

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th February 2020 - Year 9 Options Evening 6pm to 8pm

Friday 7th to Friday 14th February 2020 - Year 11 Synoptic Exams

Monday 24th to 28th February 2020 - February Half Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another extremely busy and exciting few weeks at President Kennedy School. Congratulations to all of our outstanding students who have represented the school in sporting and public speaking activities. I am so proud at the wealth of talent we have at this school and the pride students show towards their learning and enrichment activities.

Thank you to parents and families who supported the very successful Parent Consultation Day on Thursday to discuss student progress. I hope those who attended found it both positive and informative. Thank you for your supportive feedback.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend,

**Mr Clayton, Headteacher**

## World Champion Gymnast Inspires Students

Last week students in P.E from Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in a fitness circuit, witnessed a trampoline demonstration and listened to an inspirational talk from Jaydon Paddock who is a member of the Great Britain Gymnastics team and is a world champion in Tumbling.

The pupils raised £590 sponsorship money, which will help buy sports equipment for the P.E department and also helped to fund Jaydon with his training and competitions. Well done all - it was a great day.

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**





## Year 12 Students Come First in Debating Competition

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who came first in the annual Coventry Schools Youth Speaks Debating competition at Sidney Stringer Academy last Friday evening. Students who competed were Lima Noori, Amelia Bassnett and Methusha Jeyankanthan

They will now go onto the District Finals on Saturday 8th February at Myton School, Warwick. Their topic was 'Body Image and the Mass Media'.

Congratulations to all.

**Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment**



## Year 8 Library Team Triumph at the Coventry Schools - CIBA 'Hooked on Books' Quiz

On Wednesday 22nd January, the Year 8 Library Team participated in the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards, "Hooked on Books Quiz 2020", at Finham Park 2 School.

In preparation for the Quiz, the students had to read all of the books that were shortlisted in the "Hooked on Books" category of the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards 2020 – a total of eight books.

Our team competed against fourteen other teams from Secondary and Primary Schools across Coventry. After seven rounds of tough questions, our team beat all the other secondary schools and took third place overall.

Well done to our Year 8 team - Gracie Robinson, Simar Kaur, Yulia Mann, Naeva Joby and Elisabeth Pavlova, for their victory for the second consecutive year!

**Library Staff**



## Consultation of 2021/22 Term Dates



**Thank you.**

**FAQ section, can be found here:**

<https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-term-dates-consultation>

**For formally responding to the consultation:**

[https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-term-dates-consultation/survey\\_tools/termdatestsurvey](https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-term-dates-consultation/survey_tools/termdatestsurvey)

Dear Parents/Carers,  
A city wide consultation on term dates is taking place.

Both options can be found on the links below and for further information about the two options available.

The consultation will run until the 21st February 2020.

## Health & Social Care Students Visit Dementia Patients

Year 13 students on the Level 3 Btec National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care course, visited Maymorn Day Centre last week. The centre delivers day care for people who have Dementia. Students are currently studying a unit focused on Dementia and the visit was intended to further their knowledge in this area.

They all enjoyed interacting with both clients and staff at the centre.

**"I really enjoyed the visit and meeting everyone at the centre" Amy**

**"It gave us a great insight of individuals with different types of Dementia"- Ria**

**Mrs Osborne, Teacher of Health & Social Care**

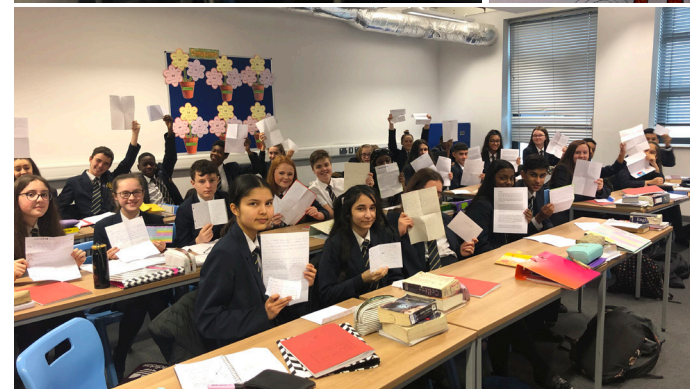


## Pamplona Penpals

In Spanish this week, GCSE students received their first letter from a penpal in Pamplona, Spain. Students were very excited to learn new facts, for example, that Spanish people have two surnames, students use squared paper rather than lined paper in schools and an insight into Spanish culture.

Penpal writing is something that students have the chance to experience throughout their GCSE journey at President Kennedy School. We hope that students form meaningful friendships as well as a deeper insight into the lifestyles within the Hispanic world.

