

# Finham Park Multi Academy Trust



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## *World Class News*

Autumn 2018

Edition 6

### Shanghai 2018



FINHAM PARK 2 

# Welcome from Mark Bailie



Dear Parent / Member of our Community

Welcome to the latest edition of Finham Park MAT  
World Class News.

2018 had been a very busy year for both children and staff in all of the schools within Finham Park Multi Academy Trust. The opportunities available to students across the MAT have been vast and varied. Children have spoken in national debating competitions; performed in numerous concerts; competed in sporting events; organised charity fundraising; taken part in Robotics competitions; and much more.

There have been multiple overseas visits in 2018, including 2 visits to China and visits to France and Switzerland. Students from Finham Park School are already well under way in preparing to visit Uganda in the Spring Term.

Our Finham Park MAT Student Leaders were formed this year and have already made a great impact. They have fundraised and collected books for local communities; explored learning in all of the FPMAT schools; and even made a radio show.

Academically, students have achieved some of our best results and are working hard to be the best they can be.

Lyng Hall School won the CEIAG National Award for Inspiration for the work and support students receive on careers advice and guidance.

Finham Park 2 was judged Good by Ofsted in the summer term, with many positives identified.

Finham Park School was one of only 16 schools in the country to be re-accredited as a World Class School.

Finham Primary were invited to display work at The Herbert to highlight Creativity in Learning

Our newly formed Teaching School Alliance, The Lion Alliance, has already recruited 5 ITTs (Initial Teacher Training) to train with our schools in 2019/20, with more rounds of interviews taking place in 2019. The Lion Alliance also hosted a 'TeachMeet' where colleagues from across all the schools shared best practice. One of the benefits of the Teaching School Alliance is the capacity to share expertise from a wide range of schools which in turn has a positive impact on teaching and learning in our schools and ultimately benefits our children.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very restful, merry Christmas and I look forward to sharing our successes with you all again in 2019.

**Mark Bailie**  
**Executive Headteacher**

### **The schools in our Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT)**

Finham Park Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT) currently has 4 schools. These are: Finham Primary; Lyng Hall School; Finham Park and Finham Park 2. We therefore provide education in Coventry to children from age 3—19. Each school has its own identity but benefits from being part of FPMAT. These benefits ensure that each school can provide high quality teaching and learning experiences for all students.

Students and staff feel part of a wider family of schools which allows them to engage and work with their peers, preparing them for the next stages in their education and workplace.

## Co– Construction: How this benefits students

Co-construction allows colleagues to go beyond collaboration to establish a true working partnership which enables staff to work together with a common aim of providing a World Class education for all students. It is much more than sharing ideas; we are able to benefit from:

- ◇ FPMAT CPD Programme—sharing teaching expertise and best practise for all staff to deliver a “World Class” education
- ◇ Using primary and secondary expertise to develop world class learning experiences in subject areas
- ◇ Seamless progression across phases
- ◇ Assessment progression from age 3—19 —ensuring students are making at least expected progress at each phase of their education
- ◇ Moderation across the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT) to standardise assessments
- ◇ FPMAT GCSE groups and masterclasses
- ◇ FPMAT Student Leadership
- ◇ FPMAT World Class Guarantee
- ◇ Finham Park MAT FROG Connect—a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) which allows students and staff to access shared resources
- ◇ Economies of scale—enabling efficient budgeting allowing us to utilise the budget with the best impact

There are a range of opportunities that students benefit from throughout their time in FPMAT which we believe are only possible through our strong partnership.

# **Co– Construction: How this benefits students**

## **Assessment Progression**

Subjects have completed an assessment overview from Nursery – GCSE.

It was essential we ensure our expectations as a MAT (FPMAT) are consistent. Co-constructing the assessments will ensure the learning experiences for students across FPMAT are consistent, continually progressive and cohesive.

## **Moderation as a MAT**

After creating their assessments, subjects then used their co-construction meeting and teacher training day to moderate work as a MAT against the new assessment criteria.

The continuation of this work will ensure that progress is accurately and consistently tracked across FPMAT.

## **Finham Park MAT Student Leadership**

The Finham Park MAT Student Leadership body consists of students from each of the schools across the MAT. They work together to:

- ◇ Contribute to the development of Teaching and Learning
- ◇ Develop opportunities for students across the Finham Park MAT
- ◇ Experience learning in each of the FPMAT schools
- ◇ Develop leadership qualities
- ◇ Work together on school and community projects
- ◇ Raise money for charities



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Finham Park School, Green Lane, Coventry CV3 6EA

The Lion Alliance continues to grow, with more schools joining our Teaching School Alliance.



