



COLLEGE UNIFORM

Do you have any unwanted college uniform in good clean condition? If so could you please donate it to the college it would be greatly appreciated.



House	2.6.2017	19.5.2017
Allen	95.4%	96.8%
Hinsley	93.4%	95.0%
Manning	92.4%	92.5%
Newman	93.4%	94.7%
Vaughan	94.0%	95.9%
Wiseman	95.5%	95.5%
Whole School	94.1%	95.1%



THE GRIFFIN

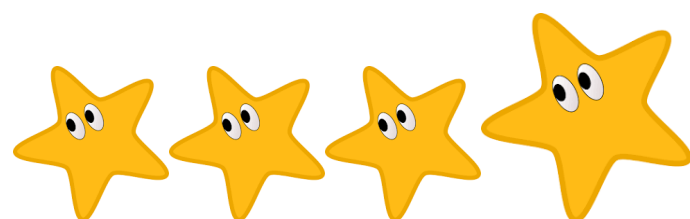
Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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COLLEGE PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer	Weekly Prayer
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon, where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, joy. We make our prayer through our Lord. Amen.</p>



This week's Star Readers

Rudiments: Niamh Casey
Books included: A face like Class
Words Read: 139,656

Figures: Jude Hailey
Book: The Faceless One
Words Read: 313,285

Congratulations!!!

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

Alexia Marie
Lewis McKinnon

Harrison Hedge
Oakomara Rankine

WHAT'S NEW IN PERFORMING ARTS?

This year is the first time that Griffin students have been able to combine their skills in singing, dancing and acting at Key Stage Four, within our new BTEC qualification in Performing Arts. We have a talented cohort of youngsters who are able to extend their skills in all three disciplines within this course, and so far they've done a fantastic job! If you came along to our college show in April you will have seen many of our BTEC students at work, as they all performed in the College Show as part of their assessment process. The course is made-up of practical exploration and development within singing, dancing, and acting alongside theory work.

Costume Mania!

In the Performing Arts Department we are very lucky to get props and costumes donated to us, which always come in very handy when we do College Shows. If you find any unwanted clothes at home we would be most grateful for any donations. When we did Bugsy Malone this year we had great fun in sourcing vintage 1920s telephones and other suitably dated items! Many thanks for your support with this.

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

St Mary's & St Thomas More
Rev Fr Peter Weatherby
<http://www.cannockcatholic.org>
07766 335591

St Joseph's, Burntwood
Rev Fr Paul Haines
<http://www.stjosburntwood.co.uk/>
01543 686266

Our Lady of Lourdes
Rev Fr Philip Newbold
<http://www.ourladyhednesford.com>
01543 422576

St Joseph & St Etheldreda, Rugeley
Rev Fr Peter Stonier
<http://www.rugeleycatholicchurch.co.uk/>
01889 802531

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 11 June 2017	Most Holy Trinity
Monday 12 June 2017	Weekday in Ordinary Time(10)
Tuesday 13 June 2017	St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 14 June 2017	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 15 June 2017	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 16 June 2017	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop (E)
Saturday 17 June 2017	Weekday in Ordinary Time

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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THE GIFT OF PEACE: It is striking that Jesus' first words to the disciples after his resurrection were "Peace be with you" John (20:19). He repeated his message twice more, as if to highlight its importance (John 20:21, 26). Peace is more than the absence of war, or simply a sense of inner calm. Peace is, first and foremost, peace with God. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peace is a gift of the Spirit and by God's grace peace can dwell in and rule our hearts. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

**The General Election**

The college is making arrangements to accommodate the General Election on Thursday 8th June 2017. The college is used as a polling station, however we are able to keep the college open to pupils and staff. The polling area is secured from the main part of the college in the Manresa Centre. Unfortunately, there will be significantly less parking spaces available on the day as we set aside parking for the voters.

All elections are important, however after the recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and London, we are all reminded of the privilege of living in a liberal democratic state in which the people are entitled to elect their representatives. This aspect of our democracy is one of the features that those who oppose our system fail to understand or appreciate.

I hope that all those who are entitled to vote, go to the polling station to express their solidarity with the people of this country, in particular the people of Manchester and London. Whether they choose to vote or not is a matter for each individual, however the physical act of walking to the polling station is a statement of defiance to all who would seek to undermine our liberal democratic values.

Dress Code

From September 2017, all girls must be wearing either trousers or the grey pleated skirt. For girls joining Rudiments they must wear the grey checked pleated skirts supplied by Trutex. These are available in our College supply shops. From September 2018, all girls must be wearing the grey checked pleated skirts.

There are already some girls who are wearing the new skirts as parents make the decision to get the most wear out of the skirts. The suppliers have assured the college that the full range of sizes will be available. If you, as a parent, find that there are problems with the supply, you should contact the college at the earliest opportunity.

Letters were sent home before half term to girls who were either wearing the incorrect skirt or who were wearing the correct skirt incorrectly. There has been a significant improvement and as always I am very grateful to the parents for their support in this matter.

Parent Governor

We are still looking for a parent to come forward to join the college as a Parent Governor. If you think you might be interested in serving the community of Cardinal Griffin Catholic College, can you please make an appointment with me via Mrs Quinn, the PA to the Headteacher.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

12th ~16th June 2017 Exams ~ Rudiments ~
Figures ~ Lower Grammar
14th June 2017 Syntax Exam Leave
15th June 2017 College Council
16th June 2017 Rhetoric Study Leave
29th June 2017 **Whole College Mass**

COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES

Rounder's
13th June 2017 Figures v EDA (Away)
14th June 2017 Lower Grammar v EDA (Away)
Cricket
14th June 2017 Figures v Cheslyn Hay (Home)

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Lourdes 2017

On Saturday 27th May 2017 at 08:00hrs, Miss Malpass and Javier Gonzalez-Fritz departed from St Francis of Assisi College along with Poetry students, Nyasha Exton and Morna Doyle on a 25 hour coach journey to Lourdes, France. This was the start of a week-long pilgrimage to assist the Archdiocese of Birmingham to bring aid and spiritual support to the sick.



The theme for the 2017 pilgrimage was "**The Almighty has done great things for me**". "**The Magnificat of Hope**". Pope Francis reminds us that the Magnificat is Mary's Song of Hope, because wherever the Cross is to be found, there, you will always find hope. Their pilgrimage to Lourdes was an opportunity to experience for themselves the way Mary accompanies us as we struggle to carry our own crosses and those we lift for others; and to hear her sing to each of us her Song of Hope.

The duties our students and staff carried out at Lourdes as Brancardiers and Handmaids focused mainly on providing help and support to the pilgrims in the Accueil Notre Dame, but they were also there at Our Lady's request to serve all who came to Lourdes.

The pilgrimage started with the opening Mass in the Chapel of St Bernadette followed by Youth Prayer then ending the first day with the torch light Marian Procession. There were many different services available for all to enjoy and more importantly to exercise their spiritual needs. Services and Masses such as, Grotto Mass, Stations of the Cross, Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Rosary Basilica, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the underground Basilica, Mass of the Anointing, and many more, ending with the Closing Mass on the last day of the pilgrimage.

This was truly a humbling and satisfying experience for our students and staff, to be able to give up a half term and help those in need and at the same time be able to address their own needs spiritually to God through the intercession of Mary. This was a blessing, and a blessing we hope to continue with new students each and every year.