

President  
Kennedy  
School



*Building Brighter Futures*



# PROSPECTUS

An Ofsted OUTSTANDING School



# Building Brighter Futures

At President Kennedy School everything we do is focused on **Building Brighter Futures** for our students, our staff and our Community. We are proud of our “no barriers” approach to education, ensuring children of all abilities and from all backgrounds are encouraged to set high goals and work hard to achieve them.

Our school endeavours to achieve its aims by encouraging:

- \* High academic attainment
- \* A caring environment where all individuals are equally valued
- \* A thirst for study and investigation
- \* Respect for the beliefs, opinions and needs of other people
- \* The ability to work independently and with others
- \* A sense of fairness and responsibility
- \* Pride in oneself and our school
- \* An appreciation of art and culture
- \* Pursuit of a healthy lifestyle
- \* An awareness of news that affects the world, including the environment
- \* The professional development of our staff

Our examination results are some of the best in Coventry and the vast majority of our leavers secure places at university or on apprenticeship schemes.

This year, 86% of our Year 13 students secured a place one of the top 50 universities in the country.

We are delighted that in July 2013, our school was judged outstanding in all areas by Ofsted, awarded World Class Schools Status in 2017 and re-accredited in 2019 and in 2022.

**Welcome to The Bridge**, a College dedicated purely for Year 7 students! We understand that choosing a secondary school for your child and getting the best possible start is a high priority for parents.

The Bridge has been welcoming Year 7 students into its dedicated school with its own outside play area, garden and art studio for the past 12 years. In that time, The Bridge has been widely praised by parents, the educational press, OFSTED and education specialists for setting the national standard for transition between primary school, secondary school and regularly hosts visitors from schools all over the country.

The Bridge's team of specialist staff have developed a reputation for providing the very best educational achievement for each and every one of its students.

*Miss Tovey,  
Leader of the Bridge*

## Specialised Curriculum

All Year 7 students will take part in a carefully crafted curriculum that encompasses traditional academic subjects such as English, Maths and Science taught by our specialist teachers plus a range of cross curricular learning experiences.

The key to success is careful assessment when the children arrive at President Kennedy School which enables us to identify strengths and areas of development early. We then devise highly personalised timetables for each student based on their particular needs to make sure that every child is stretched to reach their full potential.

Students are placed in sets according to their ability in English and Maths to maximise progress and learning outcomes.

Students who arrive below national average in key subjects such as English and Maths are often offered additional lessons such as our Fresh Start & Guided Reading Programme in small groups which give them just the boost they need.

"All Year 7 students have the opportunity to graduate at the end of the year at a special ceremony held at a prestigious city centre venue. The programme tracks and celebrates each student's achievements, including their academic success and their extra curricular accomplishments within school" **Ofsted**



"All students now join the school in Year 7 by entering "The Bridge", a dedicated area of the school. It is a very safe and supportive environment which helps students to make the transition from primary school to secondary school, and where teachers can provide extremely skilled and effective intervention to quickly improve reading, handwriting, spelling and grammar or numeracy skills that might hold students back in other subjects." **Ofsted**

## Extra curricular activities

Part of school life at The Bridge is participation in a wide range of experiences to develop our pupils both academically and socially. Activities include extending academic interests, sports, performing arts, community projects and the media, preserving the environment and student leadership. Students participate in the annual 'Bridge Performance'.

Past performances include 'Grease' In 2014, 'Wizard of Oz' in 2015, 'Annie' in 2016, 'Aladdin' in 2017, 'Bugsy Malone' in 2018, 'Beauty and the Beast' in 2019, 'Matilda Jr' in 2022 and The Lion King Jr in 2023.

### **Sports team and activities at The Bridge:**

- Rugby
- Cricket Academy
- Tennis
- Netball Academy
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Trampolineing
- Dance
- Table Tennis

### **Arts activities at The Bridge:**

- The Bridge Production
- Drama Club
- Debating Club
- Band
- Film Club
- Performing Arts Academy

### **Homework and learning at The Bridge:**

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club featured on BBC Midlands Today
- Homework Club (supervised provision after school)
- Learning Ambassadors
- Maths Puzzle Club
- Handwriting Club
- Time Tables Rockstars
- Fresh Start Reading Intervention
- Nesy Spelling Intervention
- Lexonik Vocabulary Intervention

### **Environmental activities at The Bridge:**

- Eco Club
- Bridge Allotment
- Recycling Scheme
- Outdoor Classroom
- Gardening Club

"The opportunities afforded to students in The Bridge are most inspiring. There are so many clubs to choose from and everyone is encouraged to become involved. Students are given extra support based on their learning ability and the chance to visit places like Cambridge University."

Parent

## Staff at the Bridge

The Bridge boasts an experienced team who are all educational professionals dedicated to the Year 7 students in their care. The Bridge is led by Miss Tovey, Leader of the Bridge, who has many years experience in school leading and developing Year 7 students. There is also a Bridge Pastoral Leader who specialises in the Pastoral Care of 11-12 year olds.

The Bridge staff are always on hand to answer questions and ensure the students feel secure and happy. The team is greatly enhanced by a full time literacy specialist, Miss Griffin, and several numeracy teachers who assess children's ability, monitor progress and organise additional lessons which increase attainment in these important subjects. There is also a strong team of Bridge teaching assistants who specialise in supporting Year 7s.

## Parents and Carers

At every stage of our Transition Programme we go out of our way to meet and engage with prospective parents and carers. This is important to us for two reasons. Firstly, parents and carers are a vital source of information and this input helps us understand the individual needs of children early on. Secondly, parents and carers are an essential part of the process of education. We know that close relationships between parents/carers and our staff greatly enhances the success of your child through their time at President Kennedy School. Year 7 Parents are invited to join a Parental Partnership group to provide us with continual feedback and ideas for improvement. We also offer regular events where parents can join us and learn alongside their child.

**Together, we are Building Brighter Futures!**

"I couldn't have asked for a more supportive staff team to help my child settle into Year 7. Ask them anything, it's never too much."  
Year 7 Parent



# The Bridge Team



**Miss Tovey**

**Leader of The Bridge**

Miss Tovey oversees the provision and performance within The Bridge, ensuring that every student achieves their full potential and demonstrates outstanding character and PRIDE in everything they do.

Miss Tovey will ensure that high standards are maintained in every aspect of school life.



**Mr Townsend**

**Progress Leader**

Mr Townsend is an experienced teacher and the member of staff responsible for ensuring that every child in The Bridge makes outstanding progress.

He is responsible for an extensive and much praised enrichment programme tailored to the needs and interests of our Year 7 students.



**Mr Winterton**

**Pastoral Leader**

Mr Winterton is the Pastoral Leader of The Bridge who oversees the transition from primary to secondary school.

Mr Winterton's main responsibility is to ensure that every student is fully prepared for their learning and works closely with families to ensure that the student's welfare is of paramount importance.

# The Bridge Team



**Miss Griffin**

**Leader of Literacy**

Miss Griffin brings expertise in literacy, numeracy and primary school teaching methods to our team.

She is responsible for developing literacy skills in The Bridge and has had considerable success raising the standards of students' reading and writing, numeracy and ensuring accelerated progress.

Miss Griffin works closely with primary schools on transition from primary to secondary school.



**Mrs Arnett**

**Student Leadership and Character Development**

Mrs Arnett is an English teacher who is responsible for 'Leadership and Character' behaviours in The Bridge.

She delivers a programme which ensures students develop outstanding personal characteristics. This includes providing public speaking, school council activities and performance opportunities such as the 'Shakespeare in Schools' festival.

Mrs Arnett is also in charge of the 'Interact Rotary Club' where we develop links with numerous charities and community based work.



**Mrs Webster**

**Customer Communications Officer - The Bridge**

Mrs Webster is often the first point of contact for parents and visitors to The Bridge and she co-ordinates many of the events that happen throughout the year.

Mrs Webster manages the administration of The Bridge team, including attendance and reporting and ensures that The Bridge is well organised and supported.

For any additional queries, please contact Mrs Webster on: [year7info@pks.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:year7info@pks.coventry.sch.uk)

# The Bridge Teaching Assistant Team



**Mrs Knibbs**

## **Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Intervention Co-ordinator**

Mrs Knibbs oversees and delivers our personalised intervention programme ensuring that literacy and numeracy skills are embedded for all students in The Bridge.