We have successfully recruited a new Head of Teaching School, Jane Buggins, who will take up post in January 2019. Jane is looking forward to joining Finham Park School as an Assistant Headteacher, with responsibility for leading The Lion Alliance.

The Lion Alliance offers a comprehensive CPD programme, together with School to School Support.

As part of our provision, we are delighted to be working in partnership with Warwick University to recruit the next generation of teachers. Partnering with Warwick means collaborating with a university with a local and international reputation for excellence in learning.

Warwick prepares its students to be school-ready, and that comes from providing high quality support to students whether they're at Warwick or in our school. Their programme of learning is rooted in innovation and creativity, and its supportive team share the belief that a good education is the key to a successful life.

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We are excited to be recruiting for Schools Direct for next academic year. The window for applicants is now open.

We are recruiting for:

- Primary

Secondary:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English
- Maths
- Art and Design
- Computing
- Geography
- History
- Physical Education
- Modern Languages

We will be at Warwick University, Centre for Education on Saturday 10th November 2018



## Interested in a career in teaching?

The Lion Alliance Teaching School is proud to offer School Direct places for initial teacher training starting in **September 2019**

The Lion Alliance is a group of schools based in Coventry and Warwickshire. Training can take place in any of our Primary or Secondary schools within our Alliance and in partnership with Warwick University.

We are committed to providing high quality support and training for teachers in every stage of their career, from Initial Teacher Training through to developing school leaders.



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10am - 2pm



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The Lion Alliance hosted their first Open Day on 7th December.

We offered those interested a chance to observe lessons, meet colleagues from schools across the Lion Alliance, and find out more about training with us. If you would like to be notified of our next Open Day, please email us to register your place.

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# Train to Teach Coventry

10 November 2018 at 12:00 to 10  
November 2018 at 16:00 in  
Coventry at the University of  
Warwick

Registration for this Train to Teach event is free,  
and by attending, you can get all your questions  
about teaching and teacher training answered.

**Register for this event**

**Come along to Warwick  
Centre for Education on  
Saturday 10th  
November to find out  
more about training with  
The Lion Alliance**

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## Teach Meet

**Responsive Teaching**

**Wednesday 14 November 2018**

Join colleagues from across The Lion Alliance at our Teach Meet  
exploring Responsive Teaching, including:

- Responsive Planning
- Management of Cognitive Load
- Recall and Retention
- Responsive Feedback
- Responsive Google



**Teach Meet**  
14 November 2018  
4 – 5:30pm  
Finham Primary School

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# FROG



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Finham Park MAT Frog Connect and Frog Appraisal platforms are two new systems which colleagues from across the Finham Park MAT are using. We have created 3 areas for colleagues which will allow them access to everything they need: Co construction; Teaching and Learning; and CPD.

Co construction is the work we do across the MAT. This includes a wide variety of work such as: FPMAT Student Leadership; moderation, standardisation and curriculum planning from primary through to secondary; using primary and secondary expertise to develop world class learning experiences in subject



areas; GCSE masterclasses; and extra curricular opportunities. Colleagues will be able to upload resources for sharing using this portal.

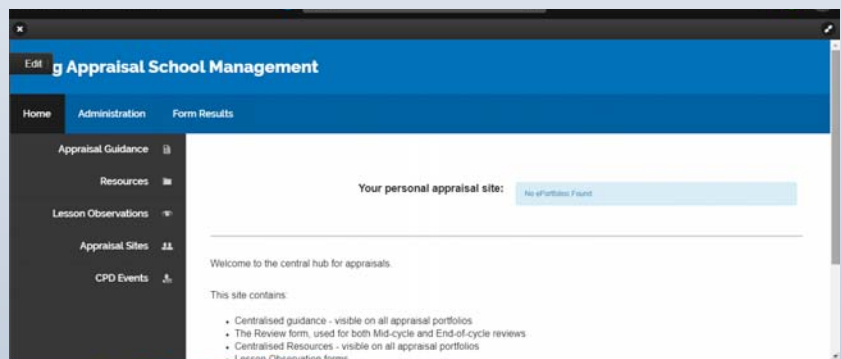
The Teaching and Learning button provides a platform from which to share best practice. Colleagues will be able to upload and access a range of resources linked to Teaching and Learning and action research. This will be particularly useful for developing Responsive Teaching, our 3 year Teaching and Learning focus.



The CPD button provides access to FPMAT Training Days; resources; the Appraisal system; and our Teaching School Alliance, The Lion Alliance.

The new Frog Appraisal site allows colleagues to access their appraisal, moving away from paper based systems, as well as enabling them to upload their reflections and create a portfolio of their work.

The CPD booking system provides access to the comprehensive CPD programme offered across the FPMAT.



