



PROSPECTUS

An Ofsted OUTSTANDING School
2026/2027



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, 85% of our Year 13 students secured places at university, including admissions to Russell Group institutions.

We are delighted that in December 2023, 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 dedicated learning community designed exclusively for our Year 7 students. We know that choosing the right secondary school and ensuring a positive start to this next stage of education is extremely important for families.

For over ten years, The Bridge has welcomed Bridge students into its own specialist environment within the school. This includes dedicated learning spaces, an outdoor play area and sports facilities – all designed to support students as they make the transition from primary to secondary school.

During this time, The Bridge has been widely praised by parents, educational specialists, OFSTED, and the educational press for its innovative approach to supporting students at this important stage. The provision is often recognised as a leading model for transition between primary and secondary education, and we regularly welcome visitors from schools across the country who are interested in learning from our approach.

Our experienced team of specialist staff are passionate about supporting every student to succeed. They are committed to providing high-quality teaching, strong pastoral care, and a nurturing environment where each child can thrive.

Our Bridge Team are excited to welcome you into our Bridge family.

Miss Tovey, Director of the Bridge

Specialised Curriculum

All Bridge students follow a carefully designed curriculum that combines traditional academic subjects – including English, Mathematics and Science – taught by specialist teachers, alongside a range of engaging cross-curricular learning experiences.

When students join President Kennedy School, we begin with careful assessment to understand their individual strengths and identify areas where additional support may be beneficial. This allows us to ensure that every student is appropriately challenged and supported from the very beginning of their secondary school experience.

Students are placed into sets for English and Mathematics to ensure teaching is well matched to their ability and helps maximise progress. For students who join us below the national average in key subjects, we provide targeted support through programmes such as *Fresh Start* and *Guided Reading*. These small-group sessions are designed to build confidence, strengthen core skills, and help students make accelerated progress.

Our goal is simple: to ensure every student develops the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to reach their full potential.

"All Year 7 students have the opportunity to graduate at the end of the year at a special ceremony. 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, media, preserving the environment and student leadership. Students participate in the annual 'Bridge Performance' which has now been taking place for over ten years.

Past performances include 'Aladdin' in 2017, Bugsy Malone in 2018, Beauty and the Beast in 2019, Matilda Jr in 2022 and 'Shrek Jr, the Musical' in 2023, Oliver Jr 2024 and Mary Poppins Jr 2025.

Sports team and activities at The Bridge:

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

Arts activities at The Bridge:

- The Bridge Production
- Drama Club
- Debating Club
- Band
- Singing
- Crochet Club
- Chess Club

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
- Time Tables Rockstars
- Fresh Start Reading Intervention
- Nessy Spelling Intervention
- Lexonik Vocabulary Intervention

"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, Director 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 English and Mathematics. 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

Director 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.



Mrs Bram

Leader of Teaching, Learning, Progress & Communication

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

Alongside this, she leads communication development across the curriculum, supporting students to build confidence and success in speaking, reading and writing through high-quality teaching and targeted support in every area of learning.



Miss Hanney

Pastoral Leader

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

Miss Hanney's main responsibility is to ensure that every student is fully prepared for their learning and she 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 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

Learning Mentor

Miss Connelly Jones has worked in the Bridge for many years.

Within her role, she provides support, motivation and guidance to help pupils overcome any obstacles to their learning.

Student and Family Support Services



Miss Roberts
Inclusion Director &
SENDCo.



Mrs Hetherton
SEND Co-ordinator



Mr Beatie
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Javed
Deputy Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Morse
Attendance Officer



Miss Sandhar
Pastoral Manager of Inclusion
Family Support Worker
CAP Co-Ordinator

An Ofsted Outstanding School



"President Kennedy School is committed to 'building brighter futures' for all. They embody this ambition wholeheartedly. Pupils are proud and happy to be a part of this inclusive and diverse school where they excel both academically and personally. The caring nature and positive relationships between pupils of all ages, and staff, is what makes this school such a special place to be."

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"The equality of opportunities resonates in everything the school does. All pupils have access to a complimentary breakfast, uniform, musical instrument lessons, residentials and trips throughout enrichment week. The school's vision of 'no barriers' is lived and breathed in all aspects of school life."

Ofsted



"The curriculum design is ambitious for all pupils. It is meticulously planned and sequenced and outlines the key concepts that pupils need to know from Year 7 to Year 13. Careful thought has been given to what pupils will learn, when they will learn it and how they will learn it."

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"Teachers routinely check pupils' understanding. When pupils do not understand tasks or if misconceptions arise, teachers use their expertise to adapt the learning. This enhances pupils' confidence and knowledge. The school has a sharp focus on developing oracy. Pupils are keen to engage in debates, discussions and to share their ideas in their lessons. They take pride in their work and achieve academic excellence."

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Being an Outstanding Bridge Learner means...



PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD WITH **PRIDE**

TAKING PRIDE IN YOUR UNIFORM

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

BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

- Knowing what lessons take place on a particular day

BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR HOMEWORK

- Using Class Charts to complete homework at home
- Using your Learning Toolkit to support you to complete your homework tasks independently

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)

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

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



Pride:

You prioritise the wellbeing of yourself and others, including the school, family and friends. You have a clear moral purpose and demonstrate self-control and discipline in your pursuit of it. You are proud to be a positive influence in our community.



Respect:

You exhibit excellent social intelligence, demonstrating selfcontrol and discipline in your interactions with others and the environment.

You consistently use appropriate manners and express gratitude to others. You prioritise the needs of others before your own and respect other people's views.



Involvement:

You demonstrate a keen interest in enriching and meaningful experiences. You are eager to acquire knowledge and new skills, and you are committed to making a valuable contribution to the community. You make the most of every opportunity you are given.



Determination:

You show resilience, independence, and positivity in overcoming obstacles to success. You never give up and are determined to achieve your goals. You overcome any barriers you may face no matter how challenging they are.