She works closely with Miss Griffin to ensure all learners are on track to make exceptional progress. Mrs Knibbs also liaises with our TA Team, SENCO and The Bridge teachers to ensure barriers to learning are removed.



**Miss Connelly-Jones**  
Teaching Assistant



**Ms Banova**  
Teaching Assistant

# The Hub - Student Support



Miss Berry  
Assistant Headteacher



Miss Roberts  
Director of Inclusion



Mr Davies  
SENDCO



Miss Price  
Hub Curriculum Leader



Mr Keshwara  
EAL Teacher



Mr Lee  
Hub Learning Mentor



Mrs McKeever  
Autism Support



Mrs Hetherton  
SEN Admin Officer



Miss Haynes  
EAL HLTA



# An Ofsted Outstanding School



“Leaders, staff and governors share a passionate commitment to raise the aspirations and achievement of all the students who attend the school.”

***Ofsted***



“Students feel extremely safe. One student described school as “like home” because they felt so well supported”

***Ofsted***

“Behaviour is outstanding and it makes a very significant contribution to the quality of learning.”

***Ofsted***



The Bridge “is A very safe and supportive environment which helps students make the transition from primary school to secondary school, and where teachers can provide very skilled and effective support and intervention to quickly improve reading, handwriting, spelling and grammar or numeracy skills.”

***Ofsted***



“The school has an exceptional commitment to equality of opportunity. Great care is taken to ensure that the most able and students with special educational needs are supported, encouraged and inspired to do well.”

***Ofsted***



“Very challenging targets are set for students when they join the school. The progress of each student towards their target is monitored regularly, and action is quickly taken if anyone looks to be falling behind.”

***Ofsted***



# Being an Outstanding Bridge Learner means...

## BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

- Knowing what lessons take place on a particular day.

## TAKING PRIDE IN YOUR UNIFORM

- Knowing and following the school rules regarding uniform, including footwear and wear your badge with PRIDE.

## BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR HOMEWORK

- Using Microsoft Teams to complete homework at home.
- Using your planner to remind you of what you have to do and having your planner signed weekly by your parent/carer.

## ORGANISING YOUR BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

- Reading your timetable to know what lessons you have each day.
- Knowing what equipment is needed for each lesson (e.g. ruler, compass, calculator, PE kit).

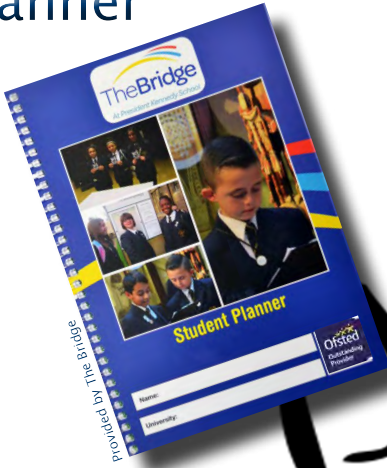
## TAKING PRIDE IN YOUR LEARNING

- Having your Bridge Five.
- Working independently and collaborating in class to demonstrate your capabilities.
- Showing PRIDE in all your lessons through positive learning habits and outstanding presentation.
- Being curious, asking questions and striving for excellence.

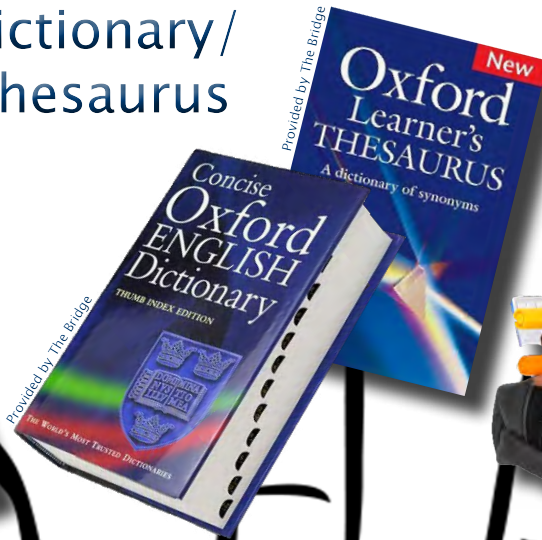
## BEING PUNCTUAL

- Getting up on time, so that you are in school before 8.40am, ready to walk out of the door with everything you need.

Planner



Dictionary/  
Thesaurus



Complete  
pencil case



Reading  
book



Scientific Calculator



  
**TheBridge**  
At President Kennedy School

# GIVE ME 5!

**YOU MUST HAVE THESE WITH YOU EVERY DAY  
AND OUT AT THE START OF EVERY LESSON**



# Our School Day

<b>8.40 – Arrival Time</b>	
Students should be in The Bridge	
<b>Tutor Period</b>	<b>8.45 - 9.10</b>
Lesson 1	9.10 - 10.10
Lesson 2	10.10 - 11.10
Break	11.10 - 11.25
Lesson 3	11.25 - 12.20
Lunch	12.20 - 13.05
Lesson 4	13.05 - 14.05
Lesson 5	14.05 - 15.00
<b>End of School Day</b>	

# Our students welcome you!



**My name is Aayush Parekh, and I am from Hill Farm Primary school.**

Starting at secondary school was a little bit daunting because the school was so much bigger than my primary school.

However, it didn't take me long to make some great friends who made me feel comfortable, and The Bridge quickly began to feel like home. Because The Bridge is a space only for Year 7, it makes you feel safe and relaxed.

I have loved attending clubs during my time in Year 7, so be sure to try out the many different clubs that The Bridge has to offer, including cricket, football and badminton.

I even attended a tournament game in Birmingham where I reached the semi-finals which was great.

I hope that your transition goes as smoothly as possible and welcome to The Bridge!



**Hi, my name is Esme Cooksey and I went to Wheelwright Lane Primary School.**

Before coming to President Kennedy School, I had mixed emotions of excitement and nerves because I had only ever attended my one primary school. However, since being in The Bridge, I have gained so much confidence and received so many opportunities like being cast as 'Nala' in The Bridge's 'The Lion King Jr' production.

My advice for you in Year 6, is to not worry about the change from primary school to secondary school too much, staff are always here to help you and to always show PRIDE and be kind!



**Hello, my name is Dara Agbato and I went to Keresley Grange Primary School.**

President Kennedy School really lives up to its reputation because it really is an outstanding school.

From the first week, I made many friends, considering how nervous I was about it. The school really has a way of welcoming and engaging its students.

I have had many opportunities and they have all been amazing experiences; from performing as a lead dancer in the Year 7 'The Lion King Jr' production, finding my voice in a Public Speaking competition and even visiting the prestigious Oxford University.

The staff and teachers are very supportive and are sure to make you feel a part of the PK family! Happy Transition Year 6s! and try to strike up conversations with people to make friends.

# Our students welcome you!



**Hi, my name is Taran Virk, and I went to Whitmore Park Primary.**

If I am being honest, I was super nervous on the first day of secondary school. I was scared that I wasn't going to be able to make any friends and be unsupported in my lessons. However, the teachers at President Kennedy School are very supportive and kind.

My feelings of being alone were gone and I gained friends quickly after coming here.

There are many opportunities to join clubs here at President Kennedy School and to become a leader by joining the school council.

My advice to you would be don't be scared to ask for help.

I hope your transition from primary to secondary goes well!



**Hi, my name is Amy Onaderu and I went to Parkgate Primary School.**

I am part of The Bridge School Council and a representative for Year 7 in the Whole School Council too. This has allowed me to develop my student leadership skills as I have led on fundraising and the organisation of religious events such as Diwali. These opportunities have helped me settle into school and I hope these opportunities will help you too.

My advice would be to listen to your teachers, don't be too shy and try to strike up conversations with people to make friends.



**Hello my name is Sebastian Ciura and I went to Goodyers End Primary School.**

There are so many things you can do here at President Kennedy School. You can attend sports clubs like football, rugby, basketball, cricket and more.

If you're not into sports, you can attend the school council, eco council, coding club or Maths club.

During tutor time, we've learned so much about the 'Three Strands' which teach us to keep safe and healthy, live in the wider world and about student leadership and service.