Finham Park MAT have worked with Frog Education to develop these two systems. The Appraisal platform and CPD booking system are brand new developments which were designed in partnership. In June, Bernadette Pettman was a guest speaker at the Frog Education Annual Conference in London. She spoke about the development of the two new Frog platforms and the work of FPMAT.



Frog and FPMAT are delighted that their work on these new systems has been nominated for and is a finalist for the BETT Awards 2019. Mark Bailie and Bernadette Pettman will be representing FPMAT with Frog Education at the Awards Ceremony on 23rd January in London.



### Mr Maguire delivers a workshop at the SSAT National Conference 2018



The SSAT (The Schools, Students And Teachers network) hosted their National Conference at the ICC Birmingham 5<sup>th</sup> December focusing on “Pure Imagination”.

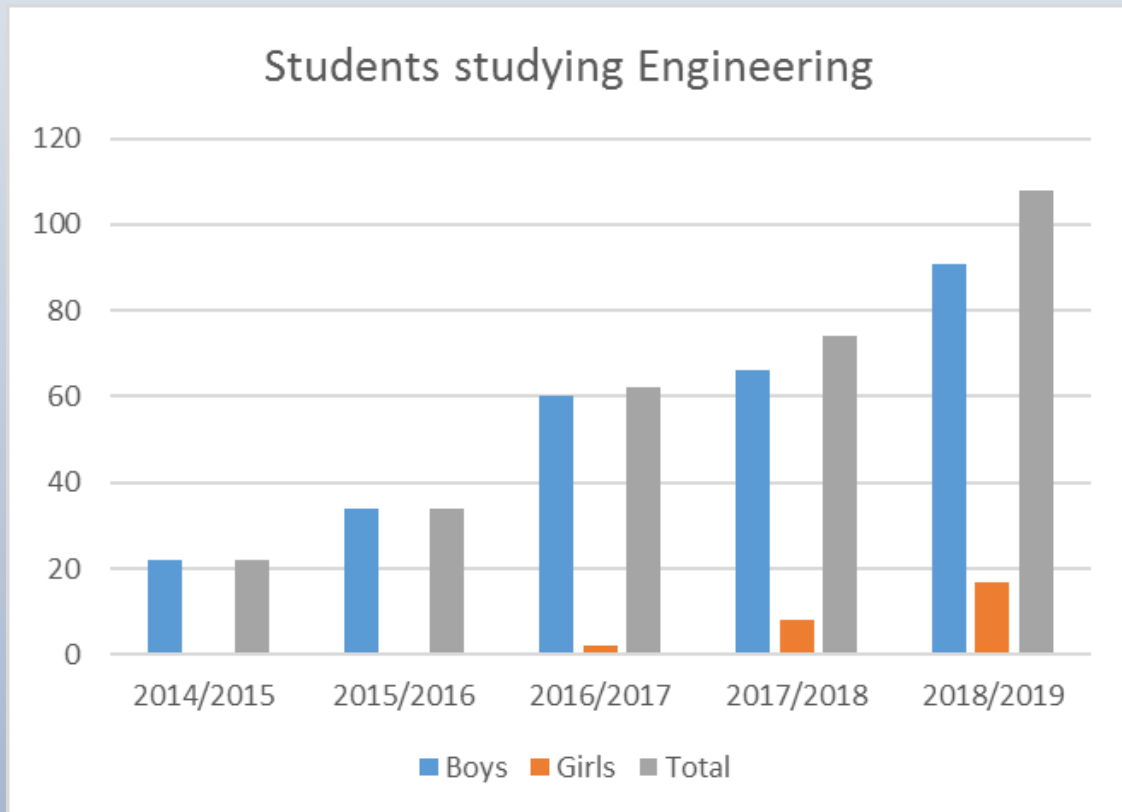
Mr Maguire was invited to deliver a workshop to demonstrate how the Design and Technology department at Finham Park School use technology to introduce programmable control. Mr Maguire, with the assistance of Mr Carribine, demonstrated practical approaches to implementing creative, fun, 21st century learning using robotics in the classroom.

The delegates were shown how to get started with robotic systems including building/modifying and programming them to respond to Design & Technology



challenges at KS2, 3 and 4. The delegates were impressed with the range of different robotic platforms and projects used at Finham Park, including Crumble, VEX IQ, VEX EDR.

Mr Maguire also explained the impact over time that teaching and learning of robotics has had on the quantity of students choosing to study engineering, particularly females.



The graph shows the increase in student numbers opting to take engineering. Both male and female numbers continue to rise, demonstrating the enthusiasm, energy and determination to raising aspirations towards engineering careers.