Excellence:

You aspire to consistently do your best, utilising relevant strategies and skills to achieve your goals.

You have a clear plan for achieving remarkable success both academically and personally so that you are prepared for life, academia, and work.

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 students welcome you!



Hello my name is Andre and I went to Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

On the first day of school, I had mixed emotions. I was partly nervous because I didn't really know anyone - and came from a smaller school, but I was also really excited.

As time went on, I settled in well. Joining clubs and teams is a great way to make new friends and experience new opportunities and challenges.

President Kennedy School has great activities to be a part of. I have represented the football, basketball and the rugby team; it has been great fun travelling around the West Midlands with new friends.



Hello my name is Gracie and I went to Parkgate Primary School.

When I first joined Year 7, I was very nervous about joining a new school. After a few days, I decided it was time to make new friends.

After a week at President Kennedy School, I started to get used to the new lessons and curriculum. I was very interested and intrigued about the dance and drama clubs. It was still early in the year so I wasn't sure about joining any clubs until I found out there were auditions going up for the Year 7 production!

Although I wasn't sure about auditioning, and very nearly didn't, I pushed my worries away and did it because it was such a big opportunity that I couldn't miss! I am so glad I did as I got the lead role! When I found out I was 'Mary Poppins', I was so excited and so happy that I really went for it. Year 5 and 6 from Parkgate came to watch...maybe you saw me! A couple of months later, the show was ready and it was incredible! It took a lot of dedication, hard work and effort, but it was a one-of-a-kind experience and it's even better to know they'll be more to come!



Hello my name is Alex and I went to Hill Farm Primary School.

When I joined Year 7, I was worried that there were only ten people from my school going to President Kennedy School. This made me super nervous and scared about how I would fit in.

There was nothing to worry about at all because I started making new friends straight away and they introduced me to more people and I started making lots of different friends.

There are also lots of enrichment opportunities and clubs at President Kennedy School, which gives you even more opportunities to meet new people and find new interests. Take the new opportunities such as football, rugby, basketball, netball, dance and coding! I'm sure there will be something that you will love to do.

President Kennedy School has offered me plenty of new opportunities and you are going to love it...I promise.

Our students welcome you!



Hello my name is Mike and I went to Moseley Primary School.

I am writing to tell you that The Bridge is an amazing place and there is absolutely nothing to be afraid of.

When I first stepped foot into President Kennedy School, my heart was pounding and I was still a bit nervous but, after a few days, everyone was friendly. I quickly realised it's not scary at all! Once I decided to explore all the opportunities President Kennedy School has to offer, those feelings were long gone.

In December, there were auditions for the Bridge Production of 'Mary Poppins Jr' and I got the main character - Bert! This was a huge milestone of my journey in Year 7. When it was showtime, I was nervous but the amazing Performing Arts crew helped us get through it.

In addition, I decided to go to President Kennedy football club and I was picked to play in the boys' football tournament where I made lots more new friends.

Overall, PK has been amazing and I am telling you, there's a lot more excitement coming your way when you get here!



Hello my name is Shannon and I went to Whitmore Park Primary School.

During the time that I had to prepare for arriving at President Kennedy School, I had a tornado of feelings swirling inside me. I knew that it was going to be different moving to a whole new school and that I hadn't experienced how it feels moving away from your friends. I was worried that first morning because I was thinking... what if I don't find anyone? Very soon, I started to meet lots of new friends on my journey in The Bridge.

In this school, there are many extra-curricular activities that you can enjoy such as Football, Rugby, Basketball, Trampolining and many more. There are also lessons that might be new to you such as Food Technology. As I started to settle in, I joined the girls school football team and I found some new friends. After I joined this club I realised that you will always find new friends here at President Kennedy School and you will always find something interesting to take part in; there will always be an activity just for you.

Another reason why I love this amazing school is the teachers. They will always try their hardest to help you with whatever you're struggling with.

We can't wait for you to start your journey here.



Hello my name is Billy and I went to Wheelwright Lane Primary School.

One thing that the school excels at is the opportunities and extracurricular activities available. For example, I joined the Year 7 council where we try to make The Bridge a better place for you. Also, I competed in the Youth Speaks Debate Club Competition. No matter what you enjoy, I am sure there will be a club for you!

A unique feature of this school is The Bridge, a place in the school dedicated to Year 7s only. While you may also explore the rest of the school in some lessons, the majority of your time will be spent in the Bridge. This allows you to transition slowly into the new environment of secondary school.

Finally, and my favourite part of President Kennedy School, is the learning and the teachers. The teachers are kind and understanding, and they want to help you succeed. The lessons are also fun, engaging, and enjoyable – they are also tailored to your knowledge and abilities so you can work to the best of your ability.

Overall, President Kennedy School is a wonderful place for you to go for secondary school as you will be safe and enjoy your time here. See you soon!