If you feel sad or lonely, you can talk to any of the teachers in The Bridge – they are always kind and helpful!

# Making the Grade ... At GCSE and A Level



Another set of outstanding GCSE results in 2023.

*“Students achieve exceptionally well and above national averages by the end of Key Stage 4.*

*The progress that students make in English and Mathematics is much better than the progress of students in most schools.”*

**Ofsted**

At A-Level, across all subjects, 21% of our students achieved the very top grade of A\* or Distinction\*.

The average grade achieved by students studying vocational courses was Distinction\* which is an outstanding achievement. The vast majority of our Post 16 leavers achieved their first choice place at university or secured a place on an apprenticeship.

Last year, the school again achieved excellent examination results at A Level and GCSE, well above city and national averages. In 2023, President Kennedy School’s GCSE results remained very strong with 66% of our students achieving the important measure of Grade 4 - 9 in both English and Maths. Based on these - results, President Kennedy School will again be one of the top performing schools across the city and nationally for academic progress.



# Post 16 Destinations 2023

In Year 13, this year 91% of our students achieved their first-choice university or apprenticeship, with 86% of our students attending the top 50 universities in the country, including Harvard and Oxford.

We are fully committed to improving the life chances of all our students and we are incredibly proud of our 'no barriers' approach which allows our students to flourish academically.

## 2023: Post 16 University Destinations

Aston University	University of Leeds
Birkbeck University	Leicester DMU
University of Birmingham	Liverpool University
Birmingham City University	Loughborough University
Cambridge University	University of Manchester
Coventry University	Manchester Metropolitan University
Dundee University	Northampton University
Durham University	Nottingham University
Hull York University	Nottingham Trent University
Imperial College London	University of Plymouth
K.A.I.S.T	Queens University, Belfast
Keele University	Staffordshire University
University of Leicester	University of Teeside
	University of Warwick

## Professional Guidance



**Our students benefit greatly from the advice and guidance of our careers and Post 16 team.**

## University Places Secured By President Kennedy School Leavers In 2022

Matthew Taylor	<b>K.A.I.S.T</b>	<b>Physics</b>
Ismail Rafique	<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
Arzaad Uwaise Khan	<b>University of Birmingham</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
Aymaan Rafique	<b>University of Birmingham</b>	<b>Dentistry</b>
Nida Mansoor	<b>Hull York University</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
Eren Geridonmez	<b>Imperial College</b>	<b>Computer Science</b>
Nat McCoy	<b>University of Manchester</b>	<b>Accountancy</b>
Heena Patel	<b>Warwick University</b>	<b>Biomedical science</b>
Karina Kaur	<b>HSBC</b>	<b>Apprenticeship degree</b>
Yad Ravikanthan	<b>G.E Aviation</b>	<b>Apprenticeship degree</b>

Over the years President Kennedy School has developed strong working relationships with top universities including: Cambridge University, Warwick University and Birmingham University.

In addition to working with apprenticeship providers to ensure we are able to offer our students a degree of edge over their competitors. This means that our students are able to participate in university access programmes which lead to preferential conditional offers.

Targeted careers events and guidance is offered to all students in every year group.





## Pride:

You look after the physical and emotional wellbeing of yourself and others, including the school, family and friends. You have a moral purpose and show self-control and discipline in striving to reach it.



## Respect:

You display excellent social intelligence, demonstrating self-control and discipline in how you conduct yourself with other people and the environment.

You consistently use appropriate manners and show gratitude to others. You put the needs of others before your own.



## Involvement:

You show zest and curiosity for rich and relevant experiences. You are thirsty for knowledge and new skills, and want to make a valuable contribution to the community.



## Determination:

You show grit and discipline in your drive to reach your goals. You never quit and are prepared to be resilient, independent and positive in finding ways to overcome barriers to success.



## Excellence:

You aspire and strive to do your best at all times, using relevant strategies and skills to do so.

You consistently have a positive impact on other people.

You have a plan for how you will achieve amazing success.

### Character was defined by Aristotle as:

“Thinking, acting and feeling in ways that are beneficial to yourself and others.

Doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right way.”



# OUR SCHOOL

They look in the mirror: 'Oh what a style,  
I'm rocking this gold, azure stripy tie.

Blue blazer, grey trouser  
What perfection.'

They're all ready for today's exciting Bridge action.

Blue blazers come together yet showcase our diversity.

We unite together as one beautiful community.

Meeting his peers at the corner shop  
There are many scoffing breakfast, their usual pit stop.

Down the streets, with the wave of blues,  
Accompanying their comrades  
Catching up on the news

Through the gates, where the knowledge awaits!

Practicals and debates with your classmates.

Algebra, STEM cells, poetry by Thomas Moore

All this happens behind our silver doors!

The sound of a whistle cuts through the morning air

There's a rush of excitement as we head to our chair

Today is another day, let's go for success,

There are no limits – we just do our best!

The lessons begin!

It's time for thinking.

The curiosity is endless

Explore each and every interest!

The final bell rings,

We pack up our things.

Time for Enrichment clubs and more,

There are so many things in store.

In our Bridge family,

You should never be lonely.

Be the rainbow in somebody's cloud –

Be kind and be proud!

It was another day full of adventures,

And we're all one step closer to '**Building brighter futures!**'

## Dates for your Diary

Christmas Break - Monday 19th December return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Thursday 26th January - Parent Consultation day - Students to come in only for their allocated appointment

Friday 27th January - Teacher training day - Students not in school



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What an incredible few weeks, and term, we have had at President Kennedy School. As you can see from this bumper edition of the newsletter our students continue to make the most of the World Class opportunities here at this school as well as thrive in their learning. Please do visit our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as well as our school website to see all of the exciting opportunities students get involved in.

One of my favourite things this week has been spending time with our students who all received a hot chocolate and a cookie across all year groups to say well done for their hard work this term. They continue to be a credit to our community.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a lovely New Year,

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**



## Peter Lantos Returns President Kennedy School



On Wednesday 30th November, President Kennedy School was privileged to welcome Holocaust Survivor Professor Peter Lantos to the school to film a short piece that will be aired on the **BBC One Show** in late January. As part of the Echo

Eternal Project that the school have been engaged with since 2017, the school was gifted the testimony of Peter that was transcribed from an interview with journalist Natasha Kaplinsky.

Peter was transported to Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp as a young child and repeated the journey after retiring from his role leading research in Neuroscience at King's College. As part of a creative arts piece, supported by the Royal Conservatoire in Birmingham, students created a film that can be seen on YouTube entitled *'Make the Best out of the Worst'*, based on their engagement with Peter's testimony.

Please follow link to view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HoD6yHNhA4>

The school also, as part of a 'Sharing Pledge' within the Echo Eternal Project, created an 'Echo Eternal Curriculum Garden' in memory and celebration of Peter's testimony and prison number at Bergen-Belsen, 8431.

The design and planning of the garden was centred on elements of Peter's testimony, the centrepiece of which is a Cherry tree that Peter remembers in his garden as a child.

Hays Education, who sponsored the Echo Eternal Project, gifted the tree to the school and it was planted in the Summer of 2022 by Peter and President Kennedy School Gardener Rob Bromfield. Rob and Peter have since become friends and correspond regularly, sharing the progress of the garden through the seasons.

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The visit on the 30th November was organised by the book publisher, Scholastic. Peter wrote his first book, *Parallel Lines: A Journey from Childhood to Belsen* in 2006. In January 2023, Peter, in association with Scholastic, is publishing a child's version, *'The Boy who Didn't Want to Die'*. The book describes an extraordinary journey, made by Peter, a boy of five, through war-torn Europe in 1944 and 1945. Peter and his parents set out from a small Hungarian town, travelling through Austria and then Germany together. Along the way, unforgettable images of adventure flash one after another: sleeping in a tent and then under the sky, discovering a disused brick factory, catching butterflies in the meadows - and as Peter realises that this adventure is really a nightmare - watching bombs falling from the blue sky outside Vienna and learning maths from his mother in Belsen.

All this is drawn against a background of terror, starvation, infection and, inevitably, death, before Peter and his mother can return home.

On his visit to President Kennedy School, Peter read to Year 7 students and answered questions. He was then reunited with Lily Marsden and Erin Ford from Year 12, who participated in the original project when they were in Year 8 and met Peter in the summer. Peter then chatted with Rob and toured the garden, all filmed for the *BBC One Show*.

