

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th January 2020 - Year 9 Careers Workshops - 9am - 3pm  
Thursday 30th January - **Parent Consultation Day** - Between 8.30am and 6.00pm by appointment  
Friday 31st January 2020 - Teacher Training Day. (School will be closed to students)

Dear Parents and Carers,



I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to the new term.

This week's newsletter reports on the terrific achievement of four of our students, Eesha Gupta, Harry Gilsenan, Mya Birdee and Zohaib Malik for their student achievement awards received at the World Class School Awards ceremony held at the Cambridge University in December.

Many congratulations to all of you and thank you for representing us so proudly.

Congratulations to our sports teams for their performances in their first week back at school.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming parents into school for Parent Consultation Day on Thursday 30th January.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend,

**Mr Clayton, Headteacher**



## World Class Schools Student Achievement Awards

World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM) has named the latest group of schools to have been awarded the status of World Class, as part of the annual WCSQM Awards Ceremony, hosted by Cambridge University at Lady Mitchell Hall. The Awards Ceremony celebrates accrediting schools, as well as individual students from World Class schools UK wide, in recognition of their outstanding achievements in 2019.

Now in its sixth year of accreditation, WCSQM has awarded the mark to a further 17 non-selective state secondary schools and seven primary schools, from around the country. All of the new schools have demonstrated that their students are truly World Class through their successful participation in the rigorous assessment process.

WCSQM assessment requires schools to demonstrate that their students are capable of compiling comprehensive evidence in support of their application. All applicant schools must exceed a challenging threshold in their Key Stage 2 or 4 performance before being invited to apply. Their students must then develop a compelling case for accreditation through detailed auditing of their school's capabilities, video submissions in support of their application, and participating in an assessment centre event, at which their performances are measured against a challenging framework.

**"WCSQM is a charity created for and driven by World Class students. Our assessment process is very much student led and student centric, and this year we were once again amazed by the tenacity, drive and work-readiness exhibited by the students of these applicant schools. They were a credit to their schools and a testament to the truly World Class education provision they offer."** Miranda Perry, Director of WCSQM.

The Awards Ceremony saw World Class school leaders, staff, students and their parents from across the country come together to enjoy an afternoon of talks and workshops including an essay writing workshop led by Cambridge University's Faculty of English lecturer Phil Knox, a talk on Cambridge admissions by Dr Glen Rangwala, Director of Admissions Trinity College Cambridge, and presentations from World Class alumni students, World Class school leaders and the event sponsor, DPR, giving students and staff the opportunity to try their award-winning Dynamic Progress Reporting system. The sessions preceded an evening of prize giving, accompanied by performances from talented World Class students and a keynote talk from the event's host, Dr Phil Knox. As well as awarding this year's accrediting schools, there were awards across a number of categories recognising students' World Class achievements in 2019, including the essay writing competition and individual student achievement award.

**2019  
Individual  
Student Achievement  
Award -  
shortlisted students**  
Eesha Gupta  
Harry Gilsenan  
Mya Birdee  
Zohaib Malik



## Parent Consultation Day – Thursday 30th January 2020

The School has scheduled its Parent Consultation Day on Thursday 30th January. The purpose of this day is to give parents and carers the opportunity to discuss their child's academic progress to date and their targets for the coming year. This is an essential part of teaching and learning at President Kennedy School.

In order to facilitate this day, the school will not operate a normal school day; instead the school will be open between 8.30am and 6.00pm and your child should attend their appointment with you. Your child's College Team will be writing to you separately requesting your preferred time for a consultation appointment.

Should you have any questions about the day, please do not hesitate to contact your child's College Director.

### Teacher Training Days

On Friday 31st January 2020 the school will be closed for students. This day is one of the five days allocated each academic year for teacher training.

Yours sincerely,

**N Clayton, Headteacher**

### Year 8 Football Team Battle On

The Year 8 football team played Blue Coat school on Thursday night.

It was a game that Blue Coat dominated, having several more shots on goal and more possession. However, the battling attitude of the President Kennedy team allowed us to record a 3-3 draw, with goals from Rahim, Reece and a last minute equaliser from Kamran.

The team need to play to their strengths and not get involved in a physical battle.

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**

### Year 9 Netball - Fantastic First Win!

On Thursday 9th January the Year 9 netball team played their first league fixture at home against Whitley Academy.

It became extremely clear from the very first quarter that the 16 weeks of preparation and intense training leading up to their opening fixture really had paid off.

Leading at the end of every quarter of the match, the girls dominated Whitley Academy in both attack and defence, resulting in a 12-10 win for the girls by the final whistle.

Well done on a great first win!

**Miss Newbold, P.E Department**



### U13s Sainsbury's School Games

On Thursday 9th January, the U13s football team took part in the level 2 School Games Football competition at the Alan Higgs Centre.

They competed in a 'round robin' against five other schools, including; Finham Park, Bishop Ullathorne, Westwood, Barrs Hill and Sidney Stringer.

The U13s displayed excellent attacking play throughout, managing to score a total of fourteen goals from their five games, beating Westwood, Barrs Hill and Sidney Stringer with ease.

They held on to a draw against Bishop Ullathorne before narrowly missing out to Finham Park, who managed to secure a very tight 1-0 win.

However, all of their hard work paid off, with them finishing second in the group, securing a place in the level 3 finals later this year where they will represent Coventry West as they fight for a place in the regional finals.

Well done to all involved and good luck in the next round.

**Miss Newbold, P.E Department**



### Student Well-Being Questionnaire

Over the next couple of weeks we are asking a sample of our students in each year group to complete an anonymous on-line interval survey.

This will include questions on their perceptions of their lives both in and out of school as well as the activities they undertake and the support they receive both in school and from within the local community.

The results of this will help shape the support and guidance we provide for our students.

**Mr Beattie, Designated Safeguarding Lead**