

Teacher Training Day - Students not in school - Friday 7th July 2023
Summer Break begins on - Wednesday 26th July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We were delighted to have a surprise visit from Callum Wilson, the day after he had been selected, once again for the England National Team. We surprised the students too, as he met his ex PE teacher during one of Mr Sheridan's PE lessons. He is a wonderful compassionate young man who is very proud of his roots and being a former President Kennedy School student, we are very proud of him!

We are also very proud of the thirty four Year 9 students who braved the heat during their DofE Bronze Award. This is a fantastic achievement.

Well done Deja and Hannah for their amazing achievement on receiving the West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award, celebrating our richly diverse school. It's so important and they have represented the school well.

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who took part in the Biology Olympiad - a brilliant result all round.
Have a great weekend.

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Callum Wilson Returns to President Kennedy School

We were delighted once again, to welcome ex President Kennedy School student, Callum Wilson into school.

The current Newcastle United and England striker visited students during a PE lesson. The students were learning how to do shot put and were able to teach Callum the key technical aspects and teaching points on performing the activity with success. Raphael G was particularly confident with his coaching and helped Callum launch the shot about 20m!

Callum then supported some of the Year 8 students and took penalties at Kamran, Dylan and Nash. The first two students both made great saves from Callum's strikes but Nash was unable to keep the third effort out.

Word had spread that Callum was on site and many students (and staff), understandably, were asking for autographs and selfies from the football star.

After a little chat with Mr Sheridan, who taught Callum when he was a student at President Kennedy School, it was time to leave. A final few students were waiting for Callum before he headed back home to Newcastle.

A wonderful afternoon was had by all and we look forward to welcoming Callum to school again very soon.

Thanks to all the staff and students who made this visit so memorable and contributed to a fantastic experience for all.

Mr Sheridan, P.E Department



Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze Expedition

Following on from a successful training day last month, thirty four Year 9 students bravely took on the heatwave at the weekend to complete their final Bronze expedition. Six teams waved goodbye to their friends and family and set off on their two-day venture, starting with the famous 'stairway to heaven' flight of twenty one locks at Hatton, Warwickshire, on the Grand Union Canal.

The weather was delightfully sunny, though the heat ensured caution for drinking plenty of water, regular shady rest stops and topping up on sun cream a number of times.

As a first experience carrying a heavy pack and walking a fair distance, whilst navigating using a paper map, feelings and emotions were mixed as the day went on.

Once all groups arrived at the camp site, there was plenty of time to rest and re-energise. An impromptu game of 'flip-flip rounders' evolved and gave everyone a boost to get tents pitched and cook dinner before getting a good night's sleep.

For many of the group, this was the first time sleeping in a tent and an early morning start brought some weary faces and

aching muscles out of the tents on day two.

The tent pitching session on the training day clearly paid off and although staff were on hand to support, very little was required, as teams worked together, remembering the skills they had learned, to fold up tents and pack backpacks ahead of the final day.

Teams set off confidently, embracing the challenges they had faced the previous day as experiences to learn from.

They reached the end point with a sense of pride in their achievement, if not also a little relief at finishing!

A huge congratulations to all of the students on such a great achievement. They proved a credit to themselves and also to President Kennedy School, as evidenced by the positive and commendatory comments from members of the public over the weekend. Well Done!

Thank you also to the staff volunteers who gave their time to support the expedition, these experiences cannot happen without that generosity.

Mrs Sly, DofE Leader



West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award 2022/23

Year 9 students Deja and Hannah have been nominated for the West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award 2022/23, and have just found out that they both won the award; 'Highly Commended West Midlands Young Active Citizen Award 2022/23' for their contributions to diversity and inclusion here at President Kennedy School.

They have both received letters from the West Midlands Lieutenancy acknowledging their efforts. Well done girls! More about this soon!

Miss Marshall, Teacher of R.E

Year 10 Biology Olympiad

I am very proud of my 10B1 science class who were entered into the Biology Olympiad.