## English Speaking Union debates

Two Year 8 students took part in an English Speaking Union Schools' Mace, which was hosted at Lyng Hall School.

Isaac and Mia, from 8M, debated the topic of reducing the green belts around cities in order to build more houses. As the first speaker of the proposition, Isaac began the debate by clearly setting out his argument that reducing the green belt slightly would not damage the biodiversity in England, and would improve the living conditions in this country as it would reduce the amount of people who are homeless due to overpopulation.



As the second speaker of the proposition, Mia's job was to rebut the argument of the opposition and reinforce their statement. She proceeded to argue that the opposition was wrong to reduce the green belts and would need a lot of money. It would not damage the economy and would create more jobs. She also made the audience very emotional after introducing a case study of a young woman who does not have a home or stable job, which means she is not able to take care of her children. The whole event was led by another Lyng Hall student, Shay. As chairman, he confidently introduced the speakers and announced new debates.



## Mandarin

Lyng Hall Mandarin students have been working hard this term developing their language skills, as well as historical and cultural understanding. As part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) students not only benefit from the expertise of Mandarin teaching across Finham Park MAT, but also have the opportunity to visit China through the work of The British Council and UCL IOE Confucius Institute for Schools.







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## Shanghai 2018

Students and staff from Finham Park School, Lyng Hall School, and Finham Park 2 spent 10 days in Shanghai in October 2018.



During their visit, students were hosted by staff and students from: Wei Yu Experimental School and Wei Yu Junior Middle School, Shanghai. Finham Park MAT have established links with these schools and built on these to enable children to have a greater understanding of China, Mandarin language, as well as a appreciation of Chinese history and culture.

Finham Park MAT look forward to welcoming students from Wei Yu Experimental School and Wei Yu Junior Middle School to Coventry next year.





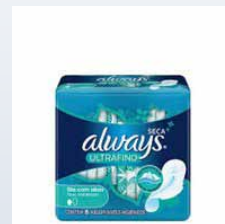


Students visited Cheng Huang Temple, Yuyuan Garden, Xin Tian Di Museum of Shanghai Life; Shanghi World Financial Centre; Jade Buddha Temple; Confucius Temple; Zhujiajiao; and the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum.









At ALWAYS they believe every girl should have access to sanitary protection and in March 2018 they launched a campaign to help #EndPeriodPoverty. As a result, they have now donated over 14 million pads to UK school girls in need. In November this year, I signed up to the ALWAYS #EndPeriodPoverty campaign and in December we received a large box full of sanitary protection for our students. We would also like to thank Mrs Pendergrast our ART teacher who along with her Choir, The Belles of Three Spires have collected sanitary wear as part of this campaign and donated it all to Finham Park 2. Girls can come to my office in the HUB if they need any sanitary products.

**Mrs Lewis**

## Year 7 Maths Breakfast Club

The Maths Department at Finham Park 2 have opted to use Year 7 Catch Up funding to provide an intervention breakfast club 3 times a week for all students who achieved below the 100 score in their year 6 SATS. All students have been provided with an intervention workbook which they work through at their own pace for 10-15 mins a day with the support of high attaining year 10 peer mentors. These students are responsible for supporting students with the concepts they are working on, marking their work and encouraging them to reflect on their understanding and indicate this on the reflection sheet provided in the workbook. Rewards will then be given in rewards assemblies for those students who have engaged most with this each term. Funding is also used to provide a range of healthy breakfast options to prepare students for learning. All Year 7 catch up students have completed a GL baseline assessment and will be retested with this at the end of the academic year to measure progress made.





## Primary Mental Health team

On 27<sup>th</sup> November we invited the Primary Mental Health Team (PMHT) into Finham Park 2 to speak to all our Year 7's. The talks were on emotional resilience and how important it is to not only look after our bodies but our minds too.



The five main points being:

- Connect with people
- Keep Learning
- Give
- Be Active and
- Take Notice.

The students were well engaged throughout the session and hopefully they have all taken something from the presentation to enable them to keep their minds healthy.

**Mrs Lewis**



## Dads N Lads event

In October we held a Dads N Lads event. We invited Gary Toward, an author and motivational speaker, to present.

He inspired the audience with his talk about his latest novel *The Magpie* which is an adventure story set in WW1. The parents and students were especially interested in the WW1 artefacts – such as grenades and shells and even a fierce looking bayonet – which they were able to handle. The highlight of the evening though was the barbecue and camp fire around which we invited the boys and their male role models to share scary stories. This was a well-attended and enjoyable evening. The feedback was very positive and we hope to run it again next year.



