

ALPHA COURSE

You are invited to the Alpha Course which is taking place at the Centenary Hall, Hednesford on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm, from 3rd October until 5th December. Each evening begins with food and is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. All welcome – whatever your views or beliefs. More information at www.cannockcatholic.org/alpha j.gonzalez-fritz@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk priest@cannockcatholic.org



House	29.9.2017	22.9.2017
Allen	95.6%	95.8%
Hinsley	95.5%	96.2%
Manning	92.8%	93.7%
Newman	91.8%	94.2%
Vaughan	93.9%	95.4%
Wiseman	93.8%	96.2%
Whole School	93.9%	95.3%



THE GRIFFIN

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

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Week 4

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 Jesus,
because you made great miracles of feeding and sharing for people who were hungry,
so that everyone ate and had enough,
so we pray for people everywhere without access to food,
or the means to provide for their families;
for everyone denied their legal right to land,
for everyone facing harassment when they seek to make a living,
for everyone prevented from getting a fair price for their produce.
Bless them and protect them.
Amen.

ENGINEERING CLUB

OPEN TO YEAR 8 & 9
FIGURES & LOWER GRAMMAR

BOYS OR GIRLS

"LIMITED SPACES"

EVERY TUESDAY STARTING FROM
31ST October 2017
UNTIL
EASTER 2018
15:00^{hrs} TO 16:30^{hrs}

(TERM TIME ONLY)

IMPROVE YOUR ENGINEERING/MAKING SKILLS
MANUFACTURING SOMETHING MADE FROM
METAL, WOOD OR PLASTIC THAT IS NOT
NORMALLY MADE IN LESSONS

E.G. CLOCKS, KEY RACKS,
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ETC.

If you are interested or would like more information please see Mr Shenton
A parental **consent form** is required and must be returned on or before the first session

MUSIC NOTICES

Many congratulations to Polly Porter on a fabulous performance with the English National Ballet this last weekend. Polly looked amazing and danced with great poise and grace.

Our Griffin dancers along with BTEC Performing Arts students have been busy rehearsing their routines for our College Show, 'Oh Happy Day'. Miss Blewitt having choreographed some fabulous routines.

Singing rehearsals are well under way for the show. Our Music Scholars and some of our talented younger musicians royally entertained the visiting Year 6 pupils last week, as they arrived for their induction days at the College.

Clan na gael are busy rehearsing every Thursday and we welcomed new members to our Magis band. We are busy preparing the music performances for Awards Evening.

Happy days and times making Music and Dance and Drama in Performing Arts.

Mrs Burrowes

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 8th October 2017	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 9th October 2017	Bl John Henry Newman (EW)
Tuesday 10th October 2017	St Paulinus of York, Bishop (E)
Wednesday 11th October 2017	St John XXIII, Pope
Thursday 12th October 2017	St Wilfred, Bishop (E)
Friday 13th October 2017	St Edward the Confessor (E)
Saturday 14th October 2017	St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

LAY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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THE WAY: Jesus is the true access to our father's house. To accept His person and His teachings means that one has accepted him as the way. Jesus is our GPS to our father's house in heaven. As the Global Positioning System (GPS) device knows your exact current location on earth and helps us to locate our intended destinations, so is Jesus Christ our physical and spiritual GPS that knows exactly our current physical and spiritual location. If we trust Him as we have trusted the GPS device He will lead us to the Father's kingdom in Heaven. Remember, Jesus said: "No one can come to the father except through me" (John 14: 5).

BLIST HILL

On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September, we took our Rudiments and Figures pupils to Blist Hill, Ironbridge. The village is a museum that celebrates the age of Queen Victoria. The pupils experienced what life was like when Britain ruled the world. They were able to meet (almost) real Victorians in their authentic shops and cottages, and they were able to buy goods from a bygone era and watch tradespeople in action in their atmospheric workshops and factories.

The two parties were led by Mrs Shakespeare and she reported to me that the pupils were outstanding ambassadors for the college. Well done to one and all.

SHOW MY HOMEWORK

As we come to the beginning of October, the college will be checking on the setting of homework through Show My Homework. The programme enables the college to monitor the use of Show My Homework by the pupils, the parents and the staff. We will be reporting our findings in the coming editions of the Griffin. If you feel your child is not getting enough homework or is receiving too much homework, please contact the college and speak to the Raising Standard Leaders.

Rudiments	Mrs Shakespeare	r.shakespeare@cardinalgriffin.staff.sch.uk
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Syntax	Mr Duffy	d.duffy@cardinalgriffin.staff.sch.uk
Poetry & Rhetoric	Mrs Wynne Jones	lwynne-jones@cardinalgriffin.staff.sch.uk

RUDIMENTS MASS – FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT 11:40^{HRS}

On Friday 13th October, we will be holding our Rudiments Mass at 11:40^{hrs}. We invite to the Mass, the parents of the Rudiments pupils who attend the college, the Head teachers of the Catholic Primary Schools and the Heads of House.

The Mass will be celebrated by our chaplain Father Peter Weatherby. The tradition is that at the end of Mass, we allow the Rudiment children to go home with their parents for a longer weekend recognising the challenges that they have faced since arriving at secondary school. Pupils who do not have parents in attendance may either stay at the college or they can go home if we have the permission from their parents.

Pupils who remain in the college will leave at the usual time with the rest of the pupils.

COLLEGE CALENDAR		COLLEGE SPORTS FIXTURES	
19th October 2017	Awards Evening	Football	
20th October 2017	Syntax Retreat	9 October 2017	Figures v CCHS (H)
7th November 2017	Lower Grammar Options	12 October 2017	UG v Friary(H)
21st November 2017	Syntax Options	Netball	
		9 October 2017	Rudiments v CCHS (A)
		12 October 2017	Syntax & 6th Form
			Tournament(A)
		Cross Country	
		9 October 2017	All Years (9h)

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THE RELEASE OF APPLE'S LATEST IOS 11 CONTAINS A SCREEN RECORDER

When issues arise with online safety, we think it is important to bring them to your attention. The release of Apple's latest iOS 11 contains a screen recorder. This may create problems when it is coupled with SnapChat - the receiver will be able to record their phone or iPad screens without the sender knowing. SnapChat are aware of this issue and will be releasing an update of its software to try and combat or warn users of this – the release date for this update is not yet know. Further reading can be found at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2017/09/20/ios-11-has-introduced-snapchat-loophole-allowing-people-secretly/>

Please can I ask for your support in talking to your child about this risk and especially the risk when sending photos and messages across all forms of social media. As ever, if you have any concerns about the safety of a child within our college, please do not hesitate to contact me, or another member of the safeguarding team; to discuss it.

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT (MEGAN COX AND NYASHA EXTON)

In the past week, the Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy had the opportunity to take part in a leadership conference, where we learnt more about ourselves as well as about one another. The conference was attended by representatives from the Jesuit schools in England and Scotland – Stonhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire; The Mount St Mary's, Chesterfield; St Ignatius College, Enfield; Wimbledon College, Wimbledon and Cardinal Griffin Catholic College, Cannock.

The conference allowed us to see the different ways we lead, and how we can better ourselves, and how doing this can help us be men and women for others.

During our three days at the Jesuit Retreat House, Barmouth, North Wales, we took the time to reflect during the activities on the importance of the qualities and virtues contained within the Jesuit Pupil Profile, because surely everyone strives to be loving, learned and generous? As well as this, we connected with the other sixth form leadership teams.

By learning about the leadership of Saint Ignatius, his life and struggles, we now understand that anyone can become a great leader and that anyone can be a good person. There's no time frame on that!!

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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 Dave Bradbury
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