
Netball
9th November 2017 Rudiment/Figures v Codsall(H)

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ACHIEVEMENTS POINTS FOR THE MICHAELMAS TERM

Below are the names of the pupils who have achieved the highest conduct score during the Michaelmas Term. Well done to all the pupils listed below. The college will be issuing conduct certificates when pupils achieve 25, 50, 75, and 100 points. We look forward to presenting the certificates in assemblies in the coming months.

DUNNE Katie	21	BRADLEY Ethan	19	HILL Tara	18
FORSYTH Evie	17	Johnson Georgia	17	Allen Lucy	15
WOOLLASTON Catherine	15	DALE Holly	14	JONES Rico	13
Stephenson Naomi	13	COLEY Madeleine	12	STEPHENSON Hannah	12
Wu Michelle	12	ANDERSON Isabel	11	BARNES Alexander	11
EYRE Rebecca	11	THOMSON Esme	11	GOOD Aleksander	11
HUNT Leah	11	Leighton Bethany	11	MCGUINNESS Molly	11
OWEN Gracie	11	SALT Ellie	11	STANLEY Joe	11
GONZALEZ-NIXON Zachariah	11	WOOD Lydia	11	ADAMS Lauren	10
BALL Ethan	10	BATE Layla	10	Colebatch Brandon	10
EDWARDS Jasmine	10	HICKINBOTHAM Grace	10	JEAVONS Hope	10
JENNINGS Haydn	10	KANE Hannah	10	PERKINS Katie Mai	10
PORTER Polly	10	TANG Annie	10	ABBS-TORBICA Theo	9

DRESS CODE

As we begin to approach the colder months, it is worth reminding pupils and parents that the wearing of coats in the college building is not permitted. Pupils will either carry their coats or they wear the college pullover and avoid wearing a coat at all. Pupils who wear coats in the college building risk having their coat confiscated for the day. Repeat offences will lead to further sanctions.

EQUIPMENT

We will be using the coming week to check on equipment. The pupils have been reminded that there will be checks taking place during the coming week. If pupils are missing items of equipment, they can buy items from Pupil Services.

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

On Friday 10th November, the college will be holding its Remembrance Service. This year, we will be joined by the Cardinal Griffin Combined Cadet Force. As always, we will be inviting all pupils in the uniformed services including the guides and scouts to represent their units. These pupils are asked to ensure that they inform Mr Weaver or Mrs Hamilton of their intention to wear their uniforms. Changing room arrangements will be made for these pupils in the college and therefore pupils should come into college in their college uniform.

This year, we will commemorating the end of the Third battle of Ypres or Passchendaele which came to symbolise the sacrifice of the Great War. Throughout the week, members of the CCF will be selling poppies at break and lunch time to pupils and students. If you would like to attend as a parent, you should contact Reception by no later than 1500 on Thursday 9th November.

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PUPIL SERVICES



Lost Property

Any lost property handed in before half term is going to be in the hall Friday Lunch Time for the next **TWO** weeks, anything not collected after this time will be sent to charity or disposed of.

Items so far:

Swimming Kit, PE Clothing, Shoes, Coats, Mobile Phones, Football Boots, Trainers, Pencil Cases, Glasses, Water Bottles, and Hoodies.