

WE HAVE TWO NEW WORD MILLIONAIRES

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jude Hailey and Lydia Wood, welcome to the Millionaires Club.

This week's Star Readers

Rudiments: Lydia Wood
Books included: Twilight
Words Read: 486,993
Figures: Harry Newton
Book: Harry Potter Goblet of Fire
Words Read: 190,858



House	7.4.2017	31.3.2017
Allen	93.3%	97.2%
Hinsley	94.7%	93.6%
Manning	93.1%	93.4%
Newman	95.8%	96.4%
Vaughan	94.6%	94.7%
Wiseman	95.9%	95.2%
Whole School	94.1%	95.1%



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Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer	Weekly 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 no reward save that of knowing I do your will. Amen	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	Lord God and creator of the universe, You imposed on mankind the law of work. Give us grace, by Saint Joseph's example and at his intercession, To finish the works you give us to do, And to come to the rewards you promise. We make our prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SPINNERS

A new toy has been released onto the market called a Spinner which is a small hand held rotational device. It purports to be an aid to concentration and I believe is sold as such. I have consulted with the college's Head of Special Educational Needs, Mrs Ann Kelly, who has confirmed for me that there is no body of educational evidence to support a claim that these devices can aid concentration. We have found that the devices distract a child's attention from their teacher and are a disruptive factor within a classroom environment. As such these devices are now banned from the college building. The college will take no responsibility for their loss should a pupil bring a Spinner in as of Tuesday 2nd May 2017. The Heads of House and the SEN Department do approve discrete hand held concentration aids for pupils on an individual needs basis. The ban on spinners does not apply to any arrangements that have been made by the college Heads of House or SEN Department. Mr J Faulconbridge. Deputy Headteacher

PERFORMING ARTS



Many congratulations to Rhys Westley, Hannah Kane and Grace Hickinbotham on passing, with merit, their Associated Board Music examinations. A great achievement, well done!!



GLEE CLUB: A reminder that Glee Club will be starting next week, Thursday lunchtime in B9. If you have received an invitation please remember to come. It is open to all pupils, so why not come along and have a sing!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 30 April 2017	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday 1 May 2017	St Joseph the Worker
Tuesday 2 May 2017	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 3 May 2017	Ss Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday 4 May 2017	The English Martyrs (E)
Friday 5 May 2017	St Asaph, Bishop (W)
Saturday 6 May 2017	Weekday of Easter

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

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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The Gift of Scripture: The prophet Jeremiah wrote: "Stand at the crossroads and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it and find rest for your souls." (Jer 6:16). St Paul wrote many centuries later: "Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of Scriptures we might have hope." (Rom 15:4).

The Holy Bible is our gift and our treasure and through prayer and study we find strength and nourishment to carry out our mission.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Welcome Back

Welcome back to all the pupils, students and staff. However for pupils and students in Syntax, Poetry, and Rhetoric, the Easter holidays were largely taken up by attending revision school here in the college. This year we had the highest take up of Easter revision schools. In Syntax, there were 20 revision schools in 16 different subjects and the attendance was at about 50% of the normal class attendance.

For Rhetoric, there were 18 revision schools in 16 subjects. I am enormously grateful to the teaching staff of the college who are prepared to go the extra mile for the pupils and students and to the pupils and students who wish to be the very best that they can be.

Remember that this Monday (1st May 2017) is a bank holiday and that the college will be closed. We will re-open at 08:20hrs on Tuesday 2nd May 2017.

The college is used as a Polling Station for local and national elections. The Manresa Centre is handed over to Staffordshire County Council and its team of election officers on Thursday 8th June 2017 for the General Election and the local elections. On that day, access to the college will be adjusted accordingly and parking may well be at a premium.

Dress Code

Well done to all the pupils (and parents!) for the efforts to meet the dress code. The pupils' looks very smart and well turned out! I would like to remind parents that from September 2017, the following adjustments have been made to the dress code and therefore I would advise that you act with caution before purchasing college uniform for September. The two main areas are:

- a. Skirts for girls, these must be grey pleated, knee length skirts.
- b. Shoes that have a distinct heel and therefore flat sole shoes are not acceptable. We do not permit students to wear Vans, Converse, or trainer style shoes.

All the research completed, both within the college and in recent publications, provides a very clear link between attitudes to leaning and appearance and preparation. Pupils who come to college well prepared for their learning are more likely to achieve their learning targets and objectives.

COLLEGE CALENDAR		COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES	
1 May 2017	May Bank Holiday	Rugby	
3 ~5 May 2017	Rudiment Bush craft	3 May 2017	Rudiments v Codsall & Hart (Home)
4 May 2017	College Council	4 May 2017	Figures v Hart (Away)
9 May 2017	AS German Exam		
12 May 2017	Syntax Leavers Mass		

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SCHOOL NURSE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME



The College was selected, along with five other schools from Staffordshire, to be part of the School Nurse Ambassador Programme.

Each school was able to nominate five students to attend a workshop, designed to engage students to have an input into what is required from the school nurse service, in order to meet the general and individual needs of a school.

Throughout the day there were lots of discussions, activities and challenges. Students were asked to design a project showing how they could implement change and help improve the service making it more accessible to everyone.

The ambassadors were challenged to design a badge to represent the programme and links to Staffordshire. **Cardinal Griffin College smashed it!!**

Jamie Brown, Emily Griffiths, Christian Hill, Robyn Griffiths and Lilliah Pearson were all part of the winning team, their design will be made into a badge to be unveiled at the official celebration launch on 4 July 2017, also a firm favourite with the Mayor.

Well done our Ambassadors!

Mr Furness

Congratulations to Mr Furness who completed the London Marathon in 4 hours 11 minutes. He is raising money for CAFOD and the Jesuit Refugee Service. He will be speaking to pupils in assemblies to share his experience of the day and he will highlight the good causes that he has been supporting. If you wish to make a donation to Mr Furness, he has set up an online sponsorship page on Virgin Money Giving: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TMullenFurness>. Alternatively cash donations can be made at reception.

London Marathon Experience

My defining memory of Sunday, during and after the marathon was the sheer scale of the support and enthusiasm of the 800,000+ spectators and the thousands of volunteers. Their effect on me during the day was overwhelming allowing me to focus on the next step. Without that support and encouragement I know my day in London would have been a lot more challenging.