The Bridge Curriculum Overview



English	In Year 7 English, you will study a range of texts and genres that will allow you to find and develop your voice. Your studies will span from the origin of stories to how stories are told in the modern day, exploring the forms of plays, novels, poetry and non-fiction. You will be on your own personalised pathway where your teachers will be guiding you to read, write and speak with authority so that you have the tools to thrive at President Kennedy School.
Maths	In Year 7 Mathematics, you will continue your numeracy journey which started in primary school. Your studies will be deepening your knowledge of a range of concepts from number, algebra, geometry, statistics, probability, ratio and proportion and how they intertwine with each other. Mathematics is a universal subject and therefore you will continue to develop your ability to think, question and communicate like a mathematician.
Science	In Year 7 Science, you will study many different concepts; from tiny particles that make up everything around you to how energy is transferred around the world. In all three sciences we look at how to be a scientist, how to question the world around you and find the answers. In Biology we investigate how living organisms interact and the key processes of life. In Chemistry we explore what makes up our world and how particles can react. In Physics we consider the energy stores and transfers in our world and in everyday situations. Students also enjoy wider opportunities beyond the classroom, including Lego Club, Robot Club, learning about science in the real world, and taking part in national competitions.
Geography	In Year 7 Geography, your study will begin with our local area of Coventry to understand a range of geographical concepts including how people live and the reasons our settlement developed. You will continue your learning journey to explore the ways in which you are connected to the rest of the world and the implications of this on people around the world. Throughout this, you will develop the skills to think critically about the world we live in and how you can make a difference.
History	In Year 7 History, you will go on an exciting journey through two fascinating periods of British history. The first topic, "Power and the People in the Middle Ages," explores who held power in medieval society and what everyday life was like for ordinary people. You will discover the struggles, challenges, and important events that shaped this time. The second topic, "The World Turned Upside Down," takes you into the dramatic Tudor and Stuart periods, when England experienced huge changes in power, religion, and society. Throughout the year, you will take part in a variety of activities that will help you develop your writing and speaking skills, understand when and why events happened, and learn how to question and analyse historical sources like a real historian.
I.T	Get ready to dive into the amazing, fast-moving world of technology! Throughout the year, you'll explore the key hardware and software that power the digital tools you use every day. You'll build confidence using a range of IT programs and learn how to stay safe online through our E-Safety lessons. You'll also discover how a computer really works in our Computer Systems unit - lifting the lid on what makes technology tick. To top it all off, you'll take your first steps into the world of programming, learning the essential skills you'll need as you continue your IT journey beyond Bridge. We can't wait to see what you achieve!

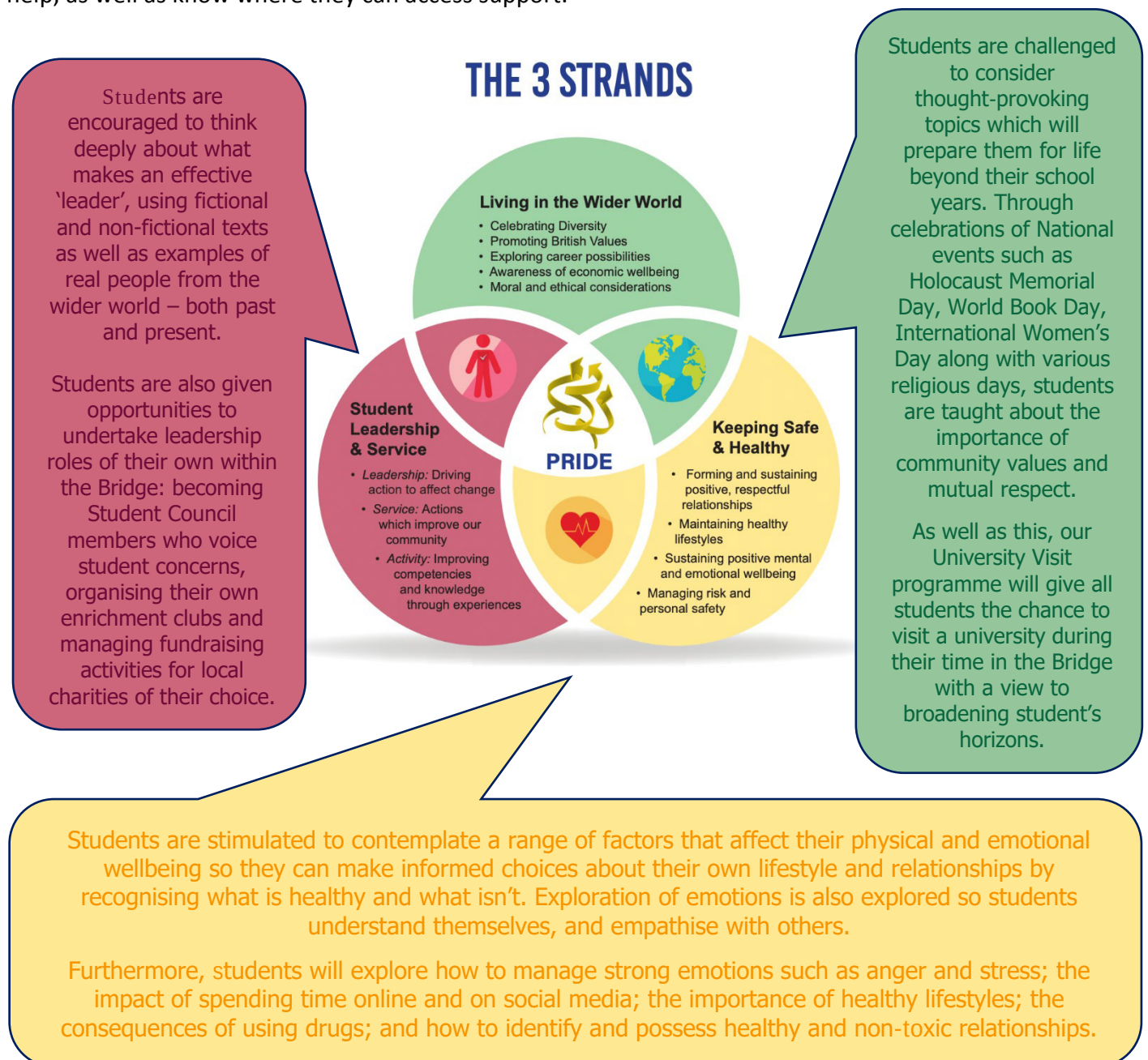


Spanish	Year 7 Spanish is exciting, fun and full of variety throughout the year. We start by concentrating on the phonics and play a wide range of games to ensure everyone is secure in the pronunciation of the language. We then continue with <i>Langlovision</i>, a singing competition in Spanish and start to develop reading and writing skills through song. After Christmas, we continue to learn the language through film and continue to develop our four main skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Our final topic in Year 7 is '<i>Home</i>' where you are taught how to discuss and write about your home and area. Our experienced staff will ensure you enjoy and excel in Spanish, and we look forward to meeting you all in September.
PE	In Year 7 PE, you will participate in a range of team and individual sports, where you will practice skills, take part in conditioned games and full sided games. You will develop your own personal fitness, begin to understand tactics and rules and understand how best to work as a team. There will also be the opportunity to represent the school in many different sports.
Technology	In year 7 Design and Technology, you will learn a range of different skills that will allow you to develop your creative abilities and deepen your understanding and precision of these, as well as various techniques . We will work on a number of projects exploring your skills in Textiles, Product Design and Food Technology.
Music	In Music, you will explore music styles and music skills development. You will develop performance, composition and music production skills and develop your knowledge and understanding of music, learning to play an instrument focusing on melodies, harmonies, rhythms using music notations whilst understanding the characteristics and features of different styles of music. You will also explore music through active listening, analysing concepts to develop your own appreciation for music. The Pop Band Group includes: Drums, Bass, Guitar, Keyboard and Vocals whilst the Orchestra / Jazz Band includes Violins, Cello, Trumpets, Clarinets, Saxophone, Flute, Keyboards and Bass Guitar.
Art	Within Art, Year7 Students study <i>Cubism</i> and learn about Picasso and his artwork. You will be taught the elements of drawing such as <i>Line and Tone</i> and you will be introduced to <i>Colour Theory</i>, learning about Primary Colours and Secondary colours. In addition to this you will be exploring the use of watercolour and acrylic paints to create your very own Cubist piece of art.
Performing Arts	Year 7 Performing Arts is a diverse and inclusive subject where all students can learn to be creative, confident and skilled performers. We offer a variety of topics both practically and theoretically to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of the different skills in dance, drama and vocal. Within performing arts, students get an opportunity to take a leap out of their comfort zone and gain an in depth understanding of how to be imaginative and communicate with peers in a unique and fun way.
RE	In Year 7 RE you will study two of philosophy's ultimate questions: Where did we come from? and How do we know right from wrong? By exploring a variety of religious stories, scientific explanations, atheistic and modern philosophers you will explore your own values and interpretations of the world around you and your place within it.

Our Bridge PSHE Curriculum

From the moment that pupils begin their journey in the Bridge at President Kennedy School, they will be exposed to our 'Three Strands' PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) curriculum, which enables students to become successful, happy, and well-rounded young adults who are ready to thrive in the wider world. The aim of our curriculum is to instil students with the skills and characteristics needed to make confident and informed decisions about their health, mental wellbeing, and relationships. The PKS 'Three Strands' curriculum is centred around three principal threads: **Living in the Wider World**, **Keeping Safe and Healthy** and **Student Leadership and Service**. At President Kennedy School, our PSHE is primarily delivered during morning tutor times, led by the student's tutor, who takes a principal role in pastorally supporting their tutees through positive relationships, as well as being part of class discussions in students' main curriculum subjects. In our curriculum, we have ensured that there are opportunities for verbal discussions and for pupils to consider applicable real-life scenarios so that they can reflect upon and apply the knowledge that they have gained.

Through our PSHE curriculum, which aligns with the recent Government Statutory Guidance, we aspire to support our pupils to develop resilience, emotional awareness and to know when and how to ask for help, as well as know where they can access support.



Making the Grade ... At GCSE and A Level



Another set of outstanding GCSE results in 2026

The vast majority of our Year 11 students will progress to President Kennedy School's Post 16 to study a vast range of academic and vocational courses. Last year, the school again achieved excellent examination results at A Level and GCSE, either well above the city and national averages or in-line. In 2026, President Kennedy School's GCSE results remained very strong with 65% of our students achieving the important measure of Grade 4 - 9 in both English and Maths.

"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."

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At A-Level, across all subjects, 23.2% of our students achieved the very top grade of A* Distinction*.

The average grade 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.



Post 16 Destinations 2026

In Year 13, this year 85% of our students achieved their first-choice university or apprenticeship, with 35% of our students achieving a place on the top ranking universities for their course.

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.

2026: Post 16 University Destinations

Aston University	City St George's London
University of Birmingham	Kings College London
Birmingham City University	Loughborough University
University of Bristol	University of Liverpool
Cambridge University	Nottingham Trent University
Coventry University	University of Sheffield
De Montford University	University of Surrey
University of Durham	University of Warwick
Keele University	University of Manchester
University of Leicester	University of Nottingham
Cardiff University	University of Wolverhampton
York University	

Professional Guidance



University Places Secured by President Kennedy School Leavers In 2026

Shanuja Elangeswaran	Kings College London	Natural Science
Vandana Thevakarunakaran	University Of Nottingham	Medicine
Tamara Amar	Newcastle University	Politics & International Relations
Zaiba Khan	Teaching Assistant	Apprenticeship
Nikky Antwi	Coventry University	Pharmacology
Aman Imran	City St George's University of London	Civil Engineering
Jacob Maltby	University of Manchester	Psychology
Yendi Bryan	University of Bristol	Law
Murtaza Ali	Aston University	Neuroscience
Zainab Bashardoust	University of Coventry	Sociology and Criminology
Kristina Popovic	University of Warwick	English Literature

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

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.

Our School Day



8.40 – Arrival Time	
Students should be in The Bridge	
Tutor Period	8.45 - 9.10
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
End of School Day	



Example Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Tutor Period - 8.45am to 9.10am				
Period 1	PE	Maths	IT	English	History
Period 2	RE	English	STEM	History	Geography
	Break				
Period 3	Food Tech	Music	English	Science	English
Lunch	Saxophone	Bridge Production Rehearsal	Homework Club	Badminton	Chess
Period 4	Math	RE	Math	PE	Languages
Period 5	Geography	Science	Reading Inference	Art	Maths
After School Enrichment	Dance	Crochet Club	Coding	GAPA	Sky Blues Football

Learning
Toolkit



A4 Student
Organiser



Complete
pencil case



Scientific Calculator



Reading
book


TheBridge

GIVE ME 5!

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



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME 12:20- 1PM	MULTI GYM Y9-13 (SG)	MULTI GYM Y9-13 (SG)	CRICKET Y7-13 (SG)	MULTI GYM Y9-13 (SG) TRAMPOLINING Y7-13 (STE)	MULTI GYM Y9-13 (SG) GIRLS BASKETBALL Y7-11 (MGI)
AFTER SCHOOL 3PM-4:15PM	FOOTBALL Y8 (LFJ) NETBALL Y7-11 (DM, STE, MGI) RUGBY Y7 (SG)	BADMINTON Y7-13 (DD) GIRLS FOOTBALL Y7-11 SKY BLUES	BASKETBALL Y7-11 (FC)	TRAMPOLINING Y7-13 (STE) GIRLS MULTI GYM Y9-13 (DM) RUGBY Y8,9,10 (SG)	SKY BLUES FOOTBALL 3:30-5PM SKY BLUES BASKETBALL 4:15-5:45

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

2026

Year 7 **Girls Football West Midlands Cup Winners**
Year 9 **Boys Football West Midlands Cup Winners**
U13 **Girls Football Coventry Cup Runners Up**
U15 **Girls Football Coventry Cup Runners Up**





SPORT AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL





Dates for your Diary

CHRISTMAS BREAK - Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

All students back in school - Monday 5th January



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The past two weeks have been full of festive joy and wonderful student experiences. I was incredibly proud of our students and staff and the experiences they provided our Senior Citizens at our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. The Senior Citizens loved the whole afternoon and joined in with the incredible entertainment provided by the Performing Arts Choir.

We also held our annual cookies & hot chocolate for our students to say well done over the past term.

President Kennedy School is truly special community and it is this time of year which exemplifies how wonderful our staff, students and families are.

We hope you have a wonderful festive period - a merry Christmas, if you celebrate this and a Happy New Year!
My thoughts and wishes with you and your families,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 10th December President Kennedy hosted its annual senior citizens Christmas meal. This event was attended by around 90 senior citizens from care homes in Coventry and they had a fantastic time eating a full Christmas dinner and enjoying the school choir as well as playing bingo and a raffle.

This event was organised by the Year 13 BTEC Business group as part of their coursework, and they did a fabulous job with the organisation of this event as well as our Year 9 Ambassadors who served the meals and chatted to our guests.

Mr Finlayson, Teacher of Business



Christmas Hampers



Thanks to all the staff at President Kennedy School who donated food for the Christmas hampers.

The food was dropped off to the Holbrooks Community Centre with the help of Sayla and Ava in Year 7, Riley in Year 8 and Chloe in Year 11.

The food will make up Christmas Hampers worth £45 and go to families over the festive season.

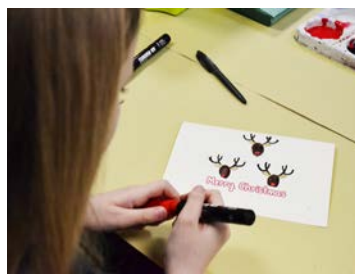
Miss Sandhar, Pastoral Manager



Christmas Cards Made in The Bridge

Students from a social/communication group who do art projects together and talk through their week in a relaxed, supportive environment have created displays for 'The Heart Space' and decorated cards and key rings as gifts for their families and teachers.

Miss Griffin, Leader of Literacy, The Bridge



PL Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month



Hali won the award for November. She has done really well this month by demonstrating natural leadership qualities and is learning how to express herself, whilst leaving space for others to have their say, also.

Students have been developing their ideas for the Inspires Challenge (This years theme is 'Young Peoples Mental Wellbeing'). One or two students in Hali's cohort have found the topic emotionally challenging and Hali has shown herself to be supportive whilst being brave enough to open up regarding her own challenges.

Hali's engagement as 'PL Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month' has been excellent and she has shown a level of curiosity and maturity in our session activities which is slowly rubbing off on the other students.

Ali Myton, Premier League Inspires Project Manager, Sky Blues in the Community

Baking All the Way to India

One of our lovely Y11 students, Kayla, is trying to raise £4000 to participate in a trip to India with Girlguiding Warwickshire.

A team of 20 girls and 5 adult volunteers will be going to visit Sangam, a Girlguiding World Centre, connect with other members of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) and take part in local projects during the three weeks of their stay. They will also be visiting Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal) and Jaipur.

In total each participant will need to raise £3,900 for this trip. Kayla was selected from 80 participants from across the Midlands.

Kayla has a 'Just Giving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kayla-hostead>. Please donate if you can!

Mrs Turner, Examinations Manager



Hot Chocolate & Cookies!

Hot chocolate and cookies were served to all year groups last week. Whilst students were waiting, they had a great time in the hall immersed in a Christmas sing-a-long! A well deserved treat for our students, and thank you to all who helped facilitate this event!



Christmas Pop-Up Fair

Students raised over £600 for different charities including [Zoe's place](#) and [Myton Hospice](#). Post 16 Events team organised it with year group student leadership teams supporting.

Mrs Murray, Director of Student Experience



A Great Big Christmas Tree!

Mr Milliner, President Kennedy School's Facilities Manager, asked our grounds maintenance company, Lakeside, to donate a Christmas tree back in September.

He was overjoyed when a 12ft tree arrived! Lakeside had gone above and beyond of what was expected.

Mrs Arnett, who is responsible for Student Leadership and Character in The Bridge, always arranges our tree decorations with the Year 7 student council and they did a great job!

Next year, we aim to go even bigger and better. Mr Milliner will be purchasing more decorations and safe lighting.

The feedback is that the tree is better situated in the canteen than our usual place in the main reception.

Mr Milliner, Facilities Manager



Gothic Book Pitch

Eight top-set Year 8 finalists showcased their Gothic book pitches after weeks of crafting atmospheric hooks, eerie imagery and confident delivery in lessons.

They presented their work to the other top-set groups and a special guest judge, creating a thrilling and competitive showcase of creativity.

Favour was crowned the winner for her fantastic content and passionate, captivating performance—well done!

Miss Irwin, Teacher of English



Examination Certificate Collection Dates

Examination certificates are ready for collection, and can be collected from the Visitor Reception, Monday to Friday, between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm during the following dates:

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Thursday 18th December 2025

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Friday 9th January 2026

Monday 12th January 2026

Thursday 15th January 2026

Friday 16th January 2026



FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Father Christmas and Me by Matt Haig

It isn't always easy, growing up as a human in Elfhelm, even if your adoptive parents are the newly married Father Christmas and Mary Christmas.

For one thing, Elf School can be annoying when you have to sing Christmas songs everyday - even in July - and when you fail all your toy-making tests. Also, it can get very, very cold.

But when the jealous Easter Bunny and his rabbit army launch an attack to stop Christmas, it's up to Amelia, her new family and the elves to keep Christmas alive. Before it's too late...



Stories to Share at Christmas by Scholastic

A heart-warming collection of your favourite Christmas classics that are sure to get you into the festive spirit.

Filled with tales of family, presents and all the joy that Christmas brings!

From frolicking goblins in the graveyards of Dickens' *The Pickwick Papers*, to the importance of giving gifts in the *Gift of the Magi*, this collection is the perfect Christmas book.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

Dates for your Diary

Year 11 Synoptic Assessments - Monday 2nd February to Friday 13th March
February Half Term break - Monday 14th February to Sunday 22nd February



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Last week saw an amazing Bridge production of Mary Poppins Jr with Year 7 students performing on stage to a sellout audience on Thursday and Friday - I felt incredibly proud of each and every student as I watched from the audience on both nights. The courage, resilience and talent they demonstrated was excellent and I'm excited to see how they will develop throughout the rest of their time in The Bridge.

These things do not happen by chance though and I must thank our incredible Performing Arts Department - Ms Walsh, Ms Danni and Ms Burr for their support and dedication - they do help Build Brighter Futures!

I'd also like to thank Mrs Moss for arranging a trip to the University of Cambridge for some of our Year 11 students. The feedback has been incredible and I'm grateful for the opportunity they have had.

Finally, I'm excited to welcome parents and carers into school on Thursday as part of our annual parent consultation day (PCD). This day is all about sharing the progress your child is making and ensuring we are doing all we can to support them Build a Brighter Future!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Mary Poppins Jr

Our Year 7 students demonstrated remarkable resilience in their recent production of Mary Poppins Jr. Throughout the rehearsal process, students faced new challenges, stepped outside their comfort zones, and showed determination as they learned lines, choreography, songs and staging.

Despite nerves, busy schedules, and the demands of working as a large ensemble, the cast supported one another and showed real perseverance. Their willingness to keep trying, take feedback on board, and work together resulted in fantastic, confident, performances that reflected just how much they had grown along the way.

The production was not only an entertaining show, but also a powerful example of resilience, teamwork, and commitment. Well done to all Year 7 students involved. Their hard work and positive attitude made the production truly 'practically perfect in every way'!

Thank you to all parents, carers and the wider community for joining us as an audience. Your presence, encouragement and support meant so much to the students and staff.

A massive thank you to the Performing Arts team for their hard work, time and support.

Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts



More pictures overleaf...



University of Cambridge - GCSE Lecture:

On Wednesday 21st January 2026, thirty Year 11 students enjoyed a prestigious visit to the University of Cambridge for a series of GCSE-focused lectures and seminars.

They attended a talk by Dr Fred Parker on the theme of fear in Macbeth, took part in an unseen poetry seminar with a PhD student, and explored the roots of the English language in an Old English lecture with Professor Richard Dance. The day ended with a very wet and windy tour of the campus,

including Clare College and the historic Trinity building. Staff at the university were hugely impressed by the students' confidence, oracy, and the PRIDE they demonstrated throughout.

We look forward to returning soon, so please keep an eye out for future opportunities.

Mrs Moss, Teacher of English



Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th July - Inset Day. Students not in school.

Tuesday 21st July - Summer holiday begins. Students back in school on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Our final newsletter of the year! And what a great edition to feature Sister Act.

As I mentioned last week, it was an excellent production and I am forever grateful for all the support and leadership from Ms Walsh and her amazing team. Our students are so talented. I'm a very proud headteacher!

This week, has also seen some wonderful enriching activities and seeing students make the most of these opportunities has been incredibly rewarding.

Oh, and I'm looking forward to our PK Summer Fair, too!

Have a wonderful summer - I shall write to you over the break to remind you about our starting times in September, when we return on Thursday 3rd September.

Have a lovely summer!,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Sister Act - A Celebration of Talent, Passion and Pure Joy!

Our whole-school production of Sister Act was nothing short of extraordinary. From the moment the curtain rose, our cast filled the stage with an energy, commitment and joy that was truly infectious.

What unfolded was a performance that captured the heart of our school community. The students delivered work of an exceptional standard. Their dedication throughout the rehearsal process was evident in every detail, and they should be immensely proud of what they achieved.

The audience response said it all. A standing ovation filled the theatre, celebrating not only the brilliance of the show but the hard work behind it. The atmosphere was electric, and the support from families, staff and friends created a night our

students will remember for years.

As Leader of Performing Arts, I could not be more proud. This production showcased the very best of President Kennedy School: teamwork, creativity, resilience and a belief in every young person's potential. Our students rose to the challenge magnificently, and their success is a testament to their spirit and determination.

Thank you to everyone who supported the production — your encouragement means the world to our performers.

