

Dates for your Diary

Easter Break - Monday 3rd April to Sunday 16th April
School starts Monday 17th April at the normal time



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Wow! What a fantastic edition this week. We are so proud of our sporting team successes, especially our Year 8 Rugby Team who are Coventry Champions and also a big shout-out to the Year 9 netball team.

Thank you to our former pupil Milosz, who supported our 'Coding Club' - what an amazing opportunity for students.

The Future Grads programme has showcased the great talent in Year 9 who did their parents proud last week. A great week all round!

Wishing you all a good break and look forward to seeing you all back next term!

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

President Kennedy School Win Coventry Schools Rugby Festival!

On Tuesday night, the Year 8 rugby team took part in the end of season Coventry Schools Rugby Festival.

This consisted five other schools in who all played each other in a league format. President Kennedy School beat Barrs Hill, Stoke Park, Coundon Court and Finham Park to set up a winner takes all game vs Bablake and King Henry VIII Schools.

This proved to be a close and exciting game with BKHS scoring first, before President Kennedy School went into the lead only for BKHS to tie level. As the game entered the dying seconds President Kennedy School broke from their own half and some excellent support play led to the winning try and jubilant celebrations by the Year 8 boys.

Well done to all the boys who have played this year.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Ramadan



Ramadan is the holy month in the Islamic calendar. During Ramadan, Muslims fast. Some people think that we don't even eat for the whole month. However, this is not true.

We start with the morning meal which is called *Suhoor*. This meal starts right before the morning prayer *Fajar*. We open up our fast when the 4th prayer starts *Maghrib* which happens at sunset.

If you're fasting and you eat unknowingly you can continue to fast but if you do eat knowingly then you must make up that fast after Ramadan.

During the day, we pray and read the holy book in Islam which is the *Quran*.

During the month we believe that the gates of Jahannam (Hell) close and the gates of Jannah (Heaven) open. We also believe that the devil has been locked up.

Non-Muslims can also take part. We also pray a special prayer called Tarawih.

Jamal Hussain, Year 8 student

To find out more about Ramadan, please click on these links below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtbkb/articles/zjc2bdm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976>

Future Grads Presentation at Coventry University

As part of their Future Grads programme, Year 9 students worked after school with Coventry University. Future Grads is an outreach programme led by Coventry University Group for pupils aged 11 to 19.

The project brief was to create a concept to support Coventry University with a variety of needs. They had to brand it, budget it and state what the benefits would be for their chosen student persona.

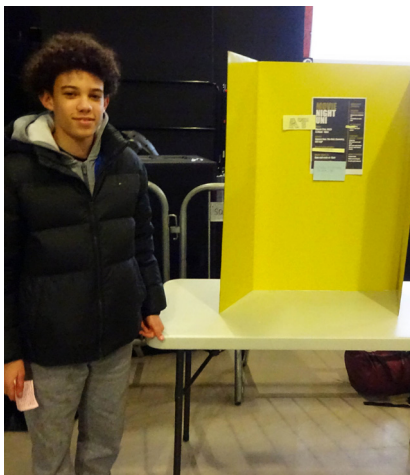
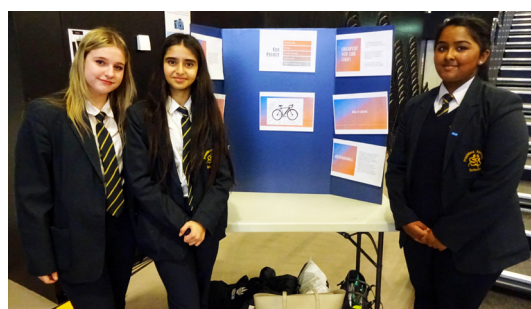
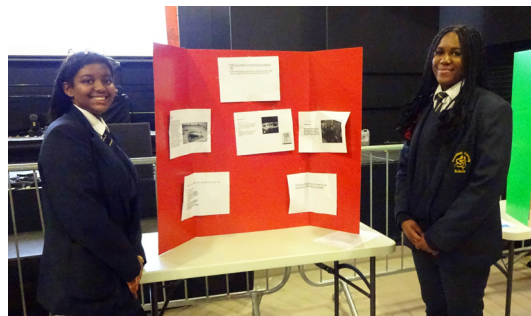
Miss Brogdan worked hard with the students, supporting each project as they were presenting at Coventry University on Wednesday evening. Each group did a presentation to a panel

of academics in a meeting room. They were very nervous, and it certainly pushed them out of their comfort zone. However, they did enjoy the experience after it was over.