The date when the film will be aired will be communicated with the school community once confirmed by the BBC, however, it is intended that this will be on Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday 27th January 2023. Watch this space.....!

**Mr Mort, Director Futures Teaching Alliance**

## Keresley Academies Christmas Concerts at President Kennedy School

This week and last, we hosted our Adventure and Fantasy Team Christmas Concerts at President Kennedy School.

We had a warm welcome from staff and students, and our children and families loved attending such a professionally run concert. Gaynor Larkin, our Music Lead planned the event.

Children took part in singing, dancing and instrumental playing.

A highlight for Adventure was children from two different school sites coming together to sing part songs.

A really great event, enjoyed by all.

**Mrs Penlington, Headteacher - Keresley Grange & Keresley Newlands**



## PKS Students Meet Madagascan Students Live on Teams

A group of Year 8 students had the opportunity to speak to students from a local school in the Madagascan town of Mananjary. This was made possible through our links with the charity organisation Khalsa Aid.

Madagascar is in the midst of an emergency-level food crisis. The country has regularly been the victim of natural disasters but, following years of harsh weather conditions, June 2021 brought the worst drought in 40 years. This has devastated the yield of crops in the southern region, subjected 1.2 million people to food insecurities and 400,000 more in a critical state of famine.

Khalsa Aid were back in the coastal town of Mananjary after it was largely destroyed by two topical cyclones. This November Khalsa Aid delivered vital assistance. The purpose of the was to be able to deliver essential food products to families throughout the South. They are distributing to more than 200 families per day, providing each with resources to sustain them for at least 2 weeks. They are solely purchasing from local suppliers in a deliberate effort to support the local economy and farming trade.

Both of these industries have suffered greatly at the hands of the climate change and Covid-19 pandemic.

President Kennedy School students were greeted with a smile and gained much from the experience. Our students learned that children in Madagascar have up to 50 children per class and of mixed age range. Due to the number of students and the lack of facilities and classrooms they run two sessions. Meaning children often attend one session some attending in the morning and others in the afternoon. Children are not taught English, and their main spoken language is French.

Students also learned that Madagascan children do not have the same opportunities as them simply because they do not have the resources for extracurricular activities.

I would like to thank Khalsa Aid for all the hard work they do and to Marcus Lapsa who gave our students the opportunity to meet and share their experiences with the children of Madagascar.

**Ms Birdee, Year 8 Pastoral Leader**



## Visit to Pinewood Studios

The Year 10 Media Studies cohort discovered the inner workings of the film industry last week, on an exciting trip to the 'Futures Festival' at Pinewood Studios. Pinewood is the creator of thousands of block buster films such as *Star Wars*, *James Bond* and *Mamma Mia*, and the festival was designed to give students a taste the multitude of future careers in Media.

We listened to an inspiring talk by Glenn Freemantle, the Bafta and Oscar award winning sound designer behind such films as *127 Hours*, *Gravity*, and the *Fantastic Beasts and Where to*

*Find Them*, who shared some of the secrets behind bringing a film to life. After, we had the opportunity to try out some state of the art equipment including a 360° scanner, a green screen with teleprompter and professional camera equipment, as well as seeing a number of famous film props and characters! The students were praised by staff at the studios, who were extremely impressed by their behaviour and called them 'a credit to the school'. Well done all!

**Miss Stentoff, Teacher of English**

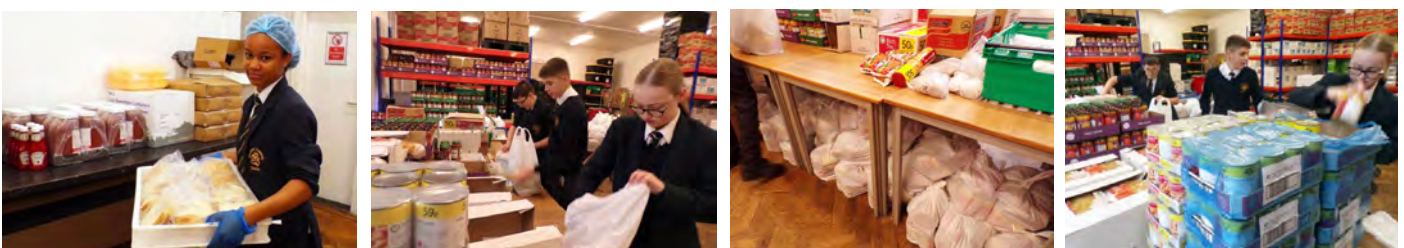


## Students Help Out at Langar Aid

We had the opportunity to take another group of students to Langar Aid and they were very impressed with all the hard work the students did.

Well done to Aidan Wilkins, Indiana Davies, Ashleigh Layng, Libby Wills, Savanna Scott, Ben Brown and Alfie McCauley.

**Ms Sandhar, Inclusion Pastoral Manager**



## Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Our annual senior citizens Christmas lunch took place on Wednesday 14th December. It was attended by over 50 senior citizens from care homes in the community. They enjoyed a fabulous Christmas meal and were entertained by our school choir as well as playing Bingo.

The event was hosted by our head students and the Year 9 council, all of whom did a fabulous job. Such a lovely afternoon!

*Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment*



### CHRISTMAS EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- **Domestic Abuse – Safe To Talk** 0800 111 4998 In an emergency call 999, if you cannot speak then press 55 when prompted
- **NSPCC** - 0808 800 5000
- **CHILDLINE** - 0800 1111
- **POLICE** – 101 or 999
- **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub** – 024 76788555
- **Safeguarding Emergency Duty Team** - 024 7683 2222
- Report a crime online



### FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

This week the Library's recommended reads are....



#### ***The Night I Met Father Christmas* by Ben Miller**

A boy's wish comes true when he meets Father Christmas and discovers how he came to be Father Christmas. Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know... how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas? That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson meets Father Christmas and hears his incredible story. So begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a magical snowy landscape, where Torvil, a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is.



#### ***Mistletoe and Murder* by Robin Stevens**

Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are spending the Christmas holidays in snowy Cambridge. Hazel has high hopes of its beautiful spires, cosy libraries and inviting tea-rooms - but there is danger lurking in the dark stairwells of ancient Maudlin College. Two days before Christmas, there is a terrible accident. At least, it appears to be an accident - until the Detective Society look a little closer, and realise a murder has taken place. Faced with several irritating grown-ups and fierce competition from a rival agency, they must use all their cunning and courage to find the killer (in time for Christmas Day, of course).

**Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.**

**Library Staff**

*From all at President Kennedy School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



Teacher Training Day - Students not in school - Friday 7th July 2023  
Summer Break begins on - Wednesday 26th July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We were delighted to have a surprise visit from Callum Wilson, the day after he had been selected, once again for the England National Team. We surprised the students too, as he met his ex PE teacher during one of Mr Sheridan's PE lessons. He is a wonderful compassionate young man who is very proud of his roots and being a former President Kennedy School student, we are very proud of him!

We are also very proud of the thirty four Year 9 students who braved the heat during their DofE Bronze Award. This is a fantastic achievement.

Well done Deja and Hannah for their amazing achievement on receiving the West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award, celebrating our richly diverse school. It's so important and they have represented the school well.

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who took part in the Biology Olympiad - a brilliant result all round.  
Have a great weekend.

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Callum Wilson Returns to President Kennedy School

We were delighted once again, to welcome ex President Kennedy School student, Callum Wilson into school.

The current Newcastle United and England striker visited students during a PE lesson. The students were learning how to do shot put and were able to teach Callum the key technical aspects and teaching points on performing the activity with success. Raphael G was particularly confident with his coaching and helped Callum launch the shot about 20m!

Callum then supported some of the Year 8 students and took penalties at Kamran, Dylan and Nash. The first two students both made great saves from Callum's strikes but Nash was unable to keep the third effort out.

Word had spread that Callum was on site and many students (and staff), understandably, were asking for autographs and selfies from the football star.

After a little chat with Mr Sheridan, who taught Callum when he was a student at President Kennedy School, it was time to leave. A final few students were waiting for Callum before he headed back home to Newcastle.

A wonderful afternoon was had by all and we look forward to welcoming Callum to school again very soon.

Thanks to all the staff and students who made this visit so memorable and contributed to a fantastic experience for all.

**Mr Sheridan, P.E Department**



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze Expedition

Following on from a successful training day last month, thirty four Year 9 students bravely took on the heatwave at the weekend to complete their final Bronze expedition. Six teams waved goodbye to their friends and family and set off on their two-day venture, starting with the famous 'stairway to heaven' flight of twenty one locks at Hatton, Warwickshire, on the Grand Union Canal.

The weather was delightfully sunny, though the heat ensured caution for drinking plenty of water, regular shady rest stops and topping up on sun cream a number of times.

As a first experience carrying a heavy pack and walking a fair distance, whilst navigating using a paper map, feelings and emotions were mixed as the day went on.

Once all groups arrived at the camp site, there was plenty of time to rest and re-energise. An impromptu game of 'flip-flip rounders' evolved and gave everyone a boost to get tents pitched and cook dinner before getting a good night's sleep.

For many of the group, this was the first time sleeping in a tent and an early morning start brought some weary faces and

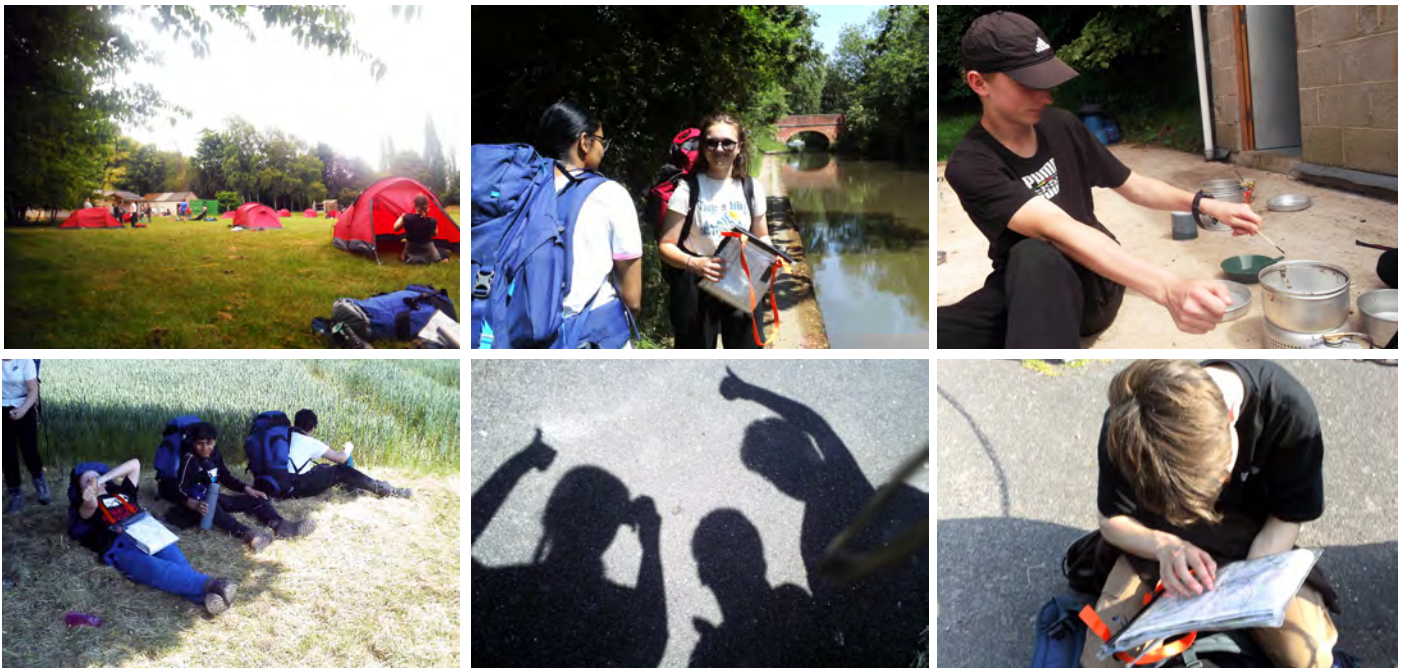
aching muscles out of the tents on day two. The tent pitching session on the training day clearly paid off and although staff were on hand to support, very little was required, as teams worked together, remembering the skills they had learned, to fold up tents and pack backpacks ahead of the final day.

Teams set off confidently, embracing the challenges they had faced the previous day as experiences to learn from. They reached the end point with a sense of pride in their achievement, if not also a little relief at finishing!

A huge congratulations to all of the students on such a great achievement. They proved a credit to themselves and also to President Kennedy School, as evidenced by the positive and commendatory comments from members of the public over the weekend. Well Done!

Thank you also to the staff volunteers who gave their time to support the expedition, these experiences cannot happen without that generosity.

*Mrs Sly, DoFE Leader*



### West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award 2022/23

Year 9 students Deja and Hannah have been nominated for the West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award 2022/23, and have just found out that they both won the award; 'Highly Commended West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award 2022/23' for their contributions to diversity and inclusion here at President Kennedy School.

They have both received letters from the West Midlands Lieutenancy acknowledging their efforts. Well done girls! More about this soon!

*Miss Marshall, Teacher of R.E*

### Year 10 Biology Olympiad

I am very proud of my 10B1 science class who were entered into the Biology Olympiad.



Everyone received a participation certificate, but the following student received an award. It is highly competitive, and students needed to score 73% or above to be awarded.

Tomass Szafranek was awarded the bronze award. The following students were commended: Kasjan Balunda, Abbie Clarke, Wilson Freemantle, Mya Gill, Javed Hosseni and Nathanael Baah Opoku.

*Mrs Browne, Teacher of Science*

## Year 7 Qualify for Coventry Schools Athletics Finals

Congratulations to the following Year 7 pupils who have all qualified for the Coventry Schools Athletics finals in a weeks time.

### Girls

Efehi Omogun- Long Jump and 75m  
Aisha Sirmane - Discus  
Lilley Ward - Discus  
Natalia Kolodiy - Javelin  
Rhiana Nicholas - Long Jump  
4 x 100 relay team



### Boys

Michael Odigie - Hurdles and Long Jump  
Keaton Griffiths - 600m and Triple Jump  
Brandon Austin - Javelin  
Adri McCook - Triple Jump  
Sam Balding - 150m and Shot Put  
Rafael Gomes - Shot Put and Discus  
4 x 100 relay team



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

In the final edition for this academic year, I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for all of your ongoing support. President Kennedy School is a special community and one that offers exceptional experiences for our students. In this week's newsletter you have the opportunity to see the fantastic experiences students have been involved in.

For me a particular highlight has been the whole school production of Grease at the Albany Theatre. Having so many of our students perform on a professional stage was a wonderful thing to see and I am extremely grateful to our fantastic performing arts department for all of their commitment and dedication. I've said this before, but performing arts is at the heart of President Kennedy School and we value all of the opportunities that our students get to experience.

I'm also very grateful for all of the work the History department have put into place for our students. As you can see from the pictures and articles there have been several fantastic trips, projects, and workshops. Students have been buzzing about what they have been involved in and have shown a great amount of PRIDE in the way in which they have conducted themselves.

Finally, my thank you to all of the staff that have offered so much over the past few weeks and the past academic year. This is how we build brighter futures for our students. Have a great summer!

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Grease is the Word....

The cast of **GREASE** took to the stage, at The Albany Theatre Coventry to a sold out audience. The atmosphere was electric and finished with a standing ovation. Each student worked so hard, demonstrated team work, kindness and determination. The amount of talent on the stage was unreal!!

What a show and what a cast! A massive well done all.

**Miss Walsh, Leader of Drama**



## Sherbourne Fields History Project

"The Sherbourne Fields History Project I presume"

"If we could, we would give them a job"

These were the words of a teacher from Sherbourne Fields Special School about a group of President Kennedy School students. It was a reference to the skill, the empathy and the sense of purpose they demonstrated during 2 very different school days which have left them with some wonderful memories.

The event in question was the return of the hugely popular and successful History Project at Sherbourne Fields Special School, which has lit up the summer term for groups of Year 9 President Kennedy School students for a generation.

It was an "*Empire into Commonwealth*" theme this year. In brightly-coloured period costume, our Year 9 students arrived with an array of props and ideas ready to deliver. The result was great fun! For 2 days we helped to inform, entertain and educate Key Stage 3 students at Sherbourne.

For the students at Sherbourne Fields, there is always something special about new groups of young people who visit and support them. They thrive on the spirit and energy of our students. For our own students there was a different sort of challenge; finding the confidence, ideas and personality to appreciate the individual needs of a wider society and help them participate and enjoy history.

This does not come without great effort and preparation. The group worked extremely hard in the weeks before the project to prepare stories and resources to help the young people they were waiting to meet. The team gave up lots of their own time to engage with this process; they developed their own distinct costumes, from Queen Victoria to a lion! They also worked on their own versions of classic tales of Empire, resistance and increased multicultural awareness.

There was ample opportunity to appreciate and share the customs, artwork, music and dance that has enriched our lives.

The sensory nature of learning at Sherbourne Fields was

something our students were able to quickly adapt to. In a reworking of the classic Empire tale of Stanley's search for Livingstone in the African wilderness, students had to identify the sounds of the jungle. In looking at the establishment of Australia as a penal colony, they were introduced to physical nature of work and punishment on the prison ship and on the chain gang. This included teaching sea shanties to the Sherbourne students.

We also attempted to demonstrate the transition from Empire to Commonwealth, covering famous protests against the British Empire such as Gandhi's salt tax protest in India.

As in previous years, our Year 9 students were impressed with Sherbourne Fields, the change in routine it provided them with and the opportunity to meet new people and have greater responsibility for their own learning.

Reflecting on her own experiences, Shanice Rogers said "*it was such a beautiful experience. I would go back any time as it was such a burst of joy to work with those people.*"

Alex, Melissa and Lucy were also still buzzing from the experience. They spoke of the "*friendships and connections*" they had made and felt they had proved they "*had the skills that are needed to work successfully with children in the future.*"

They also recognised that they had "*overcome their own embarrassment*" and proved they could present, re-enact and entertain others without any fear of looking silly. This was huge confidence builder for the whole group and a perfect preparation for the challenges of GCSE.

The History Department would like to thank the class of 2023 for their great contributions:- Nina Chudy , Lucy Copeland, Melissa Stone, Giovanni Di Pietro, Keerthana Kh Krishnaraj, Alex Thompson, Denis Rupita , Poppy Nicholds, Karis Jasarevic, Landon Jones, Shanice Rogers, Eliza Birch, Ishmael Hussain.

**Mr Finney, Leader of History**



## World War One Virtual Reality Workshops

President Kennedy School students in Year 9 and 10 participated in virtual reality workshops, in partnership with our link to *Time Travel Education*, to provide our students with an insight into the conditions of trenches during the First World War.

Our workshops were led by Richie, an ex-Royal Army Medical Corp serviceman, who was dressed for the occasion in complete World War One soldier uniform! Students were encouraged to wear headsets and were transported to experience the conditions in trenches, going 'over the top' and treatment and care in a Casualty Clearing Station.

This was a great experience to help Year 10 revise their content on Medicine on the Western Front and set a fantastic foundation for Year 9 studying GCSE History next year.

**Miss Bayton-Timms, Teacher of History**



## A Weekend in France and Belgium Visiting World War One Battlefields Sites

Over the weekend of 24-26th June, 41 Year 9 and 10 students accompanied by Miss Bayton-Timms, Mr Ross, Mr Casbourne and Mrs Elliot, spent a weekend in France and Belgium visiting various sites from the First World War.

On our first day, we visited Tyne Cot cemetery and Passchedaele museum. Our pupils were able to walk through a trench system and see the living conditions within the trenches. On Sunday 25th, we visited 6 different sites in 34 degree heat! But our students were impeccably behaved, with the memorable sites being Hill 62 trenches and the Essex Farm cemetery where we visited a casualty clearing station and the youngest recognised soldier's headstone.

We spent our evening at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate where our school representatives, Nina and Ameera, placed a President Kennedy School wreath. After this, our pupils were rewarded with a visit to a Belgian chocolate shops which went down a treat with staff and students alike!

On our return to our accommodation, we completed a quiz, football and basketball matches and even a facemask pamper

session for Mr Ross and Mr Casbourne! On our departure from Belgium, we headed into France to visit the significant site of Hill 60 before a fantastic experience in the Wellington tunnels at Arras. On our return to England, students were awarded with their trip certificates for their fantastic participation, kindness and resilience. Our students were able to truly immerse themselves in a weekend of History where they learnt so much in preparation for their GCSEs.

We could not have been prouder of how they represented our school and we are already planning our trip abroad next year! *'This weekend we went on a once in a lifetime experience. We learnt so much and had so much fun.'* Arya Bassi, Year 10

*'I feel like this trip to Belgium really helped me to properly understand the situations of soldiers in the war, and really learn to truly appreciate their efforts.'* Mya Bains, Year 10

*'I loved the trip it was wonderful experience would love to go again. Richie, our tour guide, and the teachers were brilliant.'* Navraj Sahota, Year 10



## Six! The Musical – Trip to Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre

On Tuesday 20th June, 35 Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in a trip to see Six! The Musical at Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre.

The production is focused on the six wives of Henry VIII retelling their stories and celebrating 21st century 'girl power'.

This was an amazing opportunity for students to make cross curricular links between history and performing arts. As part of the history curriculum, students have looked at Henry VIII and his wives and this production allowed them to broaden their knowledge on the subject whilst focusing on the dance routines, music and acting from a performing arts perspective. The students showed PRIDE throughout the evening and

represented the school in a professional manner.

For some, this was the first time they had been to a theatre with one student saying that *'this was my first trip to the theatre and it is one I will never forget'* whilst another remarked *'the songs and dances were incredible and some nearly made people cry'*.

As a follow up to this, I have launched a competition for students to reflect on their experience by creating a piece of work, with the winner receiving a voucher. The work will be put on display, alongside examples of other history enrichment.

**Mr Ross, Teacher of History**



# Ethics Conference

Our first annual Ethics Conference proved to be a huge success. Students from Year 12 across the Trust schools attended and thoroughly enjoyed the range of workshops they could attend and the expertise of our guest speakers.

The conference began with two keynote speakers, Dan Belcher SSAT and Guy Rippon Aston Villa, followed by two workshops and a range of expertise in literacy, policing, marketing, charity,

sustainable development, local and national politics and philosophy.

The conference was concluded by Peter Lantos, a Holocaust survivor, who gave students a captivating talk about his life story.

What a fantastic event enjoyed by staff and students alike, and we look forward to hosting another next year.

**Mr Finlayson, Enrichment Leader**



## Our Outcomes

- More people, more active
- Healthy and fulfilling lives
- Raising aspirations and achievement
- Safer, stronger communities

#PART OF THE PRIDE

## UNBROKEN

...the most important thing is to be unbroken. It's not about being perfect, it's about being resilient. It's about being able to bounce back from adversity and keep going. It's about being able to face your fears and overcome your challenges. It's about being able to stand up for what you believe in and not let anyone bring you down. It's about being able to take responsibility for your actions and not blaming others. It's about being able to learn from your mistakes and grow from them. It's about being able to stay focused and determined in the face of adversity. It's about being able to stay positive and optimistic even when things seem hopeless. It's about being able to stay strong and resilient in the face of all that life throws at you. It's about being able to stay true to yourself and your values, no matter what. It's about being able to stay unbroken.



## Maths Challenge

An amazing morning with Year 6 students from Parkgate. Year 10 Students, organised, planned and played a huge part in this event, showing student leadership at it's best!

**Mrs Dhanani, Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and Higher Attainment**



## Sociology at Wolverhampton University

On Wednesday 5th July 2023, Year 12 Sociology students visited the University of Wolverhampton, hosted by Dr Hamilton. The remit was to provide students with an insight into life as a university student and experience the rigours of higher education.

*"I found it a productive school trip. We captured a deep insight into a sociologist's cognitive standpoint"* - Corey Williams.

The students attended a range of lectures, along with students from other schools and colleges, delivered by professors within the Social Science department.

*"It was interesting to explore my subject further, and I'm looking forward to studying sociology at university. I'm grateful that I have been provided with is opportunity by Miss Mattu and Mr Taylor."* -Aneeka Khan

Overall, the students found the visit very beneficial, and subsequently look forward to attending their next university Open Day in the forthcoming future.

