

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday (students not in school)
Tuesday 2nd May - Industrial strike action. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students not in school. Years 11,12 and 13 to come into school as usual



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As you will be able to see from this week's edition, there is a huge amount of activity and celebration going on in school.

From our students performing at Warwick Arts Centre, as a part of the No Chairs Shakespeare project, to sporting success with our cricket I am incredibly proud of everything our students do and the opportunities our staff give them.

A particular highlight was being lucky enough to see some fantastic workshop Roger Wright put on for our Lion King cast. A truly World Class experience our students and staff will never forget. With that being said, I am incredibly excited to see our wonderful Year 7 students perform in The Lion King. Performing Arts continue to be at the heart of President Kennedy School experience and I am grateful for everything our staff do, As they say in the business, 'break a leg!'

Have a great weekend!

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

President Kennedy School Welcomes Roger Wright, The Original Lion King!

The cast of this Year 7s production of 'The Lion King', had a workshop with Roger Wright, the original 'Simba' in London's West End's production of The Lion King. Roger worked with the students on their performance and gave great advice and tips. He followed by giving an inspiring Q & A session.

The students also had the opportunity to sing with Roger one of the songs from the show, which was extremely moving. What an opportunity! Such an inspiring and fabulous afternoon. Thank you, Roger, we hope our performance makes you proud. Hakuna Matata!

Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts



HS2 STEM Day

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a HS2 STEM Event in school delivered by The Small Piece Trust. In groups of four, students took part in activities that put their STEM knowledge to the test - they had to build a paper structure to hold a 500g weight. No glue or tape was allowed, only paper. The highest structure one group of students managed to build was 66cm tall.

The teams were then tasked with designing and building a tunnel that would accommodate a toy train which had to go through it and hold a much weight as possible, it also had to be at least 60cm long.

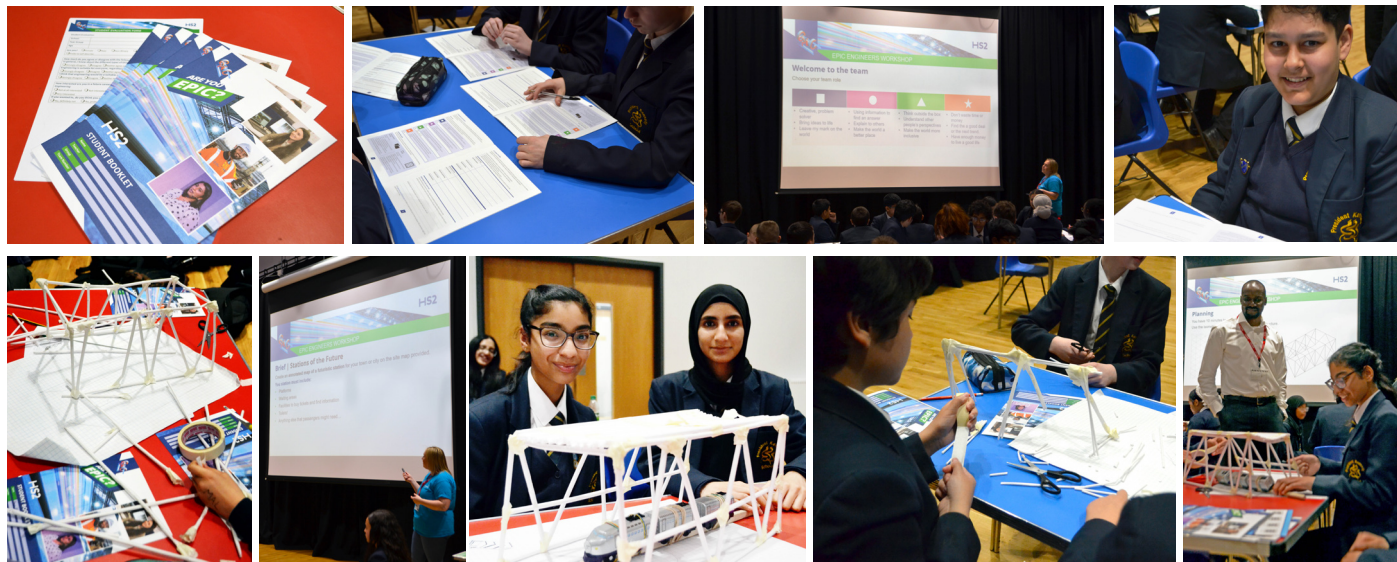
There were many excellent designs, which held up the weight,

but the winning teams tunnel supported 4.5kg. A fantastic achievement, considering the only materials they had to build their tunnel were paper straws, scissors and masking tape.