**Miss Yafai, Teacher of Spanish**



## Year 11 PGL Revision Weekend

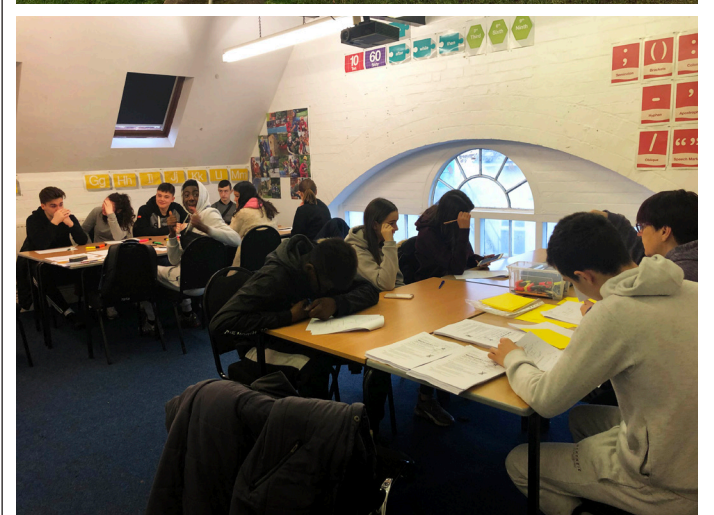
Last weekend Ms Yafai, Ms Fretter and Mr Wood took thirty Year 11 students to Claythorpe Court PGL Centre in Lincolnshire for an adventure and revision retreat.

Alongside Maths and English revision sessions, students enjoyed activities including Aeroball, climbing, a giant swing, as well as a hugely competitive dodgeball tournament.

The students also employed their orienteering strategies in a (very cold) game of Ambush. Following a controversial tiebreaker of rock/paper/scissors, Mr Wood's team clawed back a credible draw on the scoreboard, but all agreed it was a moral victory.

As always, our students were a credit to the school and were praised by the staff at the centre for their engagement and enthusiasm. The students were particularly engaged in the GCSE revision sessions interspersed with the activities, further demonstrating their commitment and determination to succeed this summer. Several students made a point of saying how 'delighted' and 'thrilled' they were to be part of the trip.

**Mr Wood, Assistant Headteacher**



## Year 7 Enter Public Speaking Competition

On Friday 24th January, Arya Bassi, Zak Khan and Fatima-Tuz-Zahra Mudassar from Year 7 represented The Bridge and entered the Public Speaking Competition at Bablake School, Coventry.

They were debating the topic around Climate changes and their motion was, "Pollution is damaging our precious planet."

They delivered their speeches in a professional manner and reacted to questions in a thoughtful way. They were declared as runners up and a special new award was given to Arya for Best Chairperson on the night, because it was felt she did such an amazing job in this role.

Congratulations and thanks to all the students for their hard work preparing for this event.

**Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge**





## Year 7 Rugby Team - Victorious Once Again!

Last Friday afternoon, the Year 7 rugby team played against Warwick School on their 4G pitch. After a slow start, the game sprang into life with a flurry of tries, with President Kennedy School leading 20-10 at half time.

The second half started with us extending our lead, before Warwick fought back to ensure a nervous few minutes with President Kennedy School holding out for a 35-30 victory. Well done boys!

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**



## Students Represent Coventry and Mid-Warwickshire

Congratulations to Year 12 pupil Cian Flaherty and former pupil Riley Austin King who represented Coventry and Mid-Warwickshire at Rugby, beating North Warwickshire 26-12 at the weekend.

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**



## Year 8 Rugby Team Show Resilience

The Year 8 rugby team played against Arden School on Monday night. President Kennedy School got off to a really slow start. A slow line speed coupled with a number of missed tackles soon led to us falling behind. Half time score Arden 25 - President Kennedy School 5.

However, we showed great resilience and team spirit in the second half to close the gap on our opponents and it was Arden who were hanging on as the final whistle went. Final Score Arden 35 - PK 30.

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**



## Mr Barton Maths Conference

On Friday 31st January, President Kennedy School was the venue for a one day conference, bringing together over 80 maths teachers from across the Midlands and The Futures Trust.

President Kennedy Teaching School Alliance and ABBC Maths at Parkgate Primary hosted Craig Barton, Maths Teacher, TES advisor and author of the book "*How I wish I'd Taught Maths*", who delivered workshops on Worked Examples and Formative Assessment as part of this fantastic maths CPD day.

Feedback from the event was very positive with delegates commenting that the information presented was "*extremely useful in moving forward in my classroom teaching*" and "*the mathematical presentation was clear and easy to link in with*".

The work focused on the best methods to enable students to have more opportunities within lessons, to discover maths for themselves and try to reach outcomes, rather than being told what they were aiming to achieve from the outset.

You can follow Craig Barton and President Kennedy Teaching School Alliance on twitter [@mrbartonmaths](https://twitter.com/mrbartonmaths) and [@PresKenTSA](https://twitter.com/PresKenTSA)

**May Sly, Teaching School Manager**



## Coronavirus: latest information and advice

Information for the public on the outbreak of coronavirus in China, including the current situation in the UK and information about the virus and its symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>