**Jack Lyons and Jacob Grove**



## Lose Yourself in a Great Summer Read



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# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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# CELEBRATING Coventry schools

PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL



Just some of the successful students at President Kennedy

# Exciting journey of world class school continues...



Deep concentration by a young musician

**P**RESIDENT Kennedy School is consistent in believing in its core values – Students First, It’s About Learning and No Barriers.

Being a World Class School affords many opportunities for President Kennedy’s students. This year, four Year 12 students, Zohaib Malik, Isha Patel, Caidie Samra and Reyna Sandhar, were formally designated as assessors for the World Class Schools accreditation process following their successful work in the assessment process of schools achieving World Class Schools status this year. To achieve this, they spent many weeks, assessing the quality of the bids from applicant schools and observing these schools in action during the assessment day activity earlier this term.

Building new skills, boosting confidence and sporting excellence are three of the prime



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objectives at the school. Across all years students have the opportunity to gain new experiences and build new skill sets by being involved in extra curricular activities, including a variety of sports and the performing arts.

**FOOTBALL SUCCESS**

The schools’ Year 7 football team created some President Kennedy history by becoming the first boys’ team for 25 years to reach a West Midlands Cup final.

**YEAR 7 RUGBY TEAM ARE VICTORIOUS**

The Year 7 rugby team won the Coventry Schools Trophy. This is the first time ever that President Kennedy School has claimed this competition since it was first established in 1896. The students who won the competition were proudly awarded their medals by the head teacher, Mr Clayton, who spent some time speaking to the boys and congratulating them on their victory.

**NETBALL CHAMPIONS**

Tremendous commitment and effort have ensured that President Kennedy Schools’ netball team have succeeded. They have

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President Kennedy School's talented orchestra



Engineering is high on the priority list



A dramatic scene from the Year 7 production of Beauty and the Beast



The successful Year 7, left, and year 8 netball teams

worked exceptionally hard during training and displayed significant progression in their skills and level of play. Commendable teamwork have led both Year 7 and Year 8 to become 2019 league winners!

And a Year 12 student is to play rugby for Warwickshire. Jaskuran Hayer has been selected for Warwickshire U17s this season. Jaskuran started playing rugby in Year 9 at President Kennedy School and has gone on to play for Earlsdon RFC and Coventry Schools as a tight head prop.

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

The Year 7 cast of Beauty and the Beast took to the stage in March of this year. Performing in front of a full auditorium of friends, family and the wider community, a wonderfully energetic and mature performance was greatly received by the audience. Students showed commitment, determination and exceptional team work skills. This is all made possible due to the dedication of the performing arts staff and students. They are consistently raising educational attainment within The Bridge, a stand-alone college specifically for Year 7.

**MUSIC HITS A HIGH NOTE!**

A musical showcase, featuring President Kennedy School's vastly

talented bands, soloists, duets, vocalists and percussion, further highlighted the excellence of the students at President Kennedy School.

A LEAP Ensemble Workshop had students working with members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which led to a performance at the Warwick Arts Centre with part of a symphony orchestra.

**ENGINEERING MASTER CLASSES**

Year 9 students attended the Royal Institute of Engineering master classes at the University of Warwick. They have had the opportunity to build and test crash structures and programme their own autonomous cars. With a competitive side to each session, students have been very successful in getting really involved.

**EXAM SEASON**

Students at President Kennedy School are continuing to excel during the exam season. They feel extremely well-supported by dedicated staff who offer effective strategies to help with their studies.

President Kennedy School has a well-established track record of students achieving good GCSE and A-level results with students often getting into their first choice of university.



The Year 7 footballers have shone





# PRIDE

Student Pride in the Community

**P** I will show pride in wearing the correct uniform to and from school  
& whilst travelling on public transport.

**R** I will show respect to members of the community  
and their property at all times

**I** I will contribute to enhancing the reputation of  
President Kennedy School in the community.

**D** I will be determined to represent President Kennedy School  
in an outstanding manner, at all times.

**E** I will show excellent conduct whilst using social media to peers/others  
& whilst representing President Kennedy School in the community.



**PERFORMING  
ARTS:  
YOUR TIME  
TO SHINE!**



“Students are actively encouraged to try new activities and extend their horizons.” OFSTED 2013



## Performing Arts Opportunities 2023-2024

	School Day	Afterschool & Evening
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Production- Rehearsals- Invitation only	<b>Singing Club (All Years) (3-4pm)</b> Godiva Academy of Performing Arts-GAPA -(5-8.15pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 7 Choir	<b>Dance Club (All Years) (3-4pm)</b> Godiva Academy of Performing Arts-GAPA (5-8.15pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Production- Rehearsals- Invitation only	<b>Drama Club (All Years) (3-4pm)</b> Godiva Academy of Performing Arts -GAPA (5-8.15pm)
<b>Friday</b>	Performing Arts – council meeting- Invitation only	
<b>Saturday</b>	Godiva Academy of Performing Arts – 3-6years (9:30am- 2:30pm)	

**In addition to this weekly programme there will be extensive rehearsal schedules for our fantastic school productions.**

**This year’s productions:**

- The Bridge Production- TBC
- The President Kennedy Whole School Production- TBC
- Showcase – ‘Twas the night.....’

***We will also be entering numerous competitions and events throughout the year in the different disciplines via our Performing Arts Programme.***

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# SPORT AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL



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## Sport and Physical Education Timetable - September 2023 - April 2024

Trainers must be worn at all times in the sportshall, no shoes allowed!



	Before School	Lunch Time	Afterschool
Monday		Yr 7 Basketball Sports Hall Mr Secondino  Multi Gym Yr9 – 13 Mr Garlick	Football Academy Yr9 – Mr Sheridan 3-4.15pm Football Academy Yr10 – Mr Warsame/Mr Chiya 3-4.15pm Netball Academy Yr7 – 10 – Miss Michell/Miss Twite 3-4.15pm Dodgeball Academy Yr7 – Mrs Knibbs 3-4pm Rugby Academy Yr7 – Mr Garlick 3-4.15pm Multi Gym Yr9-13 – Mr Sinclair 3-4.15pm
Tuesday	Trampoline Club Sports Hall 7.45 – 8.20 Miss Michell/Miss Twite	Girls Rounders All Years Sports Hall Miss Michell  Multi Gym Yr9-13 Mr Garlick	Cricket Academy Yr7-11 – Warwickshire County Cricket Club 3-4.30pm Girls Football Academy Yr7-11 Sky Blues in the Community 3-4.15pm
Wednesday		Gymnastics All Years Sports Hall Miss Twite  Multi Gym Yr9-13 Mr Secondino	Multi Gym Yr9-13 – Mr Townsend 3-4.15pm Rugby Academy Yr8-9 Mr Garlick 3-4.15pm Basketball Academy Yr7-9 Mr Secondino 3-4.15pm Girls Rugby Academy Yr7-10 Miss Michell/Miss Twite 3-4.15pm
Thursday		Multi Gym Yr9-13 Mr Sinclair  Cricket All Years Sports Hall Mr Garlick	Football Academy Yr 8 – Mr Finlayson 3-4.15pm Football Academy Yr7 – Mr Ross 3-4.15pm Badminton Academy Yr7-11 Mr Sinclair 3-4.15pm Multi Gym Girls Only Yr9-11 Miss Michell
Friday		Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall	Basketball Academy Yr10-13 Mr Secondino 3 – 4.15pm Basketball Academy Yr7-13 Sky Blues in the Community 4.15 – 5.45pm Football Academy Yr7-13 Sky Blues in the Community 4.30 – 6pm

**In addition to our standard offer there are regular fixtures, tournaments and competitions in all sports in all years.**

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# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

