

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND

Parents will have either received or shortly be receiving a letter about the Diocesan levy. The levy provides vital funds which allow us to undertake improvements to the building. As a Catholic school, we receive 10% less funding each year from the central government for building works, with the expectation that parents who choose to send their pupils to our College will make up the difference. Please can we strongly urge parents to make the contribution via parent pay, it is ring fenced and only spent on building improvement works which benefit our pupils. ~~ Many thanks
Mr David C Carne, Executive Business Manager



House	15.9.2017	8.9.2017
Allen	97.4%	98.7%
Hinsley	95.7%	97.9%
Manning	96.9%	97.8%
Newman	93.2%	96.4%
Vaughan	94.6%	96.6%
Wiseman	95.7%	98.8%
Whole School	95.6%	97.7%



THE GRIFFIN

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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Week 2

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 King,
You have given us
archangels
to help us during our time on
earth:
Saint Michael is our
protector;
We ask him to protect us
from danger
and keep our loved
ones safe from harm.
Saint Gabriel is a messenger
of the Good News;
We ask him to help us clearly
hear Your voice
and to teach us the
truth.
Saint Raphael is the healing
angel;
We ask him to be with those
we know who are in need of
healing,
Holy angels, pray for us.
Amen.

ENGINEERING CLUB

OPEN TO YEAR 8 & 9
FIGURES & LOWER GRAMMAR
BOYS OR GIRLS
"LIMITED SPACES"
EVERY TUESDAY STARTING FROM
31ST October 2017
UNTIL
EASTER 2018
15:00^{HRS} TO 16:30^{HRS}
(TERM TIME ONLY)

IMPROVE YOUR ENGINEERING/MAKING SKILLS
MANUFACTURING SOMETHING MADE FROM
METAL, WOOD OR PLASTIC THAT IS NOT
NORMALLY MADE IN LESSONS

E.G. CLOCKS, KEY RACKS,
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ETC.

If you are interested or would like more
information please see Mr Shenton
A parental **consent form** is required and must be
returned on or before the first session

MUSIC NOTICES

Last week we welcomed back our Peripatetic
Teachers from Entrust who have begun teaching
their various instrumental classes. A reminder that
the following instruments are available for
individual or group tuition.

Percussion, String, Brass, Piano/ Keyboard,
Woodwind/ Guitar.

We are currently full in Guitar, Keyboard and
Percussion but have vacancies in String, Brass
and Woodwind. Please come to see me in B9 if
you wish to learn to play a musical instrument.

Ensembles rehearsals also started last week and
the CCF band begins this Thursday from

16.00 ~ 16.45

Clan na gael- Thursday lunchtime

**Choir/ school show- Wednesday lunchtime and
15.00 ~ 16.00**

Magis band- Thursday period 6

CCF Band Thursday 16.00 ~ 16.45

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.ourladyhedgesford.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 24th September 2017	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 25th September 2017	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 26th September 2017	Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Wednesday 27th September 2017	St Vincent de Paul, Priest
Thursday 28th September 2017	Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday 29th September 2017	Ss Michael, Gabriel, I Raphael, Archangels
Saturday 30th September 2017	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

I would like to extend our condolences to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Janet Mellor on hearing that her husband, Fr David Mellor has sadly passed away.
Eternal rest, grant unto Fr David O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.
We keep Janet and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



FATHER DAVID MELLOR

The college received news that Fr David Mellor, the husband of our Chair of Governors Mrs Janet Mellor, died on Wednesday evening. Fr David had been ill for some time. Both Fr David and Janet have been champions of Catholic Education for a number of years and we have lost one of our great advocates and supporters in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We pray for the soul of Fr David and we pass on our thoughts and prayers to Janet.

DRESS CODE

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the college over the question of the dress code and in particular the provision of footwear. We have a small number of pupils who have podiatrist issues and they have clearly been exempt from the dress code in the light of their condition which has been validated by a certified medical note. Many parents and members of the general public have commented very favourably on the general appearance of the pupils and students who act as such outstanding ambassadors for the college.

In the next two editions of the Griffin I would like to report to parents on the Public examination results for the summer 2017

GCE RESULTS

The GCE or A level results for the students at the college were superb. The headline figures were as follows:

- 27% of the grades were A*- A
- 46% of the grades were A*- B
- 75% of the grades were A*- C

There was not a single grade below a grade E in others words, every student in the cohort 2016 – 2017 achieved a grade.

Of the 48 students in the year, 40 have gone onto university or Higher Education, 4 have entered training and 4 have entered full time employment.

The most popular destination for our students has been Liverpool with 3 attending the University of Liverpool, 8 attending Liverpool John Moores University, and 1 attending Edge Hill University.

Two students have accepted places at the University of Cambridge to read History of (Rebecca Smith) and Veterinary Medicine (Tom Page). In addition, we had one student (Tom Barrett) who has been accepted on the prestigious training programme for the world renowned accountancy firm Deloitte.

There were six students who achieved three or more A* or A grades (Lucy Gallear, Tom Page, Deborah Allen, Joshua Lloyd, Harry Jones, and Beth Stokes).

COLLEGE CALENDAR

26th September 2017	PTLP meeting Syntax
28th September 2017	Rudiments visit Blist Hill
29th September 2017	Figures visit Blist Hill
2nd October 2017	Rudiments pastoral meeting
5th October 2017	Open evening

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We have been monitoring the issue of equipment since Monday 11th September and I am happy to share with you the following data.

Date	Number of pupils with the incorrect equipment	The number of pupils presented as a percentage.
Monday 11 th September	174	24
Tuesday 12 th September	15	2.1
Wednesday 13 th September	18	2.5
Thursday 14 th September	33	4.5
Friday 15 th September	22	3.1
Monday 18 th September	29	4.0
Tuesday 19 th September	33	4.5
Wednesday 20 th September	33	4.5

Date	7	8	9	10	11
Monday 11 th September	2	24	52	14	56
Tuesday 12 th September	1	5	7	11	16
Wednesday 13 th September	0	2	3	10	9
Thursday 14 th September	0	2	6	16	9
Friday 15 th September	1	6	1	1	13
Monday 18 th September	1	6	5	7	10
Tuesday 19 th September	1	4	5	13	10
Wednesday 20 th September	2	10	6	3	12

If you turn the figures on their head, the picture changes dramatically, 76% of students have always had the correct equipment and currently 94-95% come to college with the correct equipment. Anecdotally, staff often referred to about a quarter of the class having to be given some form of equipment last year, and this matches closely the 76% on Monday 11th September, however since that date there has been a dramatic improvement and staff are noticing the difference.

Changes can sometimes be challenging, however within a short period of time, the change becomes common practice which has improved the experience for all, the one way movement system around the college bears witness to this point.

The five most common items that are not brought to college are dictionaries; coloured pencils; calculators; protractors; and compasses. All these items can be purchased at Pupil Services.

PUPIL SERVICES



COLLEGE UNIFORM

Do you have any unwanted college uniform in good clean condition? If so could you please donate it to the college it would be greatly appreciated.

COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES

Football

25 September 2017 Figures v Belvidere (H)
26 September 2017 Upper Grammar v C Terrace (A)
26 September 2017 Syntax v EDA (H)
27 September 2017 Figures v King Edwards (A)
28 September 2017 Rudiments v Kingsmead (H)
28 September 2017 U15's Girls v De ferrers (A)

Netball

26 September 2017 Rudiments/U Gram v C Terrace(H)
27 September 2017 U Gram/Syntax v Kingsmead(H)
28 September 2017 Rudiments v Kingsmead (H)

Cross Country

25 September 2017 @ Chase Terrace(A)