## Dreadlock Alien

The World Of Words project was launched in the second week of term. This is the second time we have run this cross curricular literacy project for the whole of the year 7 cohort. After the initial launch in which performance poet, Dreadlock Alien inspired the students to write raps about the subjects they like best, students have been tasked with gathering the new vocabulary they come across in all their subjects.

At the end of this term we will welcome Dreadlock alien back to host the year 7 inter-departmental poetry slam as a fun way to reinforce the vocabulary learned and to celebrate their successes in their first term at Finham Park. Teams from almost every department have been busily rehearsing and will compete against one another to perform the raps they have written to embed the 300+ words they have already learned this year!



## Finham Challenge and essay writing success

Our top sets in year 9 and 10 were invited to submit an essay to the World Class Schools' essay writing competition. This year's title was: 'How do the experiences of young people at school affect how healthy a lifestyle they adopt?'. Three students had their work selected to be sent to the judging and Patrick Dale in Year 9 has been shortlisted for the finals. The judges remarked that *"the quality and standard of all submissions was exceptional, and ultimately could not shorten the list to any less than eleven. Every essay submission was of a World Class standard, and they should be extraordinarily proud of themselves."* Patrick has been invited to the Awards Ceremony which takes place at Governors' Hall St Thomas' Hospital in London on December 6th, where the winners will be announced.

This year's annual whole school essay competition The Finham Challenge will be launched in January, the title this year is "Who has been the most influential figure in history?"

## Sixth Form Othello Theatre Visit

40 Sixth form students from both our Literature and Language and Literature courses attended a thought provoking performance of Othello at Warwick Arts Centre at the start of November. We also participated in the pre show talk where students were able to question the director and members of the company about choices they had made in the performance. This was extremely useful as Othello is a set text for both courses. It is always beneficial for students to see the text in performance and there have been some very interesting discussions in lessons as a result of the visit.



## Year 9 Author visit

At the start of December we welcomed American author Neal Shusterman who spoke to year 9 students from across the MAT about his newest book Sythe. It was very interesting to hear about his inspirations and get great tips for writing.

### Who are we?

We are the Year 6 reading ambassadors and we meet once a week on Thursdays after school in the library.

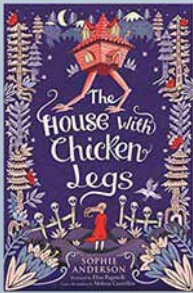
### What do we do?

We read books, talk about books, love books and share our love of books.

We enjoy sharing books with younger children during lunchtime and believe that reading rocks. We want everyone at Finham to love books as much as we do!

Currently, we are following the '**Blue Peter Book Awards**'. The following books have been shortlisted for 2019 and this is what we think of them so far:

#### **The House With Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson**



Marinka, the main character, just wants to have a normal life. However, she can't as her house will suddenly get up and start walking somewhere new in the middle of the night. This leaves her with no time to make friends. She soon finds something that changes her life. Follow Marinka's adventures; will she ever make a friend? This is the best book I have ever read! **Khushi**



#### **'The Clockwork Crow' by Catherine Fisher**

Seren went to the train station to go to her godparents because her parents and her last living relative, her great-aunt, have died and she has nowhere else to go. Whilst waiting for her train, she is given a parcel by a mysterious stranger. Follow her adventures as she tries to unlock the secret of the parcel. It is macabre, heart filled and also sad. One of the best books I have ever read. **Luca**

I've read the blurb, it sounds amazing – can't wait to read the book. **Katen**



An amazing book where every sentence leaves you with a different question. I can't wait to finish Eska's adventures. It's a real page-turner and I have no idea how it will turn out! **Yomna**

An extremely good book about nature and magic but...most of all, belonging. It is about a girl called Eska who is trapped in a music box and can only move when it is unlocked. She meets an evil Ice Queen; read it to find out if she can defeat the evil queen and restore peace to the world. **Enobong**



A story about a girl whose voice is her most powerful weapon. She is trapped in a music box by an evil queen. She meets Flint and together they gather the tribes and fight the evil Ice Queen. Who will win? Read it to find out! **Anshula**

A girl is captive. Will she ever escape? An Ice Queen that steals people's voices. You will never want to put this book down! **Shivali**

We launched our Home Learning Project in the summer and all Year 7 students were encouraged to visit one of the Coventry Museums.

- Herbert Museum and Art Gallery
- Coventry Transport Museum
- Lunt Roman Fort

They were issued with the task of then creating something in response to the visit.

The quality of the work that was produced was really impressive and students have been recognised for the efforts and some of the work will go on display around the school and at events.



Once again this year, the students at Finham Park 2 excelled themselves in their enthusiasm and generosity for the Children in Need appeal.

In the lead up to the day itself on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, students were responsible and buying and selling official merchandise to start the fundraising ball rolling. A number of our students showed fantastic responsibility in ensuring that the merchandise was available every break time – some even asked if they could do it during mentor time to raise extra money!



2 of our amazing students wrote the following:

Here at FP2, we were very excited to support Children in Need. We advertised it by making posters, selling merchandise and having a bake sale. We also dressed up as Pudsey bear and walked around the school. We raised over £700 and donated it to Children in Need. It was a brilliant experience for a brilliant cause.

By Megan Wood and Abigail Caldwell

There was a fantastic number of entries to the FP2 Bake Off, with just a few of the delicious treats being shown here! The judges had a very difficult decision to make, but finally decided that:

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to NOAH HIGGERSON (NG04) & MORGAN KERRANE (SG05)

With 1<sup>st</sup> place going to EVIE McCORMICK in WG04 – Well done Evie!!!

These amazing cakes were then sold at break time to keep adding to the mounting total.

Students also contributed money to take part in a non-school uniform day on the day itself.



Well done to each and every one of our students for the parts they played in reaching an amazing total - we are proud to say that Finham Park 2 raised over £700 for Children in Need!





## Physical Education Department

So much has happened in a jam packed term. A record 85+ fixtures would have been played once the term comes to an end in over 7 sports! 92 students applied to go on the 2020 Italian ski trip. Cross country and netball & trampoline teams once again progressed to Regional finals. Students at the school were chosen to have a voice on how the Commonwealth Games in 2022 will be accessible to

children.

### Sports New in short

- Massive breadth of enrichment has taken place in 12 different sports, including gymnastics & fencing.
- 30+ students have signed up for archery lessons.
- For the fourth successive year the school held its annual year 7 & 8 rugby competitions.
- Finham PE ran the cross country league and picked up 4 out of 6 age group titles.
- The department have started GCSE PE for the first time in year 9.
- We lost the 18<sup>th</sup> Running of the 'Derby' against Bishop Ullathorne.
- 44 students went to watch Japan v England at Twickenham in rugby.
- 30 year 10 students will be heading to the Olympic Velodrome track for lessons in track cycling and BMX.
- We sent the biggest team to the Regional qualifier's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Trampolining, with year 7/8 girls & 9/10 qualifying for the Regional Finals
- We have a new look Year 10 curriculum with the aim of all students learning new leadership, first aid and fitness concepts.
- Department involved in initial discussions for Coventry City of Sport 2019.
- Wasps rugby coming in to help enrichment rugby.
- Year 9 & 10 girl's netball teams unbeaten in Coventry league netball teams.
- Year 7 football team have only lost one game in seven.
- Several students were picked to present Coventry Schools at the West Midland Cross country Championships.
- Year 7 & 9 are into the fourth round of the English Schools National Cup in Football.
- KS4 basketball have not lost a game this year.
- 20 year 10's are starting their Junior Sports Leadership Award, leading various activities in year KS3.
- 24 students have had the opportunity to play for the school badminton teams.
- Year 7/8 girls finish 10<sup>th</sup> in the Cross country Regional finals whilst the year 9/10 first finish 7<sup>th</sup> in Shropshire.
- 40+ students have had the opportunity to lead activities at Coventry school primary athletics events.
- KS3 girls have taken part in two football competitions.
- The department worked with a group of students in Battle of the rap poetry event.
- We now have 260 followers on the FinhamPE twitter account
- 12 Y11-13 have been involved in a gifted & talented sports programme – TASS run by Coventry University.
- Many students signed up for a PGL netball and football Easter tour.
- Trinity Guild rugby club look set to set up their club at Finham Park School for the next 4 years.
- The school is in initial talks with Alvis to look at working in partnership for a new 4G football pitch.
- The department continues fund raising activities to buy new team kit.
- A great start has been made by the Carl Baker Football Academy.







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## Gordon Russell Design Museum

Visiting the Gordon Russell Design Museum was a captivating experience. As a designer, it was fascinating to learn about the history of Gordon Russell as a designer, and the global impact he had on the woodworks industry. From his chairs to his tables, it could be clearly seen when looking at his products the pure creativity and innovative style he had as a designer; creating beautiful and intricate designs.



In addition to this, we looked at his sketches which was amazing to see how detailed his drawings were. His drawings showed his hard-working personality, drawing approximately 1,000 drawings in just one year! Learning more about Gordon Russell himself, we learnt about the tough progression route he went through; from being a highly ranked officer in the army, he then eventually became a world-renowned furniture designer. It was emotional to learn about the history of Gordon Russell in industry, having built a city full of factories in Worcestershire, to then having them brought out after his death and being destroyed to be rebuilt as houses.

