



## LOST PROPERTY IN PUPIL SERVICES

Please check sooner rather than later at Pupil Services for any lost items. We advise all College uniform is clearly marked with the pupils name and form. This way we can return lost items immediately. Organising your bag the night before, is an excellent way of checking your equipment. Please keep all your items safe.



House	15.12.17	8.12.2017
Allen	86.3%	90.5%
Hinsley	87.5%	89.0%
Manning	86.0%	86.7%
Newman	87.2%	90.8%
Vaughan	83.7%	86.3%
Wiseman	84.3%	92.2%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>85.8%</b>	<b>89.4%</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 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

Almighty ever-living God,  
who when Christ had been  
baptized in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your  
beloved Son,  
grant that your children by  
adoption, reborn of water  
and the Holy Spirit, may  
always be well pleasing to  
you.  
We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.  
Amen.



## MOBILE DEVICES

We recognise that following Christmas a number of pupils will have been given gifts such as mobile phones and other electronic devices, which they may be tempted to bring into the College. Some devices can cost £500+ to replace if damaged or stolen, and we therefore want parents to be fully aware of the risks of them being brought into the College, before they make the decision to allow their child to do so. While the College does not ban mobile phones, we do insist that they are not used during the College day and remain in bags switched off. Mobile phones used during the College day will be confiscated.

We also want to remind parents that the insurance of any device brought into the College is the responsibility of the parent. We recommend checking that any devices are covered for all risks under your home insurance policy or are covered under a separate gadget insurance policy. Unless the devices are in the possession of a member of staff the College insurance policy does not cover accidental damage, loss or theft of such devices. Therefore, we strongly recommend that expensive devices remain at home. If they are brought into the College it is on the understanding that this is entirely at the risk of the pupil and their parents.

Mr D Carne (Executive Business Manager)

### CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday 7th January 2018</b>	Epiphany of the Lord
<b>Monday 8th January 2018</b>	The Baptism of the Lord
<b>Tuesday 9th January 2018</b>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<b>Wednesday 10th January 2018</b>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<b>Thursday 11th January 2018</b>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
<b>Friday 12th January 2018</b>	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious (E)
<b>Saturday 13th January 2018</b>	St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

### LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

#### AmDg

The story of the Wise Men picks up on a number of the virtues in the JPP. The word Magi means a well-educated or **learned** person and is often translated as '**wise**' because these people were scholars who used their wisdom to good effect. They are **curious** about the prophecies they have studied and **curious** about the new star which they follow with intent to Bethlehem. Their **wisdom** tells them not to report back to Herod and so they return to their country by a different route. They bring **generous** gifts with them of gold, frankincense and myrrh and, filled with **faith**, they see in the new-born baby **hope** for the future of the world.

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### 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

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

The Government published State of the Nation 2017; Social mobility in Great Britain in December 2017. The report examines the 16 indicators of social mobility which includes education, housing prospects, and employability. There are 324 districts in England and Wales. The report begins

*Britain is a deeply divided nation, the divisions take many forms. Class, income, gender, race, in recent years, each had been the subject of much scrutiny. But one form of scrutiny has received less attention is that based on geography ...too many rural and coastal areas and towns of Britain's old industrial heartlands are being left behind...Whole sections of society feel that they are not getting a fair chance to succeed, because they are not. It cannot go on like this. If we want a genuinely United Kingdom, not an ever more divided one, a new approach will be needed.*

Cannock Chase was ranked 260 out of 324 in the overall ranking of English Local Authority Areas, one being the highest (Westminster, London) and 324 the lowest (West Somerset).

There are five other categories that are recorded and these are listed below. I have also included the funding that is allocated to the College, this is called the Average Weighting Pupil Unit and this describes the amount issued to the College to educate each child. It is disappointing that the College receives significantly less than pupils who live in areas that are clearly more affluent, if we were in Birmingham, the College would receive an additional £900,000 per year or £500,000 if we were in Dudley. We even have to give back £225,000 to Staffordshire!!

