



LOST PROPERTY IN PUPIL SERVICES

Please be aware that Pupil Services have already accumulated numerous coats, pencil cases, P.E kits, etc.

Remember to collect any lost items as soon as possible. Marking all your belongings clearly with your name and form will ensure your property being returned immediately.



ATTENDANCE

House	5.1.2018	15.12.17
Allen	91.3%	86.3%
Hinsley	97.4%	87.5%
Manning	92.8%	86.0%
Newman	94.5%	87.2%
Vaughan	97.1%	83.7%
Wiseman	94.0%	84.3%
Whole School	94.5%	85.8%



THE GRIFFIN

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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Terms

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 any 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>Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of friendship. We place before you today, all our friends and those people who are special to us. Bless our friendships and help us to grow in your love. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>

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 an Application Form: s.middleton@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
The successful candidates will be required to undertake a DBS check and attend internal training sessions.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND IN STAFFORDSHIRE
SkillShare is a project funded by The Big Lottery and managed by SEND Family Partnership (Information Advice and Support Service) to provide FREE training for parents and carers of children and young people with special needs aged 0-25 years in Staffordshire



'There will be products to buy'

There are limited places for parent and child to take part together in the following workshops:

- Story Massage Workshop
- Fine Motor Fun Workshop
- Lego Therapy Workshop
- Jumping Clay Workshop
- Relax Kids

Places are limited and parents will be notified which, if any workshops they've been allocated.

The celebration will be held on:
Saturday 3rd February 2018
10am - 3pm At Uttoxeter Racecourse

BOOKINGS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED AND WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, ON RECEIPT OF COMPLETED BOOKING FORM.

To request a booking form please contact:
Tracy Munday, SkillShare Co-ordinator on:
skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk
or telephone 01785 356930



If you require a Booking Form, they are available at Pupil Services.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 14th January 2018	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 15th January 2018	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 16th January 2018	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 17th January 2018	St Anthony, abbot
Thursday 18th January 2018	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday 19th January 2018	St Wulstan, Bishop (E)
Saturday 20th January 2018	St Sebastian, Martyr

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

AmDg

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: This Sunday we hear the testimony of John the Baptist, that Jesus is The Lamb of God, the humble servant of the Lord. The first disciples are invited by Jesus to "come and see". Their readiness to respond leads to a change of life, a new challenge and new responsibilities.

PRAY: Father, teach us to be ready to respond to your Son, Jesus, as the first disciples did, with faith and enthusiasm. Open our eyes to the beauty of his gospel and keep us faithful in following him. Amen.

ACT: Next week, let us consider what the gospel asks of us. We are people of faith who are always ready to accept a new challenge, just as those first disciples were. What is your challenge?

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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



Over the next couple of editions of the Griffin, we will continue to look back on our history, in this edition, I am indebted to Mr Underhill who joined the College in 1977, and this year he has achieved 40 years of service, by any definition, this is a remarkable commitment and we thank him.

The purpose and characteristics of Cardinal Griffin Catholic College.

We believe that there are five core characteristics or purposes of the College. The first is to foster the **intellectual formation** or development of the pupils and the staff, we are after all a community for learning. The second purpose is that we learn within the framework of being a Catholic institution, **a religious formation** in which we seek to identify God in all things and we seek to enable all to have an encounter with Christ. Our third purpose is to provide **pastoral care** for each and every member of our community. Each person is created by God in his image. The fourth purpose is to provide a **Magis Curriculum** that enables every child to find their strengths as learners through the depth and breadth of the curriculum provided. Finally we look to the **horizons and perspectives** of our society. We wish our pupils to become men and women for others and to have compassion for the poor and disadvantaged. These five core characteristics or purposes are bound together by **Cura Personalis** which seeks to care for the individual person, meeting their intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, creative and relational needs.

Memories of the College by Mr Underhill, Head of Design & Technology and Art

Whilst the College has changed or updated its name over the years, it has always retained Cardinal Griffin as its core. The foundation stone that you see as you go up the steps to enter the College reception was laid on the 22nd of October 1960. The official opening ceremony and blessing was carried out by The Most Reverend Francis Grimshaw D.D. on the 21st of June 1962, and so Cardinal Griffin Secondary School, Cannock came into being. Today we are known as Cardinal Griffin Catholic College. The opening of Cardinal Griffin Secondary School provided specific secondary education for Catholics in the Cannock and surrounding area. I believe it was partly funded by donations and specific collections by the members of the various congregations of the Catholic churches in the area.

At the official opening and blessing of the College, Mr Lappin promised that a statue to our Lady would be at the front of the building in the near future. The statue finally appeared fifty five years later in October 2016!!

We have been fortunate in the longevity of Headteachers over the year 57 years in which the College has been going, as it has only had four in all that time. Mr. J. Lappin, Mr. P. Bateson, Mr. J. Lumb and the present incumbent Mr. M. Burrowes. When I started my teaching career in September 1977 there were some of the original staff still here, unfortunately I never met Mr. Lappin but met Mr. Wright who was the first Deputy Head.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

16th January 2018	Figures Parents' Evening
23rd January 2018	Lower Grammar Parents' Evening
30th January 2018	Syntax Parents' Evening
3~10th February 2018	Ski Trip

COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES

Handball	
17th January 2018	Upper grammar v Kingsmead(TBC)
17th January 2018	Figures v EDA (A)
18th January 2018	Rudiments v EDA (A)
Basketball	
15th January 2018	Upper Grammar v King Edward(H)
Football	
15th January 2018	Figures v St Peters High (A)

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The original staff included Miss. M. Reynolds, Mrs. P. McGuinnis, and Mr. W. Taylor, and of course, Mr. A. Hunt, all names I am sure some of our more senior readers will remember or at least recognise. Other names from 1977 that spring to mind are Mr. P. Kibble, Mr. D. Roberts, Mr. P. Challinor, Mr. R. Slaney, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mr. R. Bird, Mrs. A. Reid, Mrs. A. Allen and of course a very young looking Mr. Popovic. I can recall others but list would become rather lengthy.

When I joined, the original part of the College had been added too, with a new Science Block, Sports Hall and a few rooms which now serve as the Sixth Form Centre, but was originally intended to be the first half of a heavy craft block. I am afraid to say the overall plan of extension was never completed as the money ran out. So the Theatre intended for the bottom banking and yard never materialised. But before this a Gymnasium, metal work room and technical drawing room had been added. The first building project I remember was the building of the Sports Hall changing rooms. We have since seen the building of ICT rooms, a Modern Foreign Language block now taken over by the Mathematics Department, a new extension to the D&T block, as well as mobiles which are now as permanent as they could ever be. But of course not to forget the ATP, all weather pitch for a range of sports.

The way the College has been set up for teaching has changed over the years, at present we have a House system for pastoral work whilst we have five mixed ability teaching groups for the bulk of the subjects. The names of the teaching groups are taken from the English Jesuit Martyrs, and the houses are from English Cardinals. In the past, we have had mixed ability groups and set ability groups across both half year cohorts and full years, sometimes the groups have been labelled after the letters of the word Cardinal, with the half year splits being CAR and DIN. Before that we had teaching groups linked to staff codes. When I started at the Griffin, mine was 16, whilst letters of the alphabet and other numbers were used. So if you were in 7-16, 8-16 or 9-16 during the late seventies and early eighties then you would have been in my form group. I have heard it said that there was once a pastoral or house system based on saints. If you can recall this then do let us know.

When you speak to past pupils quite often their fondest memories are of College trips or retreats. The trips being to places in this country and abroad, with Music, PE, Modern Foreign Languages, Law, Sixth Form trips to Rome and even Mathematics trips to Disneyland Paris. Last summer I tried to work out how many trips abroad I have been involved with and came up with a total of around thirty. These are made up of three Ski trips to Italy, one Law trip to the EU Parliament, a Handball trip to Holland and many trips to France and Germany with the Modern Foreign Language Department.

Many of you will have memories of the College that may have been nudged through this piece, but here are a few things to finish on for now that might jog a few more memories. There was for a period of time something called the 'River Griffin', because when the heavy rain came and the water table of the playing fields was just below the surface the water could not be absorbed and so torrents of water just flowed around the sides of the college down the banking and into Cardinal Way. Also I am told that part of the early uniform for the girls was a straw boater, should we consider bringing it back? Or have you been one of our sports stars who played represented school, county or country in a range of sports. Oh yes 'Sprog's Alley', is still there. What are your memories of Cardinal Griffin Catholic College? Be brave and share them with us.