Students also learned about the UK railway infrastructure, railway construction, how tunnels are made and about different careers involved in building and maintaining the UK's railways. These included Civil Engineering, Data Analyst, Rail Engineer, Designers to Business Administrators and Solicitors.

The students really enjoyed their day and hopefully took away some ideas of the type of careers they can do with their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Skills.

Miss Worwood , Leader of Careers



Coventry - 200 Years Ago and 200 Years Ahead

Year 8 students went to Coventry University and St Mary's Guildhall as part of Future Graduates programme. We focused on what Coventry was like 200 years ago and learnt about the history of Coventry.

At St Mary's Guildhall we found out how people lived, what the purpose of the Guildhall was and how to weave and make tapestries.

In the afternoon we then focused on what we thought Coventry

would be like in 200 years time.

Students made presentations to demonstrate their ideas about what it would look like, what careers would be non-existent and what new careers would be needed.

We then thought about what courses would the university need to run. Throughout the day the students had opportunities to ask current Coventry University students about their courses and any queries about university life.

Mrs Murray, Year 8 Progress Leader



No Chairs Shakespeare

At Warwick Arts Centre, some of our fantastic Year 8 English students put their knowledge of Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew' to the test by devising and performing a piece of drama.

We are so proud of you all not only for performing in front of your peers but your parents and carers too. Well done!

Miss Irwin, English Department



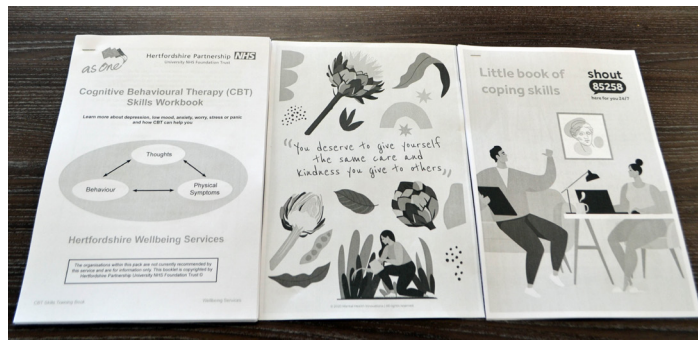
Mindful Year 7

Steph and myself, Keira, will be starting mindfulness sessions for Year 7. These sessions will consist of learning about ways to cope with anxiety in and out of school. The students will take part in activities and tasks that help them understand the effects of anxiety and what they can do to help

themselves when they feel overwhelmed.

We are really looking forward to start working with the Year 7 students and hope they enjoy and find it useful.

Keira Smith and Steph Ball, Year 12



Silver Assessed Duke of Edinburgh's Award

In the week before Easter, a number of Year 12 and one year 11 student undertook the challenge of their Silver Assessed Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

With predicted mixed weather and due to the time of year, students had the luxury of staying in a camping barn rather than the traditional tents we use at other times.

Students set off with an early start from school to travel to their start point of Agden Reservoir in Derbyshire. After checking and in some cases amending rucksack weights, students set off on their first day's hiking.

The start of the route was hilly so gave a stark introduction of what was in store for the next two days.

After lunch the sun came out revealing amazing views and students made good time with excellent navigational skills, making it to the camping barn within ten minutes of their predicted time.

Students then cooked their meals on camping stoves before going settling down and taking a look through the next day's walk.

With wet weather predicted, students were lucky to have a dry start to their second day of walking. However, within the first hour the rain had set in and that was it for the day.