Cardinal Bernard Griffin supported the rebuilding of post-war Britain arguing especially for the provision of Catholic Schools. He supported the creation of the Welfare State. I am sure that Cardinal Griffin would have shown a keen interest in the State of the Nation 2017; Social mobility in Great Britain report and its conclusions.

	<b>AWPU</b>	<b>Social Mobility</b>	<b>Early Years Rank</b>	<b>School age Rank</b>	<b>Youth Rank</b>	<b>Adult Rank</b>
Cardinal Griffin Catholic College	4743					
Cannock Chase		260	105	294	216	224
Staffordshire	5054					
Non London	5580					
England	5988	Out of 324				
South Staffordshire	5250	82	85	196	105	85
Wolverhampton	5033	243	283	181	77	292
Walsall	5043	276	235	293	121	266
Dudley	5751	262	286	246	131	199
Birmingham	5980	126	296	123	28	188
Solihull	6548	59	219	46	88	38
Coventry	5631	96	98	134	96	166

**COLLEGE CALENDAR**

<b>16th January 2018</b>	Figures Parents' Evening
<b>23rd January 2018</b>	Lower Grammar Parents' Evening
<b>30th January 2018</b>	Syntax Parents' Evening

**COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES**

<b>Football</b>	
<b>8th January 2018</b>	Figures v Sheffield Academy
<b>Basketball</b>	
<b>9th January 2018</b>	Upper Grammar v Chase T (A)
<b>10th January 2018</b>	Upper Grammar v EDA (H)

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It is important to know who you are, and where you have come from, in order to plan the way ahead. May be now is a time to reflect on Bernard Griffin.

Bernard and his twin brother Basil were born in Cannon Hill, Birmingham to William and Helen (née Swadkins) Griffin on 21st February 1899. He had three sisters. His father was a bicycle manufacturer, a Birmingham City councilor, and a justice of the peace.

They were a devoted family and were under the watchful eye of their parish priest. One day, both twins went to confession. When they came out the brothers found that Father O'Hagan had asked them both the same question; 'What are you going to be?' They had both answered, 'I want to be a priest'. Both boys were clever and won scholarships to King Edward's Grammar School, Birmingham but Bernard's desire to be a priest led him to transfer to Cotton College in Staffordshire from 1913 to 1917.

When the First World War broke out in 1914, both Bernard and Basil joined the Royal Naval Air Service, with whom Bernard served as an air-raid warden. During this time he suffered a heart attack but concealed it from physicians in order to avoid a discharge which he feared would prevent his acceptance for the priesthood.

After the war Bernard went to Oscott College (1919-1922) in Birmingham to train to be a priest. Ordained to the priesthood on 1 November 1924, he finished his studies at the Venerable English College in Rome (1922-1927) with doctorate in canon (Church) law in 1927.

Bernard Griffin then worked as private secretary to John McIntyre, the Archbishop of Birmingham, until 1937. From 1929 to 1938, he served as diocesan chancellor of Birmingham, the Catholic representative on the BBC's religious advisory committee, and administrator of diocesan charitable homes.

On 26th May 1938, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and took the motto **Da mihi animas**. He was consecrated Archbishop of Westminster, the most senior position in England and Wales on 18th December 1943 and he was created Cardinal-Priest by Pius XII on 18 February 1946. At age 46, he was the youngest Cardinal to be appointed at the ceremony.

As Cardinal, Bernard Griffin took a keen interest in the rebuilding of post-war Britain arguing especially for the provision of Catholic schools. He was seen by some as liberal in areas of social principles. He was also a president on The Council of Christians and Jews. Cardinal Griffin died from a heart attack in New Polzeath, in Cornwall, at age 57, and was buried at Westminster Cathedral.

On the 22nd October 1960, Bernard's twin brother, Basil, laid the foundation stone of Cardinal Griffin Catholic College, it is the only school to be named after Cardinal Bernard Griffin as far as we aware. Over the next editions of the Griffin, we will examine our values and our history.

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**PUPIL SERVICES**

On Monday 8th January, the College will spend a week checking equipment. Pupils are reminded that they should come to College with all their equipment. Items are available for purchase from Pupil Services throughout this week.

All pupils should have a Day Book!