



### COLLEGE UNIFORM

Have you any unwanted college uniform in good clean condition! If so could you please donate it to the college it would be greatly appreciated

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Clive Marks Walsall

Spend £30 on non-badged items, get £5.00 off  
Offer ends 31 May 2017



| House               | 19.5.2017    | 12.5.2017    |
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| Allen               | 96.8%        | 94.4%        |
| Hinsley             | 95.0%        | 95.0%        |
| Manning             | 92.5%        | 93.2%        |
| Newman              | 94.7%        | 95.3%        |
| Vaughan             | 95.9%        | 96.8%        |
| Wiseman             | 95.5%        | 96.8%        |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>95.1%</b> | <b>95.3%</b> |



# THE GRIFFIN

## Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

*Ad majorem Dei gloriam*

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### COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

| Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Evening Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weekly Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p>Lord, teach me to be generous:<br/>to serve you as you deserve;<br/>to give and not to count the cost;<br/>to fight and not to heed the wounds;<br/>to toil and not to seek to rest;<br/>to labour and to ask for no reward<br/>save that of knowing I do your will.<br/>Amen</p> | <p>May the Lord support us<br/>all the day long,<br/>till the shadows lengthen,<br/>and the evening comes,<br/>and the busy world is hushed,<br/>and the fever of life is over,<br/>and our work is done.<br/>Then, in his mercy,<br/>may he give us<br/>a safe lodging,<br/>a holy rest,<br/>and peace at last.<br/>Amen</p> | <p>God our Father,<br/>as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church,<br/>fill us with that same Spirit,<br/>that we may have the courage and faith to share the Good News as the disciples did.<br/>Renew in us the gifts of <b>wisdom</b> and <b>knowledge</b>; of <b>right judgement</b> and <b>understanding</b>; of <b>courage</b> and <b>reverence</b>; of <b>wonder</b> and <b>awe</b> in your presence.<br/>We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.<br/>Amen.</p> |



### This week's Star Readers

**Rudiments:** Archie Walker  
**Books included:** Harry Potter~ Deathly Hallows  
**Words Read:** 198,227

**Figures:** Callum Corrigan  
**Book:** Terror Kid  
**Words Read:** 134,570

### Congratulations!!!

To the all the pupils who have reached their Book Point Targets - WELL DONE!

Have a good break and keep reading



### PERFORMING ARTS

On Wednesday evening of last week Mrs Biddle, Miss Clews, Miss Hill and myself took Figures pupils to see a fantastic production of Romeo and Juliet at the Garrick Theatre, Lichfield.

Although the play over ran by 40 minutes, we had a fabulous evening. The Odd Socks Theatre Company were inspirational in their telling of this tragic story. Their dramatic skills and musical abilities along with their wit, choreography, sets and costumes made for a magical evening....the cherry on the cake was of course the fact that Mr Love (and Mrs Love) joined us for the show. It was great to see him again and our pupils were delighted to be with him once more. A wonderful introduction to Shakespeare and professional theatre.



### OUR PARISH CHURCHES

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Rev Fr Philip Newbold  
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Rev Fr Paul Haines  
<http://www.stjosburntwood.co.uk/>  
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Rev Fr Peter Stonier  
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### CHURCH CALENDAR

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| <b>Sunday 28 May 2017</b>    | <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>          |
| <b>Monday 29 May 2017</b>    | Weekday of Easter                         |
| <b>Tuesday 30 May 2017</b>   | Weekday of Easter                         |
| <b>Wednesday 31 May 2017</b> | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| <b>Thursday 1 June 2017</b>  | St Justin, Martyr                         |
| <b>Friday 2 June 2017</b>    | Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs         |
| <b>Saturday 3 June 2017</b>  | Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs |

### LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

THE GIFT OF UNITY: The Psalmist prayed: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). Jesus prayed that his disciples would be one and brought to complete unity as he and the Father are one: "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23). Unity and peace are gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This week, as we prepare for the feast of Pentecost, we pray for an outpouring of the gifts of peace and unity, in our lives, in our homes, in our parishes and in the Body of Christ.

I wish all our staff and students a peaceful and well deserved half term break.