We are incredibly proud of every single student involved. Sister Act was a triumph.

Miss Walsh Leader of Performing Arts





Futures Trust Arts Festival Celebrates Creativity

The Futures Trust Arts Festival brought together young people from across our 10 schools to celebrate creativity and our commitment to Building Brighter Futures. Over three days (7th - 9th July), 10 students from President Kennedy School joined 140 students from across the Trust to take part in workshops including music, spoken word, dance, art, physical theatre and film production.

Working with professional artists, students transformed their ideas into an original performance at the Albany Theatre.

The experience helped students build confidence, develop creative skills and explore the performing arts, showcasing the incredible talent, teamwork and imagination across our Trust community.

Miss Lobo, Teacher of English



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!'

Dheeraj Shivlal
Current Year 11 student

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.

Our President Kennedy School Uniform

We expect our students to wear our uniform with PRIDE!

Main Uniform and Essential Items

- Navy blazer with school logo
- White shirt or blouse (tucked in)
- President Kennedy School tie
- Straight or pleated navy skirt (knee length)
- Navy or mid-grey trousers (not skin tight or skinny)
- Plain navy/grey/black socks
- School bag of a suitable size (must be able to carry exercise books and equipment)
- Black school shoes (not trainers)

* Marked items below are provided to students at the start of the school year

Equipment

- Learning Toolkit *
- Calculator
- A4 Student Organiser *
- Reading book
- Complete pencil case (including: pens, pencils, rubber, protractor, ruler and compass)



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Optional Items include:

- Navy cotton cardigan with school logo
- Navy cotton jumper with school logo
- Plain navy or black hijab
- Plain navy or black turban
- An apron or protective clothing

WE DO NOT ALLOW:

- Leather or denim jackets, jeans, skin tight trousers or cycling shorts
- Trainers or pumps, boots, high-heeled or open toe shoes
- More than two items of jewellery including multiple piercings (no large hoop earrings are allowed)
- Facial or tongue piercings
- No smartwatches
- Extreme hairstyles or brightly coloured hair
- Skirts above the knee
- Branded/Sports socks
- Hoodies, sporting tracksuit tops and caps
- Excessive or brightly coloured make-up
- False nails/nail varnish (unless they are subtle/natural)

ALL BRIDGE STUDENTS RECEIVE A FREE BLAZER AND TIE VOUCHER

Our President Kennedy PE Kit

We expect our students to wear our uniform with PRIDE!



Kit and Essential Items:

- Navy quarter-zip top **or** tracksuit top **with** school logo
- Navy PE Polo Top with or without school logo
- Navy shorts
- Navy sports socks
- Trainers (not pumps)
- Football/Rugby moulded boots
(boys all years; girls for Years 7, 8 & 9). Please note moulded boots are essential to enable students to play on the school's 3G pitch)
- Hair tie or bobble (essential for health and safety purposes)

Optional Items include:

- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms with or without school logo
- Plain navy leggings with or without school logo
- Navy skort with or without school logo
- Gum shield for rugby
- Shin pads for football

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

All uniform items are available to purchase from:

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Coventry
CV6 1DY
Tel: 02476 598080
<http://www.clivemark.co.uk>



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1-3 The Burges, Coventry
CV1 1HN
Tel: 02476 555499
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Introduction to Class Charts for Parents of Year 7 Students

Parents can use Class Charts to keep track of their child's [behaviour](#), access their weekly [timetable](#), view assigned [homework](#) tasks, track scheduled [detentions](#), report an [absence](#), complete [consent forms](#) and view [announcements](#) from school.

If parents have more than one child, they can access Class Charts information about their children from a single, centralised parent account.

Class Charts for parents can be accessed via the [website](#), or through [iOS](#) and [Android](#) apps.

Step 1: Logging into Class Charts (From September 2024)

Download the Class Charts Parent App using the QR code or searching on the App Stores. The Enter the Parent Code provided by the school in September.



Log in

Teacher
Parent
Student

Enter your email:
Email address

☒ I already have an account
Forgot password?

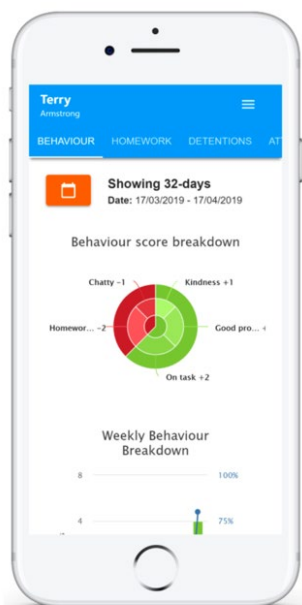
Enter your password:
Password (not access code)

☐ I don't have an account yet

☐ Remember me
Log in

Step 2: You can then check Homework, Detentions, Attendance, Report Absences Complete Consent Forms and receive Announcements

Behaviour

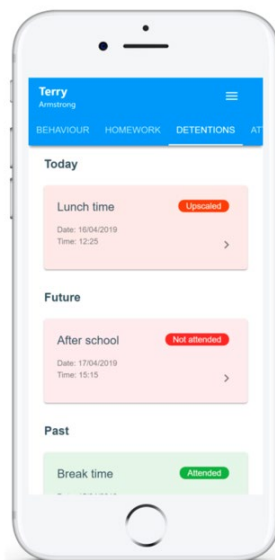


Thursday 11 July

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Reading awarded by Mr B Butterfield in 10A/Ar1.
09:20

-1 Terry Armstrong
Off task awarded by Mr B Butterfield in 10A/Ar1.
Disrupting the lesson
09:00

Detentions



After school **Not attended**

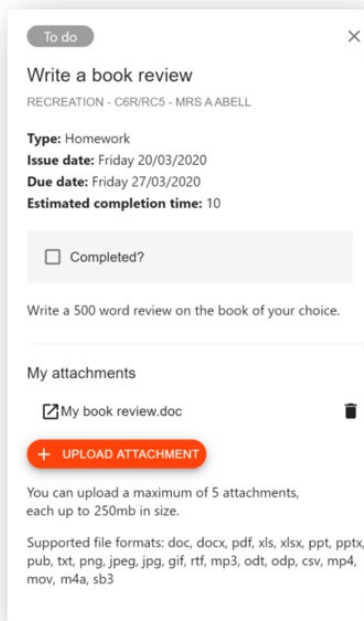
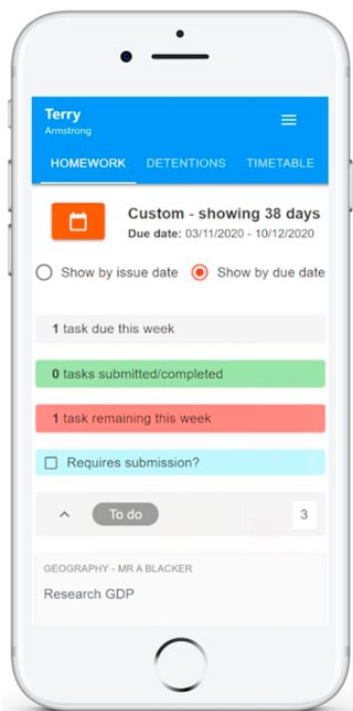
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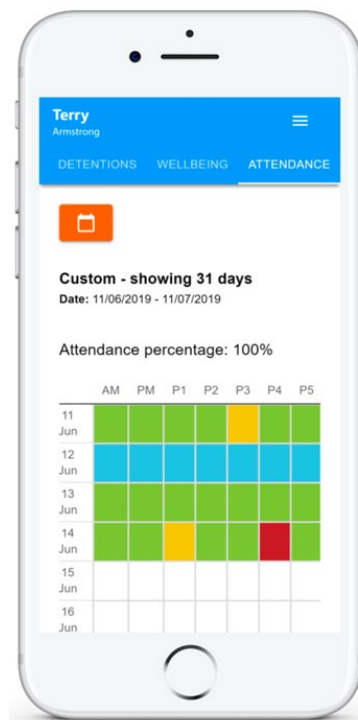
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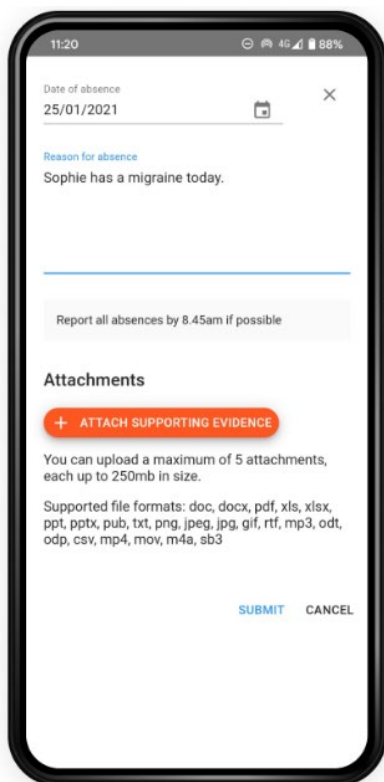
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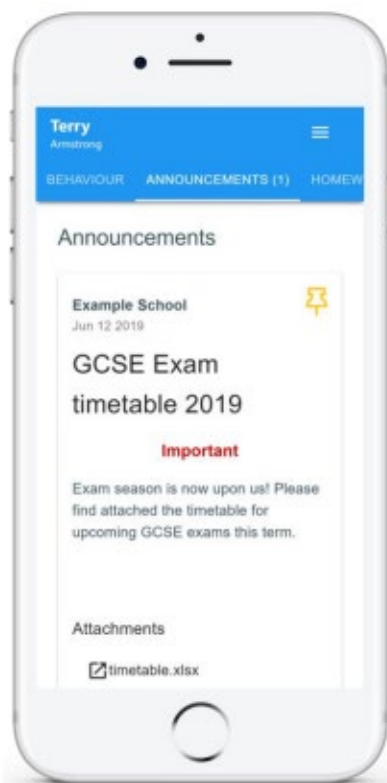
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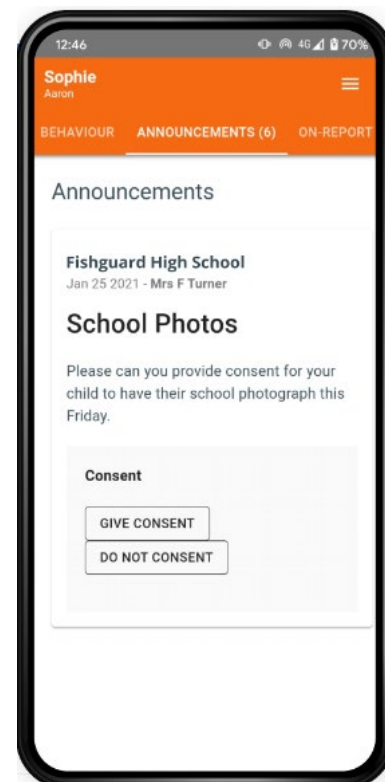
Reporting Absences



Announcements



Consent Forms



If you have any problems and questions on how to use Class Charts please contact the College Team.

Pay online...
for peace of mind



A convenient way to pay

Parents can now book and pay securely online for a range of items using a debit/credit card or through PayPoint. Paying online gives you the peace of mind that comes with knowing that your money reaches the school safely.

Pay online for

- School meals
- Trips
- And other items

How to pay online...

- Step 1 - Have your activation letter ready
- Step 2 - Login at www.parentpay.com
- Step 3 - Follow instructions to activate account
- Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'

“No more having
to look for change
or writing cheques.
It's so easy now”

ParentPay Parent

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

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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