

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th February - Year 9 Options Evening 6pm to 7pm
Year 11 Synoptics Exams - Monday 6th February to Friday 3rd March 2023
Half Term Holiday - Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What an amazing night at the Music Showcase event on Tuesday. The range of talent literally took my breath away. Congratulations to all performers and to Mr Channer, Mr Layton, Mrs Camby and Miss Walsh for their incredible dedication to the students and all staff who supported the event.

We also acknowledge the academic achievements of Year 11 this week as their exams approach and also the Year 7 Public Speaking Team - well done all.

Please see the link to the Parent/Carer survey - we would welcome your feedback on your child's experience here at President Kennedy School. Thank you - your views are important to us.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Music Showcase 2023

On Tuesday night President Kennedy School held it's first Music Showcase since 2019. Students across all years showcased their talent; starting with a Year 7 Samba percussion piece, followed by a variety of modern pop classics including Nirvana and Amy Winehouse, to a jazz ensemble and classical pieces. All students have worked *incredibly* hard to get to this point - some had only started playing their chosen instruments at the beginning of the year!

The music department would like to thank every student and member of staff involved in the Music Showcase for their hard work and commitment. The event was received with rapturous applause, the performances were truly inspirational!

A wonderful evening from our talented musicians. Thank you!

Mr Channer, Leader of Music



More photos overleaf...

Music Showcase continued...



Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Year 7 students, Gurangad, Dara and Bisma from The Bridge represented President Kennedy School at The Rotary Youth Speaks Competition on Friday 27th January at Bablake School.

They had to argue for and against a motion: '**Society has become too dependent on Technology**'.

They all did a fantastic job in working together to argue their points and the team came second overall. They also managed to win some of the individual prizes - Dara for Best Chairperson and Bisma for Best Individual Speaker. It was an amazing night - Well done all!

Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge

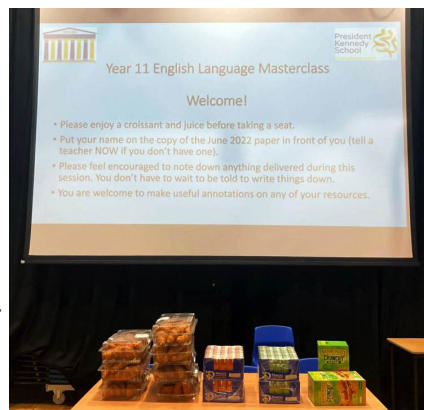


Year 11 English Masterclass

Year 11 attended an English Language Paper 2 masterclass, starting at 8.15am with breakfast.

It was a Grade 7-9 masterclass that fully deconstructed Paper 2 in preparation for the GCSE exam.

Mrs Jones, Subject Leader of English



Year 8 Rugby and Year 9 Football



Congratulations to the year 8 rugby team, who beat Finham Park 30-5 on Thursday night, next game is Bablake, well done to all the boys who played.

The Year 8 rugby team played Bablake/King Henry School on Saturday morning, this turned out to be a very competitive game between two evenly matched teams. Both teams held the lead in the game, but it ended up in a 10-10 draw. The two schools will meet again in March in the Coventry Schools festival in what is sure to be another close game.

Congratulations to the Year 9 football team who beat Cardinal Wiseman School 4-2 on Monday night to progress to the semi finals of the Coventry cup. Goals scored by Kyron, Yasin, Blazej and Rio, Well done!

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

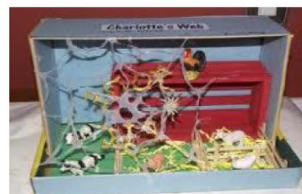


WORLD BOOK DAY

Design a "Book-in-a-Box" Competition

To celebrate **World Book Day 2023** this year, the Library would like you to get creative. We are inviting you to create your favourite book in a box.

Here are some examples to inspire you.....



Charlotte's Web by E B White



Harry Potter by J K Rowling

To enter the competition, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Choose a book that you have enjoyed OR want to design in a box
- 2 Find a box approximately the size of a shoe box (A larger box is OK too)
- 3 Design and decorate the box to represent your book – see examples above
- 4 Bring your finished box to the Library by **Thursday 2nd March 2023 – this is World Book Day**

Here are some examples of books you could use for inspiration.....



✳ Prizes will be awarded for the winning boxes ✳

Parent/Carer Survey

As a school, we strive to 'build brighter futures' for our students and the vast number of you that attended our recent PCD and support our school in so many ways shows that you are as committed to this as we are. We'd like to make family engagement even better and make sure that our provision meets the needs of our families, students and staff.

