

# Finham Lion



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## Open evening 25th September 2014

Future year 7's and their parents could come and see what it's like at Finam Park. They could see things like: Languages, Maths, English and Children's University. At the same time they could also talk to some of the year 8s and 9s. For a lot of parents it was about making sure they were going to pick the right school for their children. Some people were doing children's university which measures OOSH (out of school hours). Some were tour guiding and some were contributing to maths and science etc.

### Activities week

West vs east vs south vs north at break and after school children can compete for points for their colleges. The joint winner was west and south gate 3rd north gate was 4th was east gate. There was activities like the cross-bar challenge, the cube and ninjas.



By Rhys Roberts, Year 8

# Frog OS

Since the beginning of term, there has been a new frog. This latest version of FROG OS is completely different, and has brought on some mixed reactions. Let's take a look at the pros and cons of this new Frog...

When you open chrome or the Internet Explorer at school, the first page that used to come up was the school website, with links to sites like Frog on the homepage. But, now, it goes straight to frog. At first you'd be annoyed because if you needed to go on the school website you wouldn't have it in front of you just like that. But the thing is, students now rarely need to use the school website, as there's the announcements on frog, plus you've got links to lots of useful websites, such as Google Drive, Children's university, insight, and loads more.

When it was first revamped, it was a bit confusing, but on the menu on the homepage, there is a link to Learn Frog which has videos to teach you about the new frog. Luckily though, there are some things that are pretty much the same as before, which you won't have to adjust to. One of these is the subject resources. But this is

only really used in IT, and related subjects.

This new Frog has loads of new features, such as the personal dashboard, where you can create a menu at a top of options to click on, which can lead to a page or another menu. You can customise the pages however you want, such as choosing a theme, and adding widgets, such as user info, notes, pictures, site links, and much more.

Although it has this new personal dashboard, you no longer have a profile. So wave goodbye to profile pictures, a status, and chatting online to your friends. None of these functions are available anymore. This is a shame, because it's not just for chatting, but if you have got a friend with a really long surname, it says on their profile, so you don't need to go through asking them, and then the awkwardness of them realising that you don't even know how to spell their name!

So all in all, there's just one major let-down among many improvements for the new Frog OS, so I think we'll have to say that our VLE is not too bad!

By Isabel Clennell  
Year 8

# The Scottish Referendum

On the 18th of September, people in Scotland voted in a referendum to decide whether or not they would remain part of the United Kingdom. A referendum is a general vote by the people entitled to vote on a "single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision."

Scotland and England were first united in 1707, as Scotland needed an economic boost. The Scottish Parliament disbanded and a single Parliament was created in London.

The people known as 'Yes Scotland' or the Yes campaign (led by Alex Salmond) believe that Scotland would be better off separated from England, so they can control how money is invested and resources are used.

The 'Better Together' campaign (led by Alistair Darling) argues that as part of the United Kingdom, Scottish people have access to more jobs, the ability to

trade across parts of the UK, and the protection of the armed forces.

On Thursday the 18th of September, most people living in Scotland above the age of 16 voted 'Yes' or 'No' to the question "Should Scotland be an independent country?" Out of 4,283,392 people, 55.30% voted 'No' and 44.70% voted 'Yes'. Because of these results, Scotland and England remain united and will carry on as they have been doing for the past 300 years.

By Ravena Jandu, Year 10

# Autumn Fashions

Every single year the fashion world in the UK is getting even more bizarre. Topshop is getting more expensive by day, but it is certainly on trend with the most recent catwalk styles.

Catwalks have recently brought back a lot of peculiar outfits from the past; like the 'eddy hat and collar seen in a recent Catwalk in October 2014. Apart from the brown leather gloves, the outfit was nearly identical.

The coats that everyone has at the moment, are "Parka Coats." The most popular at the moment are Khaki Green Parkas. with their runner up, Blue Parkas. The most expensive Parka in Topshop is £165, and the cheapest, £55.

Shoes are particularly strange out of all of Autumn's fashion line. A few with large pink pom poms on the end, and with extremely large platforms, as the Spice Girls used to have in 1996. You see the odd court shoe now and again, but you'll find if you

have a stroll round town and take notice of people's shoes, most teenage girls between the age of 15-19 are wearing extremely high laced up platform shoes, as Miley Cyrus wears sometimes. the most popular colour of these are brown.

On topshop.com, there is a whole section on Kimonos, the Japanese fashion delicacy. Starting pretty and floral, us Brits have changed that completely, snakeskin ones, plain black ones, ones with flamingoes and ones with jungles and lots of other different creatures. but, most high street shops have kept it simple and floral, my personal favourite

However, Leopard print and Denim stay strong in the fashion world, but the fashion world does not please everyone's eyes. I must admit, if I was to wear some of the things on the catwalk now I would get a few looks, but not everyone can be happy with everything in the world.

By Sophia Ally, Year 8

# iPhone 6: "Bigger than Bigger"

We all know everyone was excited for the iPhone 6. Nobody knew what it was going to look like, but again, we all know we looked on Google images to see what it looked like. But, Apple kept their mouths shut, and didn't say a word on how the iPhone 6 was going to be presented.