This did not affect the high morale of the group, who again used their excellent navigational skills to stay on track and make the best of shelter when available.

After two long tiring days and heavy fog the group were up to face the challenge of Bamford Edge and Win Hill for their final day. Walking was tough but with only the occasional light shower students finished with smiles on their faces.

Once all three of the other sections of the Award are completed, these students will achieve their Silver certificates with many going on to their Gold Award.

**Miss Kirkham, Teacher of Design and Technology
Centre Manager of Duke of Edinburgh's Award**



Cricket News

Congratulations to the combined KS3/4 cricket squad for their recent victory in the "Chance to Shine" cricket tournament.

The final was over two legs against Blue Coat School and President Kennedy School won 7 out of the 8 pool games leading to a comprehensive win.

Consistency was the key to success with a solid team effort put in by all squad members. Well done to everyone involved.

Mr Sinclair, P.E Department

Congratulations to the Year 8 indoor cricket squad for their outstanding performance in reaching the semi-finals at the Warwickshire indoor cricket tournament held at Edgbaston last week.

They comfortably made their way out of the group stage, coming second to Tudor Grange Academy who would make it all the way to final itself and then put in an outstanding performance in the quarter final, chasing down 116 runs against a Birmingham grammar school.

Their opponents in the semi's were another Birmingham grammar school, full of county and club players who ultimately triumphed in the final.

Well done to all the students involved.

Mr Sinclair, P.E Department

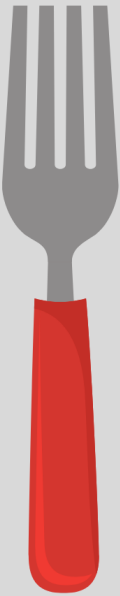
Free School Meals


To find out more, and to download the form mentioned in the leaflet below, please click on this link:

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FREE School Meals for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)







Are you living in Coventry and No Recourse to Public Funds?




Is your annual household income below £22,700 (for families if you have one child)?





Are your total savings or capital under £16,000 or £26,300 (if you have two or more children)?



If you answered yes to these questions...
you are eligible for Free School Meals.



What should you do ?

-  **Fill out the self declaration on the back of this leaflet**
-  **Take it to your children's school to make the request**

For more info:
coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2

Everyone is eligible - including NRPF children in reception & years 1 & 2

The process is different from Free School Meals

If you encounter difficulties
DGATeam@coventry.gov.uk

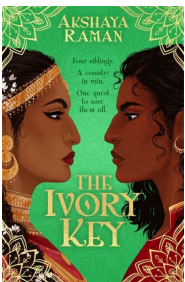


The Library

At President Kennedy School

Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

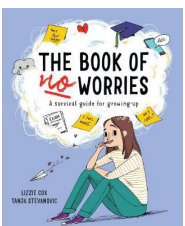
This week the Library's recommended reads are...



The Ivory Key by Akshaya Raman

Vira is desperate to get out of her mother's shadow and establish her legacy as a revered queen of Ashoka. But, with the country's only quarry running out of magic - a precious resource that has kept Ashoka safe from conflict - she can barely protect her citizens from the looming threat of war. And if her enemies discover this, they'll stop at nothing to seize the last of the magic.

Vira's only hope is to find a mysterious object of legend: The Ivory Key, rumoured to unlock a new source of magic. But in order to infiltrate enemy territory and retrieve it, she must reunite with her siblings, torn apart by broken relationships and the different paths their lives have taken. They must work together to survive the treacherous journey. But with each sibling harbouring secrets and their own conflicting agendas, the very thing that brought them together could tear apart their family - and their world - for good!



The Book of No Worries by Lizzie Cox

This essential guide covers ALL the worries and anxieties that you might face while growing up. Whether it's problems at school, relationship woes, the non-stop pressure of social media, body image issues or troubles at home. Positive advice, plus case studies and real-life questions from young people, will help you conquer the angst and stress that can get us all down. The Book of No Worries reassures readers that their worries and fears are normal, and offers practical tips for managing anxiety and stress - focusing on the emotional wellbeing and mental health of young people

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff