

## INVIGILATORS NEEDED

We are looking to appoint Invigilators who are interested in a long term challenge. This will be a casual contract with the main exams typically being in November, January, March, May and June. An ideal candidate will be flexible, have effective communication skills and be confident in the presence of students. Please contact Mrs Middleton in the Exams Office for further details: [s.middleton@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:s.middleton@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk) The successful candidate will be required to undertake a DBS check and attend internal training sessions.



## ATTENDANCE

House	23.6.2017	16.6.2017
Allen	95.5%	96.6%
Hinsley	95.6%	95.3%
Manning	90.9%	92.3%
Newman	93.0%	93.6%
Vaughan	93.6%	95.5%
Wiseman	94.4%	95.4%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>



# THE GRIFFIN

## Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

*Ad majorem Dei gloriam*

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### COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

#### Morning Prayer

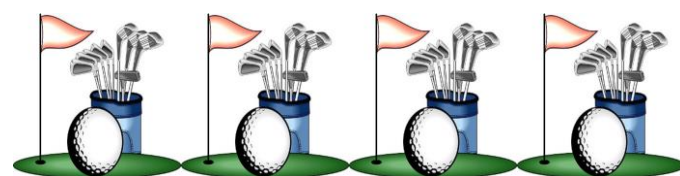
Lord, teach me to be generous:  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek to rest;  
to labour and to ask for no reward  
save that of knowing I do your will.  
Amen

#### 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

Father, God,  
as we celebrate the feast of  
St Thomas,  
strengthen our faith,  
so that we may experience  
life to the full,  
through the power of your  
Spirit.  
When St Thomas doubted,  
you revealed yourself to him.  
Open our hearts and reveal  
yourself to us,  
that we may have the  
courage and faith  
to share the Good News with  
everyone.  
We ask this prayer through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Three Hammers Golf

There is a great opportunity at the moment for anyone interested in Golfing. Three Hammers are offering Golf lessons on Wednesday 5th July at 15.30 ~ 17.00hrs. The course of lessons are completely free and cover all aspects of the game. Wednesday 28th June, I took two students there for lessons with one of the professionals, so if you want to improve your game please see Mr Bradbury for all details.



### LRC Important Notice

Please remember any School Library Books need to be returned to the LRC now.  
Thank you ~ Mrs Biddle

### LOST PROPERTY

As we come to end of the academic year, all unclaimed Lost Property will go to Charity. Please come and collect any of the following items, if you think they belong to you.

Boys Black Adidas Jacket ~ Small  
Boys Black Nike Jacket ~ 12-13 Yrs  
Boys Black Nike / Fleece Lining ~ Small  
Boys Black Body Warmer ~ Medium  
Boys Blue Regatta Jacket ~ Size 32"  
Boys Light Blue Cotton Ridge Hoodie ~ Small  
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Girls Green Bomber Jacket Fur Hood  
(Miss Selfridge) ~ Size 8  
Girls Black Puma Hoodie ~ Size 8  
Black PE Bag with Girls Pink Trainers ~ Size 3

Boys and Girls PE Bags (kit inside) ~ Lunch Boxes  
Pencil Cases ~ Umbrella's  
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This is not the completed list, so please do check if you have lost anything at the College within the last year. Returning property quickly to students can be made so much easier if items have a **name** and **form** on them.

### 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

### CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 2nd July 2017</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Monday 3rd July 2017</b>	St Thomas, Apostle
<b>Tuesday 4th July 2017</b>	St Elizabeth of Portugal
<b>Wednesday 5th July 2017</b>	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest
<b>Thursday 6th July 2017</b>	St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr
<b>Friday 7th July 2017</b>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<b>Saturday 8th July 2017</b>	Weekday in Ordinary Time

### LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

This week the whole College congregated to the Sports Hall to celebrate the feast of Ss Peter and Paul with a whole College Mass. This was a wonderful and special occasion which included some classic hymns and a dance performed by Rudiments and Figures to the song Over the Rainbow which was sung by Ariana Grande at the One Love concert in Manchester. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop McGough as well as Fr Peter Stonier and Fr Peter Weatherby. We incorporated the Jesuit Pupil Profile into the Bidding Prayers, here was the first one... Together may we be **grateful** for our gifts and the gifts of others.

