



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am proud this week to share with you all details of our latest involvement with the prestigious World Class Schools organisation.

Over the last seven years we have held our designation as a World Class School and our students have represented us with such PRIDE and enthusiasm. This year, we were among six other schools in being nominated as World Class School of the Year; this in recognition of the quantity and quality of our involvement in all things World Class. I'm delighted to share the names of some of our World Class students who either won or were nominated for this years awards. Huge congratulations to all who attended and contributed.

I wish you all a good week ahead,

**Mr Clayton, Headteacher**

## Our World Class Students at Oxford



On 6th December, the education accreditation charity World Class Schools Quality Mark

(WCSQM) held its biggest Awards Ceremony to date, at the prestigious Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford. After a year's hiatus the charity, which includes over 120 of the highest achieving non-selective state schools in its network, celebrated the opportunity to bring school leaders and students back together at the world-leading centre of learning - the historic ceremonial hall of Oxford University.

The highlights of this year's ceremony, sponsored by the world-leading video learning resource platform ClickView, included a keynote address from Robert Douglas-Fairhurst, Fellow and Tutor in English at Magdalen College, author of *Becoming Dickens* and newly published *The Turning Point*, and an audience with Dan Freedman, author of the best-selling *Jamie Johnson* series, and inspirational school speaker. Dan judged, and awarded the winner of, this year's WCSQM essay writing competition, and gave away signed copies of his book

to the writers of the students shortlisted for this year's prize.

*"We're delighted to be able to come back together safely with our schools, and to be working with Oxford University's outreach team to showcase the many outstanding educational opportunities available at Oxford for non-selective state students, regardless of their background."*



*By celebrating the World Class characteristics of our students in this centre of academic excellence we hope to motivate them to go on and achieve their World Class potential."* Miranda Perry, Director, WCSQM

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### Presentations from students included:

Arya Bassi from President Kennedy School, Coventry (Secondary)

### 2021 Qualified WCSQM Student Assessors:

Eesha Gupta  
Harry Gilson and Mya Birdee President Kennedy School, Coventry (Secondary)

### 2021 Essay Competition Award Shortlist:

Arya Bassi, Year 9, President

Kennedy School Coventry (Secondary)

### 2021 School of the Year Award Shortlist:

President Kennedy School, Coventry (Secondary)

### 2021 Student Character of the Year Award - Shortlist:

Abshara Piratheeban, Yr 8  
Jayden Thorpe, Yr 10  
and Cordellia Akata, Yr 8  
President Kennedy School, Coventry (Secondary)



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The WCSQM Awards Ceremony celebrated the World Class accreditation and re-accreditation of schools UK wide whose students have undertaken a challenging assessment process in a bid to prove their school is World Class.

WCSQM accreditation uses its framework of World Class student characteristics as a benchmark for an assessment process that assesses the characteristics of the individual student across a range of areas including learning, leadership, community and the workplace.



The development of these characteristics support students to thrive in an ever changing global economy, and the uniqueness of WCSQM accreditation is its student-centred approach - the charity believes a school can only be considered World Class if its students can demonstrate World Class characteristics.

On the night, as well as celebrating their accreditation, students took to the stage to accept commendations and awards in categories including Student Character of the Year, WCSQM Qualified Assessor, 2021 Essay Competition Winner and the coveted School of the Year Award for 2021.

### Smart Learners Give Back to Local Community



**SMART LEARNER**

Here at Smart Learner driving school, we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint, hence our Going Green Project! Throughout 2021/2022, we plan to take steps towards becoming a sustainable and eco-friendly company.

Smart Learner Driving School has estimated that we release approximately 10 tons of CO2e into the atmosphere, per instructor.

We currently have 50 instructors, as a result, we emit around 500 tons of CO2e into our atmosphere! In order to combat this and offset our carbon emissions, SmartLearner will plant 10 trees per instructor. This is as a tree absorbs 1 tonne of CO2e per lifetime.

We are a business that strives for a cleaner, greener, and better future.

List of people in attendance along with Deputy Head of President Kennedy School, Mrs Rooke were:

Tommy Sandhu, Darryn Majury, Rafael Aguila and Nuneaton Lions Club members



### Colleges Donate to Coventry Foodbank

Colleges across the school had spent the last two weeks of last term collecting items for Coventry Foodbank. So far we have collected over 1000 items and these were delivered direct to the foodbank on Wednesday 15th December by our

College Council students.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to this very worthy cause.

*Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment*



### Year 9 Make Over 100 Sandwiches with Langar Aid



Year 9 students made over 100 sandwiches which were served to our service members in our evening feed. They should feel proud of themselves; we would like to thank them for all their

hard work and also how much consideration was put into making the sandwiches. The service members appreciate this greatly.

*Avtar Kaur, Project Manager, Langar Aid - Project By Khalsa Aid International*



**Employee Relations & Administration Manager Vacancy**

### We are seeking to appoint a Employee Relations and Administration Manager to join The Futures Trust.

We are seeking to appoint an experienced, highly organised and adaptable HR professional, to be responsible for the operation of all aspects of the Trust's HR service at President Kennedy School, and to contribute to the delivery of HR services across the Trust.

The link to the Employee Relations & Administration vacancy, job description and the application form is on the job vacancies page of the school website:

[www.pks.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk)

Closing date: Sunday 23rd January 2022



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