You can help us form an even greater partnership between school and home by answering the questions on the attached survey. Your feedback will help us to make improvements to the existing provision and inform new initiatives where needed.

If you have more than one child at the school, please could you complete the form for each of them. The survey is open until Wednesday 15th February 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FS45gZmDSZ>

Many thanks for your participation and continued support.



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At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

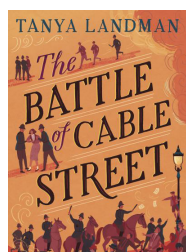
This week the Library's recommended reads are...



Stitched Up by Steve Cole

The horrific real-life cost of fast fashion is exposed in this gripping tale of survival.

When twelve-year-old Hanh is offered a job as a shop assistant in Hanoi, she sees it as a chance to earn money to send back to her family living in poverty in rural Vietnam. Life in this sweatshop is a daily hell of long hours, little rest, poor food and regular violence. Hanh is desperate to escape, but when an opportunity arises will she be able to find the courage to take a dangerous chance?



The Battle of Cable Street by Tanya Landman

Life has always been tough on the streets of Stepney, where Elsie and her brother Mikey are growing up in a vermin-infested slum nicknamed "Paradise". But the rise of anti-Semitic fascist Oswald Mosley and his Blackshirts in the 1930s stirs up trouble between families who have lived closely together for years, and Elsie sees friendships torn apart. When Elsie and Mikey attend a Mosley rally, intending to heckle and cause trouble, they soon see how dangerous the situation has become, but out in the streets the fascists find that people will stand and fight against them and against hatred in what becomes the dramatic Battle of Cable Street.

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Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Tips on Social Media...

Tik Tok

What should parents be concerned about?

- When you download the app, users can see all the content without creating an account although they are not able to post, like or share anything until they've set up an account on the app.
- By default, all accounts are public so anyone on the app can see what your child shares. However, only approved followers can send them messages.
- Users can like or react to a video, follow an account or send messages to each other, so there is the risk that strangers will be able to directly contact children on the app.
- Children may be tempted to take risks to get more of a following or likes on a video so it's important to talk about what they share and with who.
- Need to delete your account? Go to Me>Tap ..., located on the top right corner>Tap Manage account > Delete account. Follow the instructions in the app to delete your account.

Does TikTok have any e-safety features?

Digital Wellbeing

Like Facebook and Instagram, it has a digital wellbeing element (which is password protected) that alerts users who have been on the app for more than two hours. You can also turn on 'restricted mode' to filter out inappropriate content on the app.

Private account

You can set an account to be private so that all videos can only be seen by the creator and no one else on the platform. With a private account, you can approve or deny users and limit incoming messages to followers only.

Please note that even with a private account, your child's profile photo, username, and bio are still visible to all users on the platform. You can manage who can comment, duet and direct message your child on the app.

Privacy settings

TikTok users under 18 will have their accounts set to private-by-default, which means only someone who the user approves as a follower can view their videos. The change is part of a wider package of measures designed to drive higher standards of user privacy and safety. Download the updated privacy settings [here](#).

Internet Matters CEO Carolyn Bunting says: "***The safety of children and young people online needs to be a priority for organisations across the industry.***"

The disabling of direct messaging on the TikTok platform for under 16s is a significant move in prioritising the safety of their young users and we are pleased to see the protection of their younger users taking precedence in their product changes.

TikTok provides fantastic opportunities to be creative and have fun, especially in these unprecedented times and it is encouraging to see them invest in a number of initiatives that help to create a safer environment for young people."

**President Kennedy School is pleased to
announce
Barcelona by Air in July 2023!**

**Last chance for students to sign up for the trip
is this week.**

**The trip is open to students in 9-11 and
studying Spanish.
£411 + flights a pprox £180: Total £591**

[See Mrs Twyman for details](#)

Coventry Education - Cost of living - mobile connectivity

Parents struggling to afford mobile data are being encouraged to access free data support through the National Databank.

Free sim cards pre-loaded with up to 6 months of data can be gifted to any adult over the age of 18 who needs help staying connected to the internet.

National Databank distribution points include: Customer Services Centre at Broadgate House, any of the 8 community family hubs, Moat House Community Trust, Central Library and community libraries at Stoke, Tile Hill, Bell Green and Foleshill.

Alternatively, residents can email CovConnectsDigital@coventry.gov.uk. To find out more about the National Databank and the council's wider support for digital inclusion visit the [#CovConnects website](#).