Some very iPhone 6 desperate people were a bit too eager, and set up camp outside the store weeks before the iPhone 6 itself was released. But some people queue up not for the phone, but for money; it is said that someone sold their place near the front of the queue for £1,100.

Most are saying people want the fancy handset because of Apple's reputation, and the popularity of themselves will rise as they have the \$649 to \$849 phone. But a few are stating that Apple has just copied the Samsung Galaxy in every single way. The weight, the thumb scanning, even the standby button. There are lots of very different reviews on the subject, online.

One of the most popular flaws in the 6 is the problem of it bending. There is one video on Facebook and YouTube stating that the iPhone 6 bends, and he did so to his iPhone 6 in the video. Another

man, Mr. Russel Holly stated that his bent in his pocket. Apple has made no comment on this, perhaps this is because it's too thin? I believe there is a playground fight between the phone companies, "who can get the thinnest device."

Though there was a bug in the 6 shortly after the launch, so Apple let out an update, but after that nobody was able to make calls, or not do many things that you needed to do most on the phone; it has now been declared by Apple that this bug has been fixed, and the phone holders agree.

Most people are very happy with the 6 within itself, although I personally think it is the same as all the other iPhones just thinner. Others say differently. 5 star reviews show people are very happy with their new gadget. There's been a lot of drama on this subject, especially with the Samsung and Nokia fans, but people are happy with their device, and in my point of view, as long as they are happy with the device they have, that is all that matters.

By Sophia Ally, Year 8

# Aysha King: Standing up to Cancer

One of the biggest killers of the modern society is cancer. There are over 100 types of cancer. Some of them are relatively easy to cure, some of them cannot yet be cured. One of the most recently famous cases of someone trying to be cured of a cancerous tumour in his brain is Aysha King. This is a famous case because his parents were arrested for taking him to Spain to get the treatment that they wanted for him, without their doctor's permission. They have now been released from the prison that they were being held in, and he is getting the treatment that he needs, however this has created a lot of debate because of the fact that his parents were arrested. It wasn't as if they just chucked him on a plane with no one with any medical experience with him, because they were accompanied by a doctor to make sure that he would be safe. What is causing the problem is that his parents were arrested for doing what they thought was best for their son. Even the Deputy Prime Minister himself believed that they should have not been arrested because they were doing what they thought was best for him.

The therapy that he was going to receive in the UK is called radiotherapy, the therapy that his parents wanted him to have is called Proton beam therapy. Unfortunately that treatment was not available in the UK and so his parents decided that they

were going to fly over to Spain, sell their holiday home, and spend the money on the therapy they wanted. Aysha is now being treated.

This is one case of some very determined parents who, in the end, managed to get him the treatment that should cure him. Unfortunately, many people are not as fortunate as Aysha and sadly die of cancer. Although scientists are making leaps and bounds in research to finally cure cancer it is very expensive to conduct the experiments that we are in need of conducting. There are many charities that are promoting themselves across television in order to try and raise money for cancer research. Channel 4 also recently had their Stand Up To Cancer evening, which raised a considerable amount of money.

Even though millions of people are supporting cancer charities, local charities must also be supported because they, although they may not be quite so big, are just as important as the bigger ones because they can help to support the people that the bigger charities are not able to.

It has to be said, though, that even cancer is one of the most well known killers, we must support charities that help other illnesses as well.

By Lily Webb, Year 8

# Finham Park 2



Everyone has now heard about the new Finham Park 2. We all know that it's a school extremely similar to Finham Park, but is set to be elsewhere in Coventry, but apart from that, students here really don't know much. So after scouring everywhere for the latest information about this new school, this is the lowdown of what it's going to be like.

FPS 2 will be opening in September 2015, and will be in full swing (i.e. all years, plus sixth form) by 2020. There will start with 120 in each year Built around pride, respect, and responsibility. It has been said that the school day will be from 8:00 to 4:30 to allow time for extra enrichment activities, study support and homework club

Similarly to this school there will be student leaders, mentor groups, enrichment subjects, and the system for GCSE courses is virtually identical. There will also be a PLC in Finham Park 2, to offer pastoral care, as that is the weakness of the main schools in that area.

Many parents have expressed an interest so far in Finham Park 2, with over 200 in year 5 and 150 in year 4. The exact location for the school currently is unsure, but

it is set to be between Charter Avenue and Broad Lane (basically somewhere in the far west of Coventry). It had been said that it may be in an office building.

It has been said that the uniform will be similar to ours, but we don't yet know if it will be completely identical. Some of the students have wanted to know if we'll play our clone school in sporting events. If this was to happen it would be a confusing situation but because the school won't be in the south of Coventry with the original school, we probably won't.

More information will be available later during this year, and if you want to be updated on the latest FPS2 news then I suggest that you frequently go on the Finham Park 2 website, which is already up and running. You can visit it at <http://finhampark2.co.uk/>



By Isabel Clennell, Year 8