The event was well attended by parents who were very proud of their child, and we had lots of smiles. Everyone was then invited to have a selection of food and drinks before the final presentation to announce the winners. The competition was so close to call, that for the first time they awarded two sets of gold medals to two groups.

The winners were Azeem Shah as an individual; Naomi Brown, Haiqa Akhtar and Anumitha Nagarupan

Mr Dalton, Leader of Educational Pathways for Health



D of E Silver Award Completed!



Well done to the DofE Central students who have today completed their three day Silver Award expedition in the Peak District. Great work!

Coding Club

Our Coding Club has been designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of Python – one of the most popular programming languages in the industry.

Our main focus in the past few weeks was to give our pupils a basic understanding of the programming concepts and apply them while creating a fully functional calculator application. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our students, and we hope that they continue to explore the exciting world of programming.

President Kennedy School has always been committed to investing in our students and giving them the best opportunities to expand their skill sets. The ability to code is a valuable asset for any career, not only in the technology field as many may think, and can open up exciting opportunities for jobs that are

high in demand.

Programming also helps to develop cognitive skills – problem-solving, logical thinking and attention to detail. By inspiring our students to learn programming, we are giving them valuable skills that will stay with them for life.

Finally, we would like to encourage parents to support their children's interest in programming. It cannot be denied that the world is becoming increasingly reliant on technology and coding skills will help our young superstars thrive in their future careers.

Milosz Waszak - A former President Kennedy School Student who has been teaching our students, inspiring them to learn about the amazing world of Computing as part of his final year of his Mathematics and Computer Science degree at the University of Warwick.



**Do we have your correct
email address and
contact number ?**



If you are not receiving email updates and texts you could be missing out!

(We are having many emails returned 'undelivered' as a result of full inboxes, please check if this is reason you are not hearing from us)

Please email reception@pks.coventry.sch.uk to have your contact details updated

Year 9 Netball Team Smash Last Game of the Season!



Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball team who had their last game of the season against Stoke Park on Monday and won 11-2! The girls have worked really hard all year training before and after school so it was well deserved!

Miss Michell, P.E Department

Safety of Students on their Commute to and from President Kennedy School

As some of you will be aware, building work has commenced on a housing estate off Meadow road. The site access points are directly impacting the roads in this area, including Meadow Road and Gospel Oak Road.

Logistics vehicles are being used to transport materials to the site which has made these roads more congested and hazardous than usual.

To reduce the risk of a possible accident, please can we ask that your children come into school via another route where at all possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL's Year 7
PRODUCTION OF



Thursday 27th and Friday 28th April
7pm

President Kennedy School hall

£3 adult £2 child

Tickets purchased from the dance studio

Music and Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice
Additional Music and Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer
Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi
Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk



Clothing Charity

[Clothing Coventry](#) help families who need uniform, shoes, trainers, and football boots. They are an amazing charity who support families in poverty.

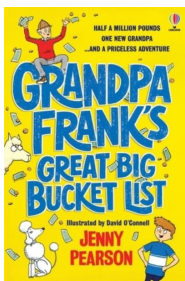


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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

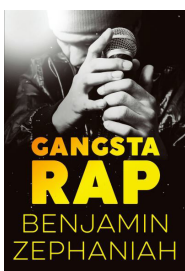


Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List by Jenny Pearson

A twist of fate leads eleven-year-old Frank to inherit his grandma's fortune, with the condition he use the money to look after the grandfather he has never met.

When Frank John Davenport inherits piles of money from a grandma he didn't know he had, things take an unexpected turn... Because the money comes with STRICT instructions...and a NEW grandpa.

Frank quickly compiles a list of all the ways he can spend the money and look after his grumpy grandpa. Money may buy hot-air balloon rides, monster-truck lessons and epic parkour experiences, but can Frank discover that happiness is, in fact, priceless?



Gangsta Rap by Benjamin Zephaniah

Ray has trouble at home, and he has trouble at school. Then suddenly he has no more trouble at school, but only because he and his friends have been permanently suspended.

What happens to a boy like Ray? If he's lucky, maybe he gets a chance to shine.

The story of three boys who aren't easy. They don't fit in. They seem to attract trouble. But they know what they want, more than most perhaps.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff