

President  
Kennedy  
School



*Building Brighter Futures*



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. Over 70% 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 2021.



# A Magnificent Year 7!

**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 11 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.

**Mrs Alexander-Weller,  
Director of the Bridge**

"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**



## 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 weaknesses 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 quickly placed in sets according to their ability in English and Maths.

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 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 and 'Matilda Jr' in 2022.

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

- Rugby
- Cricket Academy
- Tennis
- Netball Academy
- Athletics
- Judo
- Basketball
- Trampolining
- 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
- Nessy 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 Mrs Alexander-Weller, 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 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



**Mrs Alexander-Weller**

## Director of The Bridge

Mrs Alexander-Weller oversees the provision and performance within The Bridge, ensuring that every student achieves their potential and demonstrates outstanding character in everything they attempt.

Mrs Alexander-Weller 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 works closely with subject departments to ensure that all students are both supported and challenged in their learning.



**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.

# The Bridge Team



**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.



**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 Sharp**

**Learning Mentor**

Mrs Sharp works closely with students to identify any personal barriers to learning and liaises with teachers to explore personalised strategies that could help students be more successful in the classroom.

Mrs Sharp's intervention support is personalised and can come in many forms.

It can range from supporting communication strategies, helping students self-regulate or building self-esteem. This can be within small groups or 'one to one' sessions.

# 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.



**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)



**Miss Conelly-Jones**  
Teaching Assistant



**Ms Banova**  
Teaching Assistant

# 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).

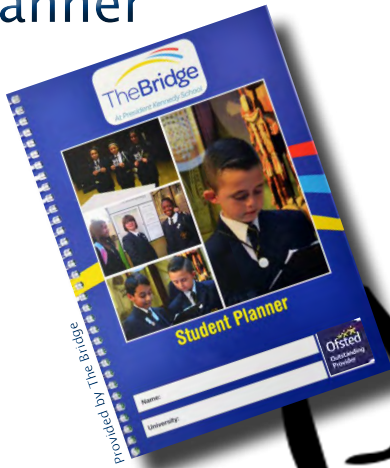
## TAKING PRIDE IN YOUR LEARNING

- 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.

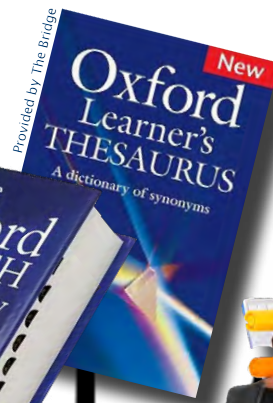
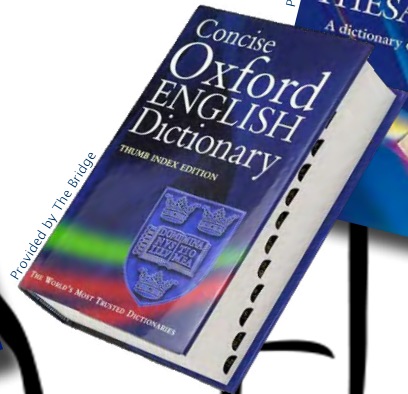
## BEING PUNCTUAL

- 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

<i>8.40 – warning bell</i>	
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	



# Our students welcome you!



**Hello my name is Izzy Wheeler and I went to Whitmore Park School.**

On my first day I was quite nervous and thought that I wouldn't be able to find my way around, but there were a lot of people around to help me.

There are many great opportunities at President Kennedy School, for example, we produced a show (*Matilda*) and it was an incredible experience.

There are also a lot of sports to play and you could be involved in participating in games and tournaments.

My advice for you would be try not to be shy and to ask for help, because all of the teachers are friendly.

Good luck in your transition!



**Hello my name is Sruthika Subash and I went to Parkgate School.**

When I was in primary school, we were talking about moving into secondary school. I felt very nervous and very scared but I could ask teachers for help.

If I was going to give advice to the new Year 7's, then I would say ask for help if you need it, don't sit without asking.