LDS

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

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### End of Term Arrangements

The Whitsun Term ends on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and we return to college on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### Key Dates in the Trinity Term

The new Rudiments Parents' Evening is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and the new Rudiments pupils will visit the college on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The College Mass in on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Sports Day (1) is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and the reserve Sports Day will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017. Lower Grammar pupils go to Bushcraft from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Upper Grammar reports will be published on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Rudiments and Figures reports will be published on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and Lower Grammar Reports will be published on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### College Exams

Pupils in Rudiments, Figures, and Lower Grammar will begin their end of year exams in the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017, it is expected that the exams will be completed by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The exams are important, they will inform teachers with regards to setting for the coming year and they provide a summative measure of the progress made by the pupils. Please refer to the previous edition of the Griffin in which we set out examination tips for parents and pupils. The nature of exams is changing for pupils, at GCSE and GCE there are now more exam papers and less emphasis on coursework,

### Combined Cadet Force and Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the college appointed retired Captain Brian Skillen to become the School Staff Instructor to our Combined Cadet Force. We now have in place our team to take the CCF through its first year. We will have assemblies with the current Figures and Lower Grammar and we are seeking 34 candidates for our first platoon. We hope to add two further platoons over the next two years and have a contingent of between 90-120 cadets.

We have set aside Thursday as a parade evening and the cadets will be able to wear their CCF uniforms during the college day. We have been attached to the Royal Corps of Signals and we will be wearing their Cap badge. We will have, in the first year, a serving senior NCO to drill and support the cadets, however it is hoped that by the end of the second year we will be recruiting an NCO from within the ranks of the platoons. I have already had offers of support from serving and retired senior officers that I met in Droitwich last week.

| COLLEGE CALENDAR                                      |                   | COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES         |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017</b> | Half Term         | <b>Cricket</b>                  |                                              |
|                                                       |                   | <b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> | Figures v Kingsmead (Away)                   |
|                                                       |                   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> | Upper Gramma v EDA (Away)                    |
| <b>5 June 2017</b>                                    | Return to College | <b>Athletics</b>                |                                              |
|                                                       |                   | <b>8<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> | Rudiments and Figures<br>@ Aldersley Stadium |

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### Outcomes from the Full Governing Body Meeting – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The college will be following the date set by the Local Authority following the period of consultation (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018). There were many parents who did not return their slips. The governors were clear that the non-return of the slips was a vote for retaining the original arrangements. I would like to thank all parents and pupils for their contribution.

As parents start to plan for the new academic year, please remember the two amendments to the Dress Code Policy for pupils aged 11 – 16. Shoes must be made of a leather upper and have a distinct heel. Shoes with a flat sole will not be acceptable unless a pupil has a prescribed medical condition supported by a medical professional.

The girls' skirt from September 2017 will be a grey checked Trutex skirt. The skirts can be purchased from the college suppliers and the college itself. Current pupils have until September 2018 to transfer into the new skirt. All skirts from September 2017 must be pleated and just above the knee.

### Revision School for Syntax, Poetry and Rhetoric

There are revision sessions taking place for pupils and students in Syntax (Y11). Poetry (Y12) and Rhetoric (Y13) taking place through the half term. Pupils have been notified. The college is closed on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank holiday

### RUDIMENTS BUSHCRAFT VISIT 2017

Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 84 Rudiments pupils accompanied by; Mrs Davies, Mrs Biddle, Mr Weaver and Mr Furness attended an outdoor adventure/survival experience hosted by The Bushcraft Company at Cholmondeley Castle estate. Pupils spent two nights and three days learning a range of survival strategies outside of the classroom with their peers in tribes that they had previously chosen.

After disembarking the coaches, with their tribe leaders from Bushcraft pupils walked to their camp. Soon after arriving at the camp pupils were shown how to safely make a fire before cooking their own kebabs for lunch. Safety around fires was a key lesson of the trip and the pupils gained a respect for the dangers of fire and its importance as a heat source; to keep warm and cook out in the wild. During the afternoon of the first day pupils had the opportunity to collect materials and construct shelters, they utilised tarpaulin sheets along with rope and any natural materials the pupils found. Some of the shelters were superb, and despite of the cool temperatures over half of the pupils elected to sleep around the camp fire in the shelters that they had made.

The second day followed a similar pattern with pupils eating regularly around the fire with their peers before learning about emergency rescue, trap making, camouflage and concealment. Throughout the three days every pupil demonstrated exemplary behaviour and oodles of enthusiasm for the experience. Some tried new foods, others spent their first evening out under the stars; there were many memorable moments. At the end of the trip on the way home pupils have already begun discussing what we as a College may do next year with them... we are looking at suitable experiences and hope to offer something different for the pupils during their time in Figures.