Everyone received a participation certificate, but the following student received an award. It is highly competitive, and students needed to score 73% or above to be awarded.

Tomass Szafranek was awarded the bronze award.

The following students were commended: Kasjan Balunda, Abbie Clarke, Wilson Freemantle, Mya Gill, Javed Hosseni and Nathanael Baah Opoku.

Mrs Browne, Teacher of Science

Year 7 Qualify for Coventry Schools Athletics Finals

Congratulations to the following Year 7 pupils who have all qualified for the Coventry Schools Athletics finals in a weeks time.

Girls

Efeki Omogun- Long Jump and 75m
Aisha Sirmane - Discus
Lilley Ward - Discus
Natalia Kolodiy - Javelin
Rhiana Nicholas - Long Jump
4 x 100 relay team



Boys

Michael Odigie - Hurdles and Long Jump
Keaton Griffiths - 600m and Triple Jump
Brandon Austin - Javelin
Adri McCook - Triple Jump
Sam Balding - 150m and Shot Put
Rafael Gomes - Shot Put and Discus
4 x 100 relay team

BOOK FAIR

SCHOLASTIC

in the school library

"Getting Children Reading"

**Monday 3rd
July 2023
to
Thursday 6th
July 2023**

**ALL BOOKS
ARE HALF
PRICE!**

**Book Fair Opening Times:
Lunchtimes in the Library
During Year 7 & 8 English Lessons**

**Books can be reserved and paid for by
Thursday 6th July 2023 (payment by CASH ONLY)**

Phone Robberies

General	About
Applications	179
Capacity	256 GB
Available	106.31 GB
Version	11.4 (15F79)
Carrier	AT&T 32.0.1
Model	MN9T2LL/A
Serial Number	F71V1002
Wi-Fi Address	AC:1F:74:06:...
Bluetooth	AC:1F:74:06:...
IMEI	35 656008 60... 8
ICCID	89014103270560795775
Modem Firmware	2.03.12
SEID	© TechTerms.com >

There has been a notable increase in robberies involving students across the city.

Whilst some these incidents are reported at the time, a few are reported after the event when they speak to parents/ carers, leaving smaller opportunity for investigations.

Could students, and if possible parents, be reminded to make note of their child's IMEI numbers please as this opens the door for further investigation if the phones are sold in local shops. If

the phone is on a contract the phone company can also quickly discontinue the use of the handset.

Rachel Davenport, Co-ordinator Coventry Police and Schools Panels

Vaping Warning

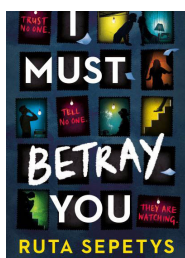
It has come to our attention that there are currently counterfeit vapes circulating Coventry and being sold in local shops.

Trading standards have been made aware, in the meantime we ask that if you have purchased a vape or know anyone who has and have experienced dizziness or vomiting, please seek medical help and pass on details of time date and location of where purchased to Staff or Police.



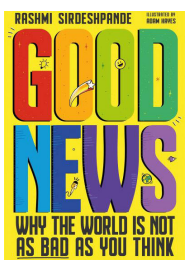
FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

Trapped by an evil dictatorship, will Cristian be forced to betray his family or will he risk everything he loves to resist? Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting? At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family? Closely based on the real events of the Romanian Revolution of 1989, this is a powerful, heart-breaking thriller.



Good News: Why the World Is Not as Bad as You Think by Rashmi Sirdeshpande

Pandemics, war, terror, natural disasters - the world seems to be full of bad news and it can all feel, well, a little bit scary. But this is just part of the story. There are in fact tons of great things happening, from robots improving health care and trees healing the planet, to everyday people helping their community with acts of kindness and the businesses fighting for good in the world. In *Good News*, you will learn to become fake news detectives, sussing out what's real and what isn't. You'll discover the good news - the amazing anecdotes, case studies and figures around the globe that are making a difference. And you'll learn that if we all continue to work together, things can only keep getting better and better. Empowering, reassuring and confidence-boosting, this book is a positive antidote for testing times.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

