



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Exam season has well and truly started for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Whilst the vast majority of students are coming out of the exam hall very positive, we understand the pressure they are feeling at the moment and appreciate the support you are giving them at home. We also understand that, for some students, exams can be difficult and may not always go as well as they would have liked them to. Therefore, we are here to help, we are here to listen to each other, and we are here to support each other. Teachers and the College Teams are also going above and beyond in ensuring breakfast sessions and revision sessions are supportive and positive experiences for students so that they feel prepared for their exams. I have also spoken to the whole school in a virtual assembly and asked for their support in ensuring that Year 11 and Year 13 students have the best possible experience during the exam season.

With this being said, the school continues to be busy and this week's edition outlines some of the wonderful things that have been going on in school over the past week. It is wonderful to hear about the success Emanuela has had in securing a place at an incredibly prestigious and exclusive Cambridge College

Summer Camp. We are very proud that Emanuela has secured this opportunity and I know she will get a lot from it!

I'm also thrilled to read about Trina, our very own PKS Entrepreneur. The involvement and determination Trina has shown are characteristics we want all of our students to develop and I wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Finally, it is also promising to see the plethora of skills students developed during their DofE expedition. It has been a joy talking to staff and students about how the day went and I am grateful that they have had the opportunity. Moments like this are what we remember from school and really help ensure our school has a strong sense of belonging and community.

Have a great weekend!

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Valuable Skills Learnt On DofE Expedition

Well done to all 31 Year 9 students who took part in the Bronze DofE training day on Saturday.

A first taste of the outdoor expedition, students all completed a short walk, learning valuable navigation and map reading skills from experienced staff volunteers.

Students had a crash course in pitching a tent for a good night's sleep and folding it away correctly so as to keep it as dry and clean as possible for the next use.

Students were also taught how to safely set up, light and cook

on a Trangia camping stove which they will use for all of their cooking when on expedition.

The students engaged in all of the activities with a keen interest and enthusiasm, learning valuable expedition skills that they will use again after half term when they complete their final Bronze expedition.

A huge thank you to all of the staff volunteers who gave their time and expertise to make this an engaging and valuable training experience for all of the students.

**Mrs Sly, DofE Leader**



## Student Awarded Prestigious Place at Cambridge

One of our fantastic Year 11 students, Emanuela, has been awarded an exciting opportunity of attending a Cambridge summer school's Introduction to Law course. The two year long program runs in collaboration with Christ's College and Sidney Sussex College.

In the summer, Ella will attend Masterclasses given by Cambridge University researchers, have the opportunity to meet and spent time with students currently studying at Cambridge, learn about the admission process and take part in a variety of social events.

After her Year 12 studies, Ella will then return to Cambridge and participate in an interview workshop, receive valuable support in writing personal statements, continue to meet and liaise with Cambridge students and attend an extra summer social.

Ella fought through a rigorous selection process and beat 500 applicants for one of the coveted 120 places available.

Her leadership role as one of the organisers of the school's Pan African Festival earlier this year will have undoubtedly contributed to winning over the judges.

Ella is a fantastic example to fellow 'Kennedy' students who should set their sights high and aim for the stars.

Well done Ella, you deserve this opportunity.

**Mr. Adams, Teacher of Maths | Year 11 Tutor**



## Young PKS Entrepreneur of the Month

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Trina, who has set up her own very successful mini start-up hair braiding business from home.

From watching YouTube and seeing how her mother braids hair, Trina has found her passion and has started charging clients £30 for her hair braiding services.

Once she leaves school, Trina is hoping to work in the hair and beauty industry.

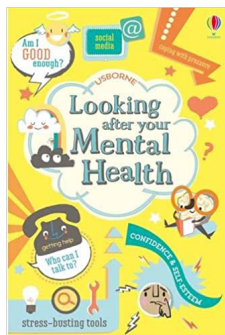
*"Well done, Trina, I am very proud of you! In this age of economic uncertainty, we need 'go getting' people who can create jobs. You have the makings of being a very successful entrepreneur when you are older."* Mrs Petrak

**Mrs Petrak, Leader of Enterprise**



## The Library

At President Kennedy School



## FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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

The mental health of children and teenagers hits the headlines on a regular basis, with more and more young people reporting mental health difficulties. This book provides a gentle guide to good mental health, with input from experts in both psychology and psychiatry. Learning to protect your own mental health is an important skill for all young people, and this book offers practical tips and information about relationships, body image, social media and many other issues that children and young teenagers face.

A helpful book to empower children to take care of themselves, emotionally, and navigate the tricky problems of puberty.

**This is available to borrow from the School Library.**

**Library Staff**