**Hello my name is Cyrus Mathur and I went to Hollyfast Primary School.**

If I'm honest, I was nervous on the first day of school, I was greeted with an amazing amount of kindness from the staff in The Bridge.

My first day of school was truly a memorable day. I was treated with kindness and respect and I felt genuinely welcomed.

Since being here, I've joined lots of clubs such as Dodgeball and Cricket. I've also been on some trips, such as visiting an elderly lady at a local care home, who had just turned 102!

President Kennedy School is amazing and goes by so fast, I'm almost in Year 8 and it's only felt like a month since I first came here!

I hope you enjoy your time in The Bridge.

# Our students welcome you!



**Hello my name is Harvey Devlin and I went to Keresley Newland School.**

When I came to President Kennedy School I was worried I'd be alone, but then people started to talk to me and now I have made lots of friends.

My first day was a surprise because my primary school was quite small compared to this school.

During my time in The Bridge, I have met Mary, who has not long turned 102 years old in a local nursing home, I have made an appearance in the school football team and raised money for charity in a cake sale.

It is a pleasure to learn in The Bridge because it has phenomenal teachers, surroundings and many great students. If you are nervous or worried about being here, just be yourself and try and join any of the activities on offer, such as football, Rugby or The Bridge council.



**Hello my name is Ella-Adora Adejinmi and went to Whitmore Park Primary School.**

Before attending President Kennedy School I was a student in Whitmore Park Primary school.

President Kennedy School has been amazing. It was hard at first to fit in and make new friends but this school has helped me so much.

I was able to be a part of the The Bridge production 'Matilda' and I loved it.

The advice I would give to any Year 6 student joining the school is to be good and show pride.



**Hello my name is Nilash Neil and I went to Parkgate Primary School.**

There are many opportunities and clubs such as dodgeball, football, rugby, netball and homework club (also, all clubs are free). There is an opportunity to join the school council and attend Performing Arts.

In tutor time, we have learnt about the '9 protected characteristics', online safety, different religions and we have been inspired by various career choices. You can also get positive points to get prizes from the reward shop.

If you are anxious or need help, you can go to teachers such as Mrs Alexander, Mrs Arnett, Mr Townsend or Mr Winterton.

My advice is try not to get worried. When you get to this school, listen to the rules and always respect your teacher. The final thing I would like to say, is to never give up!



## 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!**'

Dheeraj Shivlal

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



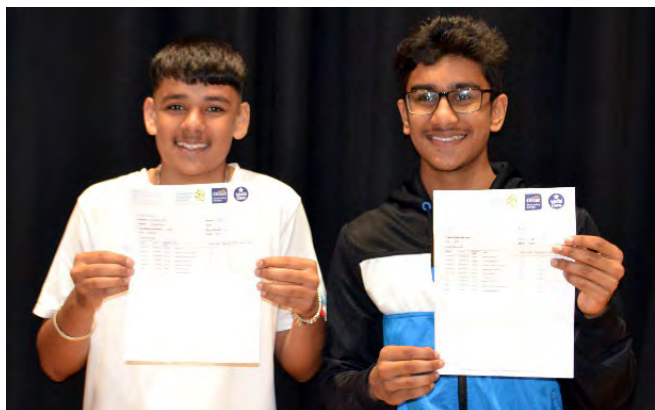
Another set of outstanding GCSE results in 2022.

In 2022, President Kennedy School's GCSE results were incredibly strong for another year, with 65% of students achieving at least five GCSEs at grade 4+ including English and Maths. Student performance at 7+ was as strong as ever, with 16% of students achieving five or more 7+ grades. 70% of our students achieved a strong pass in both English and Maths, well above city figures.

This year's results were the first exams results since 2019 and we are very proud that we exceeded every attainments measure compared to 2019.

Based on these results, and results from the past four years, students at President Kennedy School typically achieve at least a third of a grade higher across their subjects than would be expected nationally.

The strength of these results means we have welcomed record numbers of students into Post 16 courses this year. The vast majority of our Year 11 students have progressed onto Level 3 courses for this academic year. We are very proud to offer a diverse range of Level 3 courses and be fully inclusive of students of all abilities in our Post 16 Select provision.



*"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**

Our A level results are especially pleasing this year and we are incredibly proud of our highly aspirational destinations for our Year 13 students. We are an inclusive Post 16 and we welcome a very high proportion of year 11 students to study in Post 16 Select. Given the strength of these results, all our students who applied to join Higher Education courses succeeded in securing an offer, with 97% of them securing their first-choice place.



All students who have chosen to apply to apprenticeships or positions in employment have secured high quality places.

50 % of our students have secured places at top ranking 'Russell Group' universities and 70% of students secured places at 'Top 50' Universities. This year saw our greatest number of students gaining places on medicine and dentistry courses at highly prestigious universities such as Birmingham University and Clare College Cambridge University.

We are also delighted to have secured our first Harvard University student. Congratulations to Zak Adams who has already flown out to Boston in America to start his university course.





# Post 16 Destinations 2022

A very high percentage of our students choose to stay with us and study in Post 16. In 2022 every student who applied to higher education gained a place and the majority of our students secured their first choice place at university. 50% students secured places at top ranking 'Russell Group' universities and 70% of students secured places at 'Top 50' Universities.

## 2022: Post 16 University Destinations

Aston University	Lincoln University
University of Birmingham	Liverpool University
Birmingham City University	Liverpool Hope University
University of Brighton	Loughborough University
Bournemouth University	London School of Economics
Cambridge University	Manchester Metropolitan University
Coventry University	Northampton University
Derby University	Nottingham University
Durham University	Nottingham Trent University
Hertfordshire University	UCL
Imperial College London	University of Plymouth
Keele University	University of Sheffield
Leicester University	University of Warwick
Leicester DMU	
Harvard University	

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

Zak Adams	Harvard	Mathematics
Kush Patel	Oxford	Physics
Gagandeep Basi	Universidad Europea, Spain	Medicine
Ellen Boakye	University of Nottingham	Law
Zac Bousseta	Aston University	Law
Lilia Dappah	Brunel University	Economics and Maths
Eesha Gupta	University of Sheffield	Engineering
Ella Luisa	LJM University	Mental Health Nursing
Yaasir Warsame	Birmingham University	Accounting & Finance
Jade Rose	Apprenticeship	Police

## Professional Guidance



**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.





# SPORT AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL





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

**Sport and Physical Education Timetable- Autumn Term 2022 - Trainers must be worn at all times in the sportshall, no shoes allowed!!**

	Before School	Lunch Time	Afterschool
Monday		Boys and Girls Year 9 – P16 Multi Gym Mr Secondino  Girls Football All Years Sports Hall Miss Newbold	Girls Netball Academy Year 7, 3pm–4:30pm Miss Michell and Miss Twite  Boys Rugby Academy Year 8 3pm – 4:30pm Mr Garlick  Boys Football Academy Year 7, 3pm – 4pm Mr Ross
Tuesday	Cardio Club Year8 7.45-8.15am Mr Garlick	Boys and Girls Year 9 – P16 Multi Gym Mr Sinclair  Badminton All Years Sports Hall Miss Michell	Cricket Academy Sports Hall, All Years, 3.15pm – 4.30pm Mr Barker Warwickshire CCC
Wednesday		Indoor Cricket Sportshall All Years Mr Garlick	Boys Year 10 and 11 Football Academy 3pm – 4.30pm Mr Sinclair  Girls Football Academy All Years, 3pm – 4.30pm Miss Newbold  Basketball Academy Year 8 and 9 Boys and Girls Sportshall Mr Secondino  Boys Rugby Academy Year 7 3pm – 4.30pm Mr Garlick
Thursday		Basketball Boys and Girls Year 7 Sports Hall Mr Secondino  Boys and Girls Multi Gym Year 9-P16 Mr Garlick	Girls Netball Academy Year 8 and 9, 3pm – 4.30pm Miss Michell and Miss Twite  Boys Football Academy Year 8 and 9, 3pm – 4.30pm Mr Garlick  Girls Football Academy All Years, 3pm – 4.30pm Miss Newbold  Badminton All Years Boys and Girls Sportshall Mr Sinclair
Friday	Cardio Club Year8 7.45-8.15am Mr Garlick	Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall Mr Sinclair	Basketball Academy Year 10 – P16 Boys and Girls Mr Secondino  Basketball All Years, Boys and Girls, 4.15pm – 5.45pm Sky Blues in the Community

**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

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**







# PERFORMING ARTS: YOUR TIME TO SHINE!



## Performing Arts Opportunities 2022-2023

	School Day- DANCE STUDIO	Afterschool & Evening- DANCE STUDIO
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Production rehearsal – Invitation only Year 7 – Choir	Singing club – 3-4pm – ALL YEARS Godiva Academy of Performing Arts-GAPA (5-8.15pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Production- Rehearsals- Invitation only	Dance club- 3-4pm – ALL YEARS Godiva Academy of Performing Arts-GAPA (5-8.15pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Production- Rehearsals- Invitation only Choreography/Creation club	Drama club – 3-4pm – ALL YEARS Godiva Academy of Performing Arts -GAPA (5-8.15pm)
<b>Friday</b>	Performing Arts – council meeting- Invitation only	Production rehearsal-Invitation only
<b>Saturday</b>	Godiva Academy of Performing Arts – 3-9years (10-2:30pm)	

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

**This year's productions:**

- The Performing Arts Academy – SHOWCASE- Back in the Spotlight
- The Bridge Production
- Whole school production

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

If you would like more information or to take part in any of our fantastic opportunities please contact Miss Kelly Walsh

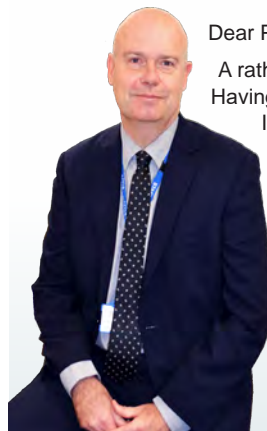
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## Dates for your Diary

Last day of term Friday 22nd July - Students finish at 1:30pm  
Summer Break commences - Monday 25th July to Tuesday 6th September 2022 (Return to school on Wednesday 7th September)



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A rather emotional moment for me this week signing off for my final newsletter as Head teacher.

Having said, there is so much to celebrate this week, so it feels like a fitting last one.

It feels especially fitting given that it celebrates our status as a 'World Class School' and in doing so, profiles many of our wonderful World Class students; my congratulations to you all.

I must make special mention of Gracie in Year 10 for her multiple nominations and successes - well done Gracie, we are all proud of you.

Our Year 7 girls have won a highly competitive City Rounders competition and at the other end of the school, we say congratulations and farewell to Zak Adams who is on his way to Harvard...if that's not World Class,

I don't know what is!

Finally, our whole school production provided a wonderful night for all last Thursday, especially a rather emotional Head teacher at the end. As usual, the cast were amazing.

***Thank you everyone for everything, it has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege.***

Wishing you all a great summer break,

**Mr Clayton, Headteacher**

## World Class Schools' Symposium 2022 - President Kennedy School Re-awarded World Class Quality Mark accreditation

On 6th July 2022, President Kennedy School was re-awarded World Class Schools Quality Mark re-accreditation at an Awards Ceremony at St Marylebone School, having successfully passed a rigorous student-led assessment process to prove they have consistently maintained a World Class standard of education since their last accreditation assessment two years ago.

The premise is that if our school is truly World Class, then our students should be able to demonstrate this in whatever context they find themselves. A HUGE thank you to all of our amazing students who were involved in this year's re-accreditation at the assessment centre: Gracie Fitzsimons (Year 10), Cyrus Mathur (Year 7), Ethan Moongo (Year 8), Abshara Piratheeban (Year 8), Finlay Lomas (Year 8) and Arya Bassi (Year 9). Another massive thank you goes to the following students who submitted all of their achievements this year to the WCS desktop app: Jayden Thorpe (Year 10), Serena Bassi (Year 7), Eleanor Whitelock (Year 9), Srinithi Thavarasa (Year 8), Cordellia Akata (Year 8), Tanishka Siva (Year 10), Apinayaa Ramanan (Year 8) and Kayla Milbourne (Year 7).

*"We're incredibly proud of every student who represented their school and were delighted to have the opportunity to thank them and award them in person at the Awards Ceremony."* **Miranda Perry, Director of WCSQM.**

At the Awards Ceremony, students were invited to collect their schools' reaccreditation plaque, and there were also awards for student participation in the Student Character Campaign and other fantastic opportunities throughout the year.



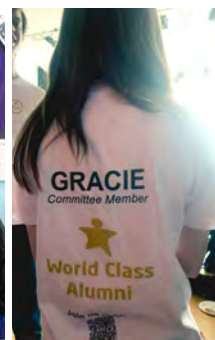
Both Holly Delaney and Gracie Fitzsimons were shortlisted for the WCS Assessor of the Year award – both students plan to assess other schools over the next couple of years to ensure that other schools across the country are classified as World Class.

Shanice Rogers, Caitlyn McLaughlin Wood and Kara Gough were also shortlisted for the Student of the Year award for their fantastic efforts within school this year. Kara was presented with a certificate because she always ensures the sophistication and formality of her language through the use of her ACES sentence starters which allow her to contribute in a more professional way.

Caitlyn and Shanice were awarded because they have shown extreme organisation and methodical planning skills this year when they helped to co-ordinate the technical stage effects of our Year 8 Shakespeare 'The Taming of the Shrew' production, alongside the University of Warwick.

However, Gracie Fitzsimons achieved the award for the overall Student of the Year for her commitment to all six World Class characteristics. Gracie is the epitome of a World Class student. In her WCS Alumni committee role as the Chair of Human Sciences, Gracie independently launched the new World Class Futures campaign this year and she has somehow also found time to participate in the WCSQM Assessment Centre representing her school. It is our World Class students that make our school truly World Class!

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## World Class Schools' Symposium 2022 - President Kennedy School Re-awarded World Class Quality Mark accreditation *Continued...*

On the day of the symposium this year – as well as the awards presentation – students also had the chance to participate in a number of workshops and debates centered around the following theme: *how can we use social media as a force for good?*

Students from different schools had the chance to explore different Sustainable Development Goals with the help of experts and each-other. In the context of social media, they discussed potential solutions to big problems like global hunger, conflict and environmental degradation. Our students explored how social media could be used as a tool to promote peace and social justice. Our PKS team created a concept board for an initiative called '#AbortLies' which looked to eradicate fake news around gender equality and inequality. Our students truly showed themselves to be World Class and presented their ideas to the other schools within their group.

*"The annual Symposium was an incredible chance to develop skills of networking and teamwork. As Chair of Human Sciences at the WCSQM Alumni Association, part of my role was to encourage Alumni recruitment. Therefore, during the day I networked with various students and staff members, encouraging their voices to be heard through the*

*opportunities available within the Alumni Association. During the awards ceremony I was nominated for all of the awards available including Assessor of the Year, Student Workplace Characteristic and Accreditation Team of the Year. Additionally, I won Student Character of the Year and was greeted with Qualified Assessor's Award. I particularly enjoyed the day as it was an opportunity to get to know new people and promote campaigns such as World Class Futures which I have pioneered."* - **Gracie Fitzsimons (Year 10)**

*"The symposium gave us the chance to share our opinions about world issues amongst professionals from various lines of work as well as meet like-minded students from across the country. I collected my award for being a world class assessor and received recognition for reaching the shortlist for 'Assessor of the Year'."* - **Holly Delaney (Year 12)**

*"The World Class Schools symposium provided me with the opportunity to meet, listen to and interact with people with varying skill sets, and to learn about how they use their experience in a variety of fields to talk about and solve real problems, whilst encouraging us to get involved ourselves."* - **Bradley Gostick (Year 12)**



### Year 7 Rounders City Champions!

The U12 rounders teams arrived at the tournament with the knowledge of fierce competition ahead. The competition was tough, but our Year 7's played like they never had before and with each game secured a win, beating 5 schools to get through to the semi-finals against King Henry VIII school.

The team was nervous but determined. They gave a tremendous performance and ended up winning the match by 2 rounders to take us to the final against Bablake School.

The team gave a sensational performance (Miss Truman cried with joy) in the final and won against Bablake school! This made our team City champions and they have made **President Kennedy School history** by being the first Year 7 team to win this competition!

Special mention must go to Captain Lacey Rowley who did a fantastic job motivating and leading the team and Sydney Jones who got player of the match for every game!

Well done all for this *fantastic* achievement!

**Miss Truman, P.E Department**



### Zak - Harvard Bound!

On the 31st of December 2021, I officially sent off an application to Harvard. After just over 3 months of waiting, a big red box appeared on my application screen: "There has been an update to your application status.". Then, with one click, the box changed and was replaced by "#Congratulations2026".

I had just been accepted to Harvard!

Having been accepted on April 1st, it was only 3 weeks later until I first stepped into Harvard square, for 'Visitas', the accepted student weekend. I was able to meet classmates, current students, and faculty; I was also fortunate to take a tour around Widener Library and attend lectures!

My application to Harvard stemmed from my desire to keep breadth and depth integrated within my studies. While I still applied to the UK for mathematics, and I still aspire to obtain a degree (a *major* in America) in mathematics, I also aim to gain another qualification in history to show my passion and versatility in both STEM and humanities. I cannot wait to spend the next 4 years of my life as a Harvard student, continuing to learn and experience things I never previously saw possible!

**Zak Adams, Year 13 Student**





## We Will Rock You - A Sell Out Success!

The cast of 90 students performed **We Will Rock You** - young @parts at The Albany Theatre to a sold-out audience last Thursday. The atmosphere was amazing! The students were professional, kind and a joy to work with. The talent shown was incredible!

Such an amazing evening finished off with very special performance from staff and students to thank Mr Clayton for being a great headteacher and to wish him well on his retirement. Thanks to all that came to watch! We're extremely proud of every student who took part. MASSIVE WELL DONE!

*Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts*





## Chabeel Day



To celebrate 'Chabeel Day', President Kennedy School Year 8 and Year 9 students helped distribute cold drinks to students as they left school for the day.

The drinks were kindly donated by the charity *Langar Aid* in celebration and to commemorate the sacrifice of the 5th Sikh Guru, Guru Arjun Dev Ji. Chabeel Day is celebrated all around the world by Sikhs.

This to remind us that we must always rise above adversity and challenging times (Chardi Kala) and to turn a negative into a positive.

**Ms Birdee, Year 8 Pastoral Leader**



## Cambridge Professor Inspires Students

Almost 50 of our students from Years 10, 11 and Post 16 attended a recent presentation given by Professor Tim Chesters from Clare College, Cambridge.

He spoke to our students who are interested in applying to Oxbridge and other high-tariff universities and in particular the importance of having a strong, well-structured Personal Statement to support their application. He emphasised the need for students to engage in super-curricular study, that is, to study their subjects in greater depth. This can be done in a number of ways such as listening to podcasts, reading articles and journals, watching TED Talks, watching webinars, doing MOOCs, etc.

Many suggestions for these can be found on *Unifrog*, our fantastic careers platform that all of our students have access to. A number of our students in the past have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge and we hope this presentation has inspired many more to consider this as an option.

**Mrs Fawcett, Careers Leader**



## The Library

At President Kennedy School

## Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

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

### **Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari**

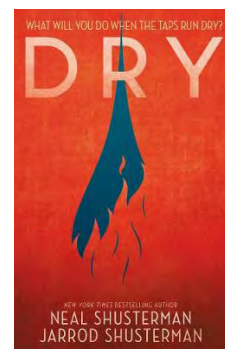
Two children must risk everything to escape their fate and find the impossible... Kairos City was beautiful once, before the storm. Now the flowerbeds are built over with brick, the bees are long gone and children are sent to Freedom Fields to pollinate crops by hand for the good of the nation. Eleven-year-old Shifa knows her twin Temba won't survive this harsh existence for long: they have to escape. But then she uncovers an impossible secret. If she can protect it on their perilous journey home, Shifa could change everything.



### **Dry by Neal Shusterman**

When the water runs out in their state and their parents vanish, Alyssa and her brother seek the help of their neighbour and attempt to survive.

The drought - or the tap-out, as everyone calls it - has been going on for a while. Life has become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't take long showers, don't panic. But now there is no water left at all. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation and violence. When her parents go missing, she and her younger brother must team up with an unlikely group in search of water.



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

**Library Staff**



Have a **great** Summer Break from all the staff at President Kennedy School and we wish Mr Clayton a **very, very happy retirement; we will miss you!**

See you all in September!



**Dates for your Diary**

Open Evening - Thursday 22nd September 4:30pm to 7:30pm



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am absolutely delighted to welcome students back to school after their summer break.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you as parents/carers for the support you have provided which ensured students have returned so well.

They all looked incredibly smart and showed exceptional PRIDE in how they have begun their new school year. A special mention to our new Year 7s who have already settled so well.

We look forward to another successful year at President Kennedy School and build upon the excellent success stories and superb exam results from the summer.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## WELCOME YEAR 7!



What an impression Year 7 have made so far. Our new Year 7 arrived looking absolutely wonderful in their President Kennedy blazers.

They have already demonstrated great independence, maturity, as well as showcasing our school ethos of PRIDE through impeccable manners, resilience in adapting to their new

environment and their kind attitude towards each other. I can honestly say it already feels like they have been here for months. What a truly amazing year group.

I look forward to seeing them thrive with us here in The Bridge.

**Mrs Alexander-Weller, Director of the Bridge**





## Students Revel in Exam Success!

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who achieved another set of excellent exam results.

Year 11 exceeded 2019 exam results (the last set of exam results) on every attainment measure and 70% of our Year 13 students have secured places in the top 50 universities in the country. 95% secured their first choice destination at either university or apprenticeship. Congratulations!

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

Our P16 students did *phenomenally* well this year.

Nearly all students have gone onto positive destinations including university, apprenticeships and employment.

This is an outstanding achievement considering the unique context of these students.

Their resilience in tough times has been made possible by the relationships with staff and the support they have given.

Thank you for all your help in allowing these students to build brighter futures.

**Mrs Mitchard, Director of Post 16**



*Building Brighter Futures*



# 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



# CELEBRATING Coventry schools

## PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL



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



# 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>



### 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**

## PE/Games Kit

### Essential Items

Navy and gold rugby top with or without school logo ( <b>boys</b> )
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



### Optional Items

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms with or without school logo
Navy tracksuit top with school logo ( <b>girls</b> )
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

- Leather or denim jackets, jeans, leggings or jeggings, skin tight, skinny or cropped trousers
- Trainers or pumps, boots, canvas shoes, high heeled shoes, open toe shoes
- More than one item of jewellery, including multiple piercings (earrings must be small studs only, barbell earrings are not permitted)
- Facial piercings, tongue piercings
- Brightly coloured scarves, headbands, socks or belts
- T-shirts visible under shirts
- Extreme hair styles or brightly coloured hair
- Excessive or brightly coloured make up, including coloured nail varnish, acrylics or artificial nails, false eyelashes or eyelash extensions
- Skirts that are above the knee
- Hoodies, sporting or tracksuit tops and baseball caps

**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)



**Andy Blair Sports & Schoolwear**  
88-90 Barkers Butts Lane, Coventry CV6 1DY  
Tel: 02476 598080  
<http://www.andyblairschoolwear.co.uk/>



The background of the entire image is a photograph of several students in a classroom. They are wearing dark blue school uniforms with white shirts and striped ties. A girl in the foreground is looking towards the right, while others are slightly out of focus in the background. A book titled 'Coll' is visible on a desk in the lower right.

# 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.





**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

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- 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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