



ADVENT 2017



Advent Week Two. Peace:

God who is with us, (Emmanuel), we pray our sisters and brothers may find a place of shelter and peace. Help us to share generously, and so prepare a way for your kingdom of justice and mercy. Amen.

Jesus is the only one that can bring peace with God. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).



ATTENDANCE

House	1.12.2017	27.11.2017
Allen	90.6%	95.0%
Hinsley	94.1%	94.0%
Manning	93.6%	92.5%
Newman	93.3%	91.2%
Vaughan	91.4%	91.1%
Wiseman	92.1%	95.3%
Whole School	92.5%	93.3%



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

Lord,
You know our potential
but what is your purpose for
our lives?
When we are unsure,
help us to trust in your
faithfulness,
prepare us for your way, O
Lord:
Your kingdom come, Your
will be done.
We ask this prayer in the
name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CABARET 6TH DECEMBER 2017



We had a fantastic night last night with a range of dances, songs and musical numbers from pupils across all year groups. We were joined by lots of friends, parents and staff members alike, who seemed to enjoy the evening, and they even joined in with some numbers to really get in the festive spirit! The cast of 'Oh Happy Day' enjoyed the chance to perform some songs ahead of the full show in March, and the Griffin Dancers wowed us with their skills. We were treated to the talents of many musicians including those who play in Clan Na Gael and in The Griffin Band, as well as some solo numbers too. We are lucky to have the support of so many parents, and would like to say a big thank you to those who came out on a chilly night! ~~Thank you!

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>
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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/>
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 10th December 2017	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday 11th December 2017	St Damasus I, Pope
Tuesday 12th December 2017	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday 13th December 2017	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Thursday 14th December 2017	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Friday 15th December 2017	Weekday of Advent
Saturday 16th December 2017	Weekday of Advent

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Prophecy About a Virgin Birth: Over 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah foretold that Emmanuel (which means "God with us") would be born of a virgin. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Prophecy About the Majesty of the Child: The prophet Isaiah further described Jesus and his majesty. "Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

**Review of the Term so far in Numbers!!**

Numbers do not tell you everything, however they do tell you something and it is important to keep a close eye on them!!

The top 26 conduct scores were achieved by Katie Dunne; Lucy Allen; Georgia Johnson; Ethan Bradley; Naomi Stephenson; Holly Dale; Ellie Salt; Evie Forsyth; Michelle Wu; Layla Bate; Eve Cross; Zachariah Gonzalez-Nixon; Polly Porter; Jack Baugh; Isobel Clark; Madeleine Coley; Alexander Foster; Rico Jones; Bethany Leighton; Edele Billington; Luke Brindley-Eden; Tara Hill; Lola Lane; Isabel Moody; Esme Thomson; Catherine Woollaston.

- The total number of achievement points issued was 6837.
- 794 pupils have received an achievement point this year.
- The most points were issued to Allen house.
- Every pupil in Year 7 received at least one achievement point.
- 150 out of 151 Year 8 received an achievement point.
- 148 out of 151 Year 9 received an achievement point.
- 138 out of 140 Year 10 received an achievement point.
- 145 out of 148 Year 11 received an achievement point.
- 32 out of 53 Year 12 received an achievement point.
- 33 out of 58 Year 13 received an achievement point.
- 285 pupils have received more than 10 achievement points and this accounts for 58.9% of all the points issued.
- The total number of behaviour points (including forgetting equipment) was 2979.
- 37 pupils accounted for half of the behaviour points (14 in Y11; 14 in Y10; 10 in Y9; 5 in Y8 and 4 in Y7).
- 37% of all behaviour points were issued for not having the correct equipment.
- 20% for chewing gum.
- 18% was for behaviour below expectations.
- 3.5% was for poor punctuality to either college or lessons.
- 2.7% was for mobile phones.
- 2.4% was for incorrect uniform of which wearing coats accounts for 82% of incorrect uniform.
- There are 56% more achievement points than behaviour points.
- 31 have been awarded full college colour.
- 24 have been awarded Head teachers colours.

17 pupils have been issued with St Peter Faber SJ Awards for consistently good behaviour and attitudes to learning.

Planet Ice in Cannock

Planet Ice are an ice skating rink located in Cannock and each Christmas they hold a Free skate on Christmas Day. This year they would like to direct the free tickets towards residents of the Cannock community who may need a little extra help and festive spirit over the Christmas holidays.

If you know of a family who would benefit from this offer, or if you know of families who are currently living in local care homes or women's shelter where there may be children or families wishing to come to skate for free on Christmas Day, please contact us at Pupil Services here at the college.

Winter Weather

The college rarely closes for winter weather. Our building enable pupils to move around without having to cross large expanses of snow covered yards and walk ways! The reasons as to why the college could close would be one of the following:

- The heating has broken down in the college.
- The public transport has been cancelled due to the weather.
- The college transport has been cancelled due to weather.
- A significant number of staff are unable to reach college due to the weather condition and it would be unsafe to supervise and teach the pupils and pupils.

In the event of closure, we will place a message on the webpage and contact parents by text. In addition, we will notify Staffordshire County Council and they will list school closures on their webpage. Contacting the college directly is often time-consuming and frustrating, so, always check the webpage for up to date information.

Occasionally, we have a snow fall in the early hours of the morning which can result in poor traffic movement between the snow fall and the time that the gritting services can get out and clear the roads. In response to this situation, the college day will begin at 0940. The college will be open at the usual time, however the additional hour gives pupils, parents, and staff an extra hour to get through the traffic.

Parents are asked **not** to give their children a day off college - a snow day. The attendance data shows conclusively that the most vulnerable pupils (those in Year7\Rudiments) have the highest attendance and the least vulnerable (Year 11\Rudiments) have the lowest attendance on these days.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

12th December 2017	Carol Service
13th December 2017	Christmas Dinner ~ £2.25
14th December 2017	Senior Citizen Party ~ 13:00hrs ~ 15:00hrs
15th December 2017	Syntax Reports
15th December 2017	Festive Jumper Day! ~ Raising money for CAFOD ~ Trip to Lourdes
15th December 2017	Term Ends ~ 13.05hrs
3rd January 2018	College Returns ~ 08:20 ~ Ephiany Term Begins

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PUPIL SERVICES**Medication**

If your child needs to take medication in college, please ensure a medical form is completed and medicine is handed in to Pupil Services. Pupils are not permitted to carry medication in their bags or hand them to other pupils. For extreme medical conditions where medicine has to be kept by the pupil a Health Care Plan with parent and college agreement must have been completed.

To obtain a medical form please contact Reception or Pupil Services

For a Health Care Plan please contact Mr D Bradbury.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2017 ~ £2.25
DINNER ~ SWEET OF YOUR CHOICE ~ DRINK