Personally, this experience also helped me a lot for my recent project, due to the transferable skills I acquired from analysing the manufacturing processes and intricate designs which would go into making the wood-based chairs of Gordon Russell. To conclude, it was a great education into a pioneer of design, which will continually help me a lot in my studies in A-Level Product Design.

**Tamoor Aziz**



## Victoria & Albert and The Design Museum Trip 2018

The V&A and The Design Museum visit is an essential part of the A Level course as it helps us understand as students the thought process of designers and helps to gain a true passion for design. As the next generation of designers, it is important to look upon the past and apply it to the present. This can only be done at the V&A museum as it holds a plethora of collections varying from furniture which we spent the most in as this is relevant to our current project and others such as Baroque and cast collection.

From our time at the V&A, we applied our theory knowledge learnt in lessons and put it into practice. Most of us were able to name the iconic chairs such as the Wassily chair designed by Marcel Breuer back in 1925-1926 and this led to some of the staff at the museum being heavily impressed. It was also nice to be in a museum where you have a range of people of different ages and can share your thoughts about the pieces. Whilst in the museums, we had countless opportunities to take pictures and improve on our sketching skills.



Notably, in The Design Museum we were able to interact more with the products such as the Magis Spun Chair by Thomas Heatherwick which was quite fun as you're literally just spinning round in a circle. All of us were fully interacting and engaged with the products and learnt a lot outside our usual classroom environment.

On the whole, the visit to the two museums was a useful and enjoyable day and it couldn't have been without the organisation of the Product Design department and especially without Mrs Conway and Mr Elliott's brilliant help.

**Nazim Miah**



## Accelerated Reading

Lyng Hall students have read literally millions of words! As part of the Accelerated Reading programme, students read daily at school. Reading takes place in registration time, and lesson time.

On 17th December 'millionaire' readers were received their certificates. They're looking forward to consuming more books in the new year!



## Lyng Hall Winter Music Showcase

The Lyng Hall Winter Music Showcase, on 13th December was truly an array of musical talent.



Staff and students have also been busy recording their own 'Do they know it's Christmas Time'.







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## Developing Design, Creativity and Innovation in Shanghai, China

During October 2018, Mr Maguire was invited to Shanghai on a sponsored trip to develop design, creativity and innovation within the Chinese Design and Technology curriculum. The focus of the visit was to assess the application of Computer Aided Design (CAD) in the capacity of a judge in a Science and Technology competition, and to contribute to the development of the curriculum through the teaching of a creative design led project. Mr Maguire delivered a project to a group of 20 students that explored the application of anthropometrics through ergonomic design.

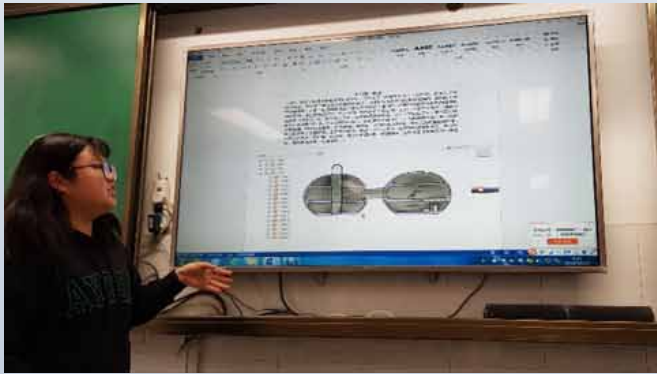


Through a process of iterations, students applied anthropometric data to design and model an ergonomic potato peeler. October 2018.

Through an iterative approach, the students developed the design of a potato peeler handle. This allowed the students to apply the knowledge and understanding of anthropometrics and ergonomic considerations.

During the assessment of the prototype potato peelers, Mr Maguire noted, whilst the approach to the task was unified (same tools, materials and similar designs) the creative outcomes were customised to the ergonomic considerations of the individual. This was a significant development in the creative approaches observed during the training period.

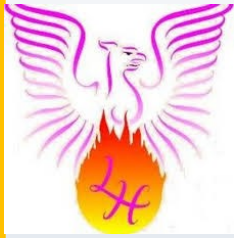
The Science and Technology competition also proved to generate a range of different outcomes that were indicative of the creative design process. Students from five different schools in the Minhang district entered the competition and presented their response to designing a space station on the moon. Each student was able to articulate their design, which displayed creativity and innovation in the form of CAD and 3D modelling/printing.



Students presenting their Space Station CAD designs on the moon.  
October 2018



Winning designs awarded with certificates given out by Mr Maguire.  
October 2018



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## **Mandarin Speaking Contest**

On Wednesday 5th December, Aadam Vohra (Lyng Hall) and Aleesha (Finham Park) competed in a Mandarin speaking contest at The British Council, London. He was competing against schools such as Kings College, Canterbury and 7 other schools from across the country.