**2022/2023**

**Year 8 Coventry Schools Rugby Winners**

**Year 10 Coventry Schools Cricket Winners**

**Year 8 Coventry Schools Cricket Runners Up**

**Year 9 Coventry Schools Football Runners Up**

**2021/2022**

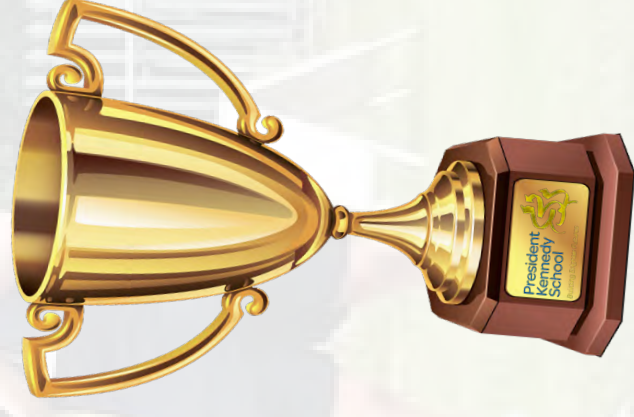
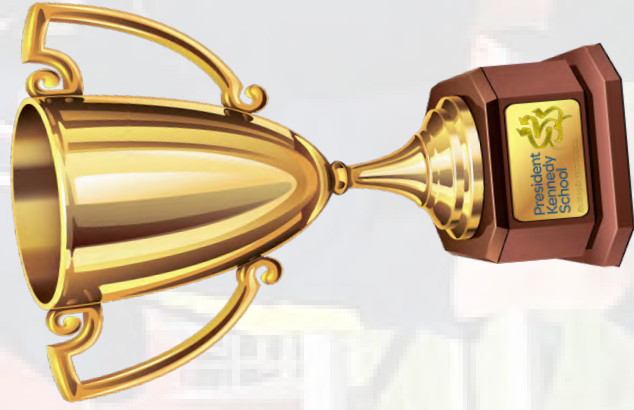
**Year 7 Football & Year 10 Football Coventry Champions Football**

**Year 7 Girls Rounders Coventry Champions**

**Year 7 Rugby Boys Coventry Champions**

**Year 7 Cricket Coventry Runners Up**

**Year 7 Boys Coventry Schools Athletics Champions**



**EXAMPLE**



# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

**DAY**

**LUNCH**

**AFTER SCHOOL**

<b>Monday</b>	Homework Club	Netball Music Football Homework Club Design and Enterprise (GO2)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dance Club Technology Club (Moved from after school) Homework Club	Performing Arts - Singing
<b>Wednesday</b>	Music History Club Homework Club Trampolining (New Club!) Chess Club	Performing Arts - Dance Book Club (Every Wednesday now!)
<b>Thursday</b>	Music Homework Club	Football, Girls Football Badminton Science Club International Club Student Council Homework Club Performing Arts - Drama
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club	PK Elite (Invite only)



# School Uniform

## Uniform Regulations Year 7 to Year 11

### Main Uniform, Essential Items and Equipment

Navy blazer with school logo	White shirt or blouse
<b>Girls</b> - Navy trousers (cotton/polyester/viscose straight cut or boot cut, not skin tight or skinny)  or  Navy <u>knee-length</u> , straight or pleated skirt to be worn	<b>Boys</b> - Mid Grey trousers (cotton/polyester/viscose straight cut, not skin tight or skinny)
Navy, Grey or Black socks/tights  or  <b>Girls</b> - Plain Navy knee length socks or tights	Plain Black shoes (not boots)
School tie	Coats must be plain Black, Grey or Navy
School bags of a suitable size (must be able to carry exercise books and equipment)	School Planner* Calculator, compass, crayons, pocket English Dictionary, erasers, pencils, pens, protractor, ruler, reading book <i>(*school planners are provided to students at the start of the school year)</i>



**Essential Value Pack (Blazer, Tie & 2 Shirts) – FREE to all Year 7**

### Optional Items

Navy cotton cardigan ( <b>girls</b> ) with school logo	Navy cotton jumper ( <b>boys and girls</b> ) with school logo
Hijab - Plain Navy or Black	Turban - Plain Navy or Black
Technology - full apron, Art - protective clothing (e.g. an old shirt)	

**WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE**

# School Uniform

## Uniform Regulations Year 7 to Year 11



### PE/Games Kit

#### Essential Items

Navy and gold rugby top with or without school logo (essential for playing Rugby in PE lessons)
Navy tracksuit top with school logo (essential for outdoor PE, if student does not have rugby top)
Navy Shorts
Navy polo shirt with or without school logo
Navy sports socks (must be worn for PE)
Training shoes (not pumps)
Football/Rugby moulded boots ( <b>boys all years; girls for years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> ). <u>Please note moulded boots are essential to enable students to play on the school's 4G pitch.</u>
Hair tie or bobble (essential for health & safety purposes)

#### Optional Items

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms with or without school logo
Plain navy leggings with or without school logo ( <b>girls</b> )
Navy and gold skort with school logo or plain navy skort without logo ( <b>girls</b> )
Gum shield for rugby
Shin pads for football



**Sports branded items are not permitted. Strictly no jewellery to be worn for PE/games.**

### WE DO NOT ALLOW

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leather or denim jackets, jeans, leggings or jeggings, skin tight, skinny or cropped trousers</li> <li>Trainers or pumps, boots, canvas shoes, high heeled shoes, open toe shoes</li> <li>More than one item of jewellery, including multiple piercings (earrings must be small studs only, barbell earrings are not permitted)</li> <li>Facial piercings, tongue piercings</li> <li>Brightly coloured scarves, headbands, socks or belts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T-shirts visible under shirts</li> <li>Extreme hair styles or brightly coloured hair</li> <li>Excessive or brightly coloured make up, including coloured nail varnish, acrylics or artificial nails, false eyelashes or eyelash extensions</li> <li>Skirts that are above the knee</li> <li>Hoodies, sporting or tracksuit tops and baseball caps</li> </ul> |
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All uniform items are available from:



**Cat Ballou Originals Ltd**  
 1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN  
 Tel: 02476 555499  
[www.catballou.co.uk](http://www.catballou.co.uk)



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 88-90 Barkers Butts Lane, Coventry CV6 1DY  
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# A WORLD CLASS SCHOOL

**In 2017, President Kennedy School was awarded 'World Class' status and it has since reaccredited in both 2019 and 2022.**

**Entirely student led, the school was required to achieve a number of standards designed to distinguish it from other schools that have already achieved an Ofsted 'Outstanding' judgement.**

The World Class Schools Quality Mark organisation recognises that it is the calibre of the student which proves the calibre of the school. If the school is truly World Class, then the students will be able to own and demonstrate World Class qualities.

Our students had to prove that students who attend President Kennedy School are:

- Highly literate scientifically, mathematically, technologically and culturally
- Consistently out-performing students from similar contexts, and are committed to continually improving their performance
- Excellent learners, dedicated to life-long learning
- Compelling candidates in their field for higher education and/or employment, being globally aware, confident and prepared for life in an international environment.

Our World Class student representatives were required to present President Kennedy School's case for the World Class Schools Quality mark status by undertaking extensive research and presenting their evidence to the assessors at the Assessment Centre.



## The Benefits of Being a World Class School

- Unrivalled enrichment, employment and further education opportunities for students
- participation in international partnerships and study abroad
- access to unique, exciting and highly attractive work experience opportunities that develop employability skills, and social and moral competencies
- access to a certification process and international opportunities that provide a competitive edge for places at the best domestic and international universities.
- on-going revenue generating opportunities internationally through, for example, provision of curriculum and staff development, start up, back office, and school improvement expertise.
- extensive incentives for effective teacher recruitment and retention, such as opportunities for staff to work and develop their practice internationally
- opportunities to work with, and learn from, outstanding school practitioners from other potential World Class schools.
- access to a unique assessment process that assesses the student not the school providing detailed profiles of students' individual performance at an assessment centre event
- a profile of students' typical performance against peers from other potential World Class schools.
- parental confidence that their children can operate effectively as global citizens, and develop invaluable skills for success in life beyond school
- prestige beyond an 'outstanding' Ofsted grade
- a top place in international school rankings
- the chance to participate in a high profile group of schools whose power to influence national and international education policy is becoming significant.





Achievement of Pupils	- Outstanding
Quality of Teaching	- Outstanding
Behaviour & Safety of Pupils	- Outstanding
Leadership & Management	- Outstanding
OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS	- Outstanding

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We work together in a productive and challenging manner to provide a vibrant and engaging learning environment that ensures every student achieves his or her potential.

This school is about ensuring our students feel supported and happy.

If students are happy they will flourish and achieve.

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