**Generous** to become men and women for others;

We give ourselves **to the greater glory of God.**

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



### How can parents help their child

At the recent Year 6 Induction Evening, we spoke to the new, and not so new parents who have children joining the College in September 2017! A key question for parents echoes the famous line issued by President Kennedy at his Inaugural Address for Presidency in 1960.

*And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.*

Alternatively ask not what Cardinal Griffin can do for you child - ask what can you do for your child.

There are five key roles that parents can play for their child's education.

### Remind the children of the importance of learning and education

Parents need to share with their children the importance of education by participating fully in all educational activities. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your child. What we say and do in our daily lives can help them to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners. Showing your children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school.

A starting point is to attend the parents meeting arranged by the College. The attendance of parents at these meetings is in excess of 80%. For those parents who do not attend the evening, we arrange alternative meeting times and the attendance numbers for Parents Evening rises to over 90%. Our aim to achieve 100% attendance.

Parents can also help by either reading with the children or encouraging the children to read with them on weekly basis. Encourage your child to read. Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school and in life. The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects. Encourage books to be kept in the house.

Monitor your child's television, video game, and Internet use. British children on average spend far more time watching TV, playing video games and using the Internet than they do completing homework or other school-related activities.

Encourage your child to use the library. Libraries are places of learning and discovery for everyone. Helping your child find out about libraries will set him or her on the road to being an independent learner. Remember that libraries also offer a quiet place to complete homework, and are often open in the evening.

### COLLEGE CALENDAR

<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	Sports Day
<b>5~7<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	Bushcraft Trip Lower Grammar
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	Rhetoric Prom
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	Syntax Prom

### COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES

<b>Rounder's</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	Rudiments & figures v EDA (H)
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	Lower Grammar & Upper Grammar v EDA (A)
<b>Cricket</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	Upper Grammar v EDA (A)

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### Ensure that your child arrives on time for College and attends College

The details for pupil's attendance is quite straight forward. If pupils do not attend College, then they will make less progress. An improvement of 1% in attendance can lead to a 5% improvement in academic performance. The figures below indicate that:

- 10 days absence per year (95%) over five years will be 50 days in your secondary school life.
- 20 days absence per year (90%), over five years will be 100 days in your secondary school life or half a school year.
- 30 days absence per year (85%), over five years will be virtually half a term per year or 150 days in your school life that is three quarters of one year.

The figures for punctuality are no less significant:

- 5 minutes late every day is the equivalent of 3 days absence.
- 15 minutes late every day is the equivalent of 10 days absence.
- 30 minutes late every day is the equivalent of 19 days absence.

### Send your child to College wearing the correct uniform

Pupils who come to College in the correct dress code are more likely to make progress. **Positive attitudes to learning are often highly visual** and therefore we know the signs before the actual learning takes place. Teachers and parents should make the necessary interventions. Typical visual signs that indicate potential under performance include the incorrect dress code, the dress code not be worn correctly, incorrect shoes, makeup, and incomplete equipment.

If a child has the correct dress code and the correct equipment they are between 85-95% more likely to make their expected progress in their studies. Conversely if a child comes to College with the incorrect dress code and equipment, their chances of achieving their potential falls to between 18-21%. The number of pupils who did not have the correct equipment and who were wearing the incorrect dress code is less than 4% at the last review. There is a clear statistical link between visual attitudes to learning and progress.

### Ensure that your child has the correct equipment for College

All pupils should have the following:

- 2 sets of writing Pens (black, and green).
- A selection of coloured pencil crayons.
- A rubber, sharpener and ruler.
- A calculator, protractor, compass.
- A pencil case for their equipment.
- A pocket English dictionary and a copy of the Good News Bible,

### Make provision for your child to study at home

In some ways this is the most difficult challenge that parents may face.

1. **Have a set of spare set of equipment on hand.**
2. **Turn off the TV.** Keep noise and distractions to a minimum so that your child can focus on their work.
3. **Let there be light.** Make sure the workspace is well-lit so that your child can see comfortably.
4. **Cut out the clutter.** Make sure your child's work area is neat, organized and mess-free.
5. **Give up time.** Make sure you set up enough time each night so that your child doesn't feel rushed and can take the time needed to settle comfortably to their homework and thoroughly finish off the work.