Aadam performed his speech completely in Mandarin, answering questions and translating three random sentences in front of other competitors.

Mrs Priest and Miss Ju were extremely proud of him. We will find out if Aadam got through to the final when the results are announced on 19th December.





## Life Skills

Lyng Hall Sixth Form students took part in a workshop with Barclays Bank developing Life Skills. They learnt more about the world of work, exploring Enterprise and Work Place Skills.



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# Finham Primary

**'Inspiration is the spark that awakens us to the possibility of achieving great things'**



## Christmas at Finham

Staff and students at Finham Primary got into the Christmas spirit, with children performing to parents and carers in several Christmas productions.







Children also organised their own Christmas Fair

Christmas Art Day



Staff and students also enjoyed Christmas lunch together.



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## Finham Park Media Arts

After a summer of Outstanding results at GCSE and A Level, it's been back to the grindstone for another eventful term in the Media Arts Department at

Finham Park this Autumn, where we have provided some more great experiences for our students.

Our students at Radio FPS are now seeing their daily shows streamed on the school website (<http://finhampark.com/radio/>), enhancing their reach, and motivating them to create even more entertaining shows.



Several professional level film projects have been conducted through the department already this term, giving our students yet more opportunities to add to their professional CVs. Miss Clarke's presentation at the National Restorative Justice Conference in Coventry was accompanied by a video on RJ which was devised, shot and edited by our own students, under the leadership of Head Boy Vinesh and Head Girl Marysia. Similarly, the school's Sixth Form marketing video and the Media Department's promo videos were all produced to an incredibly high standard by our own students, Jack Brazil and Kitty Eaton-Kent, despite very tight deadlines.

The professional links we have with industry were further enhanced last week with an excellent Q&A session with freelance film concept artist Bob Cheshire (pictured), fresh from his work on Dr Strange, Avengers: Infinity War and the latest Star Wars films. The talk was attended by staff from the Media and Art departments and 30 students from all years, who asked some excellent searching questions about the industry, how to get into it, and the work Bob has done already. While Non-Disclosure Agreements prevented him talking about anything he is currently working on, we may have badgered him enough to get Premiere tickets if they ever become available! Not only that, but Mr Cheshire has confirmed that he will be our first guest judge at next year's Finham Film Festival on May 10<sup>th</sup>, so students will have to work hard to impress him.

Finally, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we will be hosting members of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 organising committee in school for a workshop with Media, Drama, PE and Art students. They will be devising ideas for the Games and their marketing. It's all very secret, but we will be one of the only schools outside of Birmingham who have been asked to participate in this, so let's see what we come up with!

Did we mention we'd been quite busy?

## Finham Park Theatre Visit



Drama students from year 9, 10, 12 and 13 joined Mrs Spokes and Miss Hall on a trip to Warwick Arts centre in October to see Kneehigh's new production, FUP.

The innovative theatre company brought their fable-style performance to life using singing, dancing, live music, audience participation and puppetry. The group had a fantastic time laughing and singing along and our sixth formers even had the opportunity to speak to the director and cast afterwards in the post-show talk. A great theatre trip for all!

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At Finham Park 2, all students took part in a resuscitation workshop supported by the West Midlands Ambulance Service & British Heart Foundation as part of 'Restart a Heart Day' 2018.



Restart a Heart Day is a designated day of action across the world, with the aim of teaching vital lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills to as many people as possible.

Last year the British Heart Foundation, British Red cross, St John's Ambulance and all UK ambulance services worked together to train an incredible 150,581 young people across the UK in life saving CPR, all in one day! This year we became part of the increasing number of potential life savers, with every student having the opportunity to participate in the training and get hands-on experience of delivering CPR.

As part of 'International Restart a Heart Day 2018', and with the help of the West Midlands Ambulance service, pupils learnt basic CPR training to help give someone a much higher chance of survival should they suffer a cardiac arrest.

No doubt everyone will agree that this is such an important lesson for life!





## Anti-bullying week at Finham Park 2

**#ChooseKindness as you  
never know what someone  
else is going through**

Students participated in various activities through Mentor time, assembly and PSHE lessons to raise awareness of Bullying within the UK and its effect on young people.

Students identified that bullying is a behaviour choice and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

The discussions centred on our core values: Pride, Respect & Responsibility, enabling students to identify and celebrate how supportive & caring they are of each other.

Huge thanks to Bullying UK and their powerful interactive video which prompted depth of thought and emotive discussions.



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