

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October - 8:30am to 3pm each day - Y11 Birmingham Fieldwork visits  
Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November - Half Term

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It was wonderful to welcome over 600 families to our Open Evening on the 21st September and meet so many lovely Year 6 students, who, I have no doubt, will feel excited and a bit nervous as they decide their secondary school for next September. We wish them all good luck in their final year at Primary school and with their decision.

Congratulations to P16 student, Monica, who has been our first P16 student to already complete an Open University course. I might need to ask Monica for advice on finances!

We also had BBC Bitesize in twice last week. One of these guests we welcomed into school was Oly, who spoke to our students about some of the struggles he has faced and how he has overcome them. He was truly inspirational. Thank you Oly on behalf of the President Kennedy School Community.  
Wishing you all a great weekend,

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Open Evening 2023

Open Evening was a great success, with many positive comments from parents about how we addressed their children, the interactive lessons, and the specialist knowledge of all of our staff.

Our student ambassadors also demonstrated PRIDE, by showing visitors around the school and speaking about what makes President Kennedy School part of the World Class Schools Quality Mark and what makes us a special community!



## 100 Talks for Change

Year 10 had an incredible opportunity to meet Oly Newton one of the founders of '100 Talks for Change'. The aim of the project is to travel across the UK, delivering over 100 talks in 20 days, to over 10,000 students which will not only impact those who hear the talks, but will help raise money for some very special charities in the mental health space.

Oly shared some incredible emotional experiences of his journey with his own mental health.

He spoke about many pivotal points in his life including his experiences of OCD and how it became a barrier to his life as he grew up. However, Oly's journey of how he overcame his

challenges was incredibly motivational.

His discovery of running enabled Oly to raise awareness of the importance of mental wellbeing, and also contributed heavily to overcoming his own mental health challenges.

To see him stand in front of 335 Year 10 students and speak with such vulnerability, yet with such passion, showed that anything is possible.

For more information about the work that Oly and Daniel are doing, click on the following link: <https://100talksforchange.com/>

**Mrs Alexander-Weller, Assistant Headteacher.**



## Post 16 Students Improve Their Money Management Skills

Congratulations to Post 16 student Monica Caraian who is the first one to complete an Open University short course "Managing my Money for Young Adults", an online interactive course designed for young people to become more financially aware. Monica has been awarded an Open University Digital badge which has recognised status with employers and an OU Statement of Participation.

At President Kennedy School we believe that it is very important for our students to leave their school career knowing that they have the necessary skills to take control and avoid any future money worries. The course is designed to give students the confidence to take control of their finances whether they are still studying at school, plan to start work or embark on an

apprenticeship or go to university. This online course teaches students how to budget effectively through different stages of their lives, choose and manage bank and savings accounts, finance further and higher education studies, borrow sensibly and manage debts effectively and plan ahead to make life goals financially achievable.

All Post 16 students will be given the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in a variety of curriculum areas through accessing the numerous Open University courses.

This will without doubt enhance their personal development, whilst also allow them to gain a competitive edge in future pathways.

**Mrs Petrak, Business Studies Department**



*Building Brighter Futures*

## BBC Bitesize Roadshow

Last week saw all of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students listen and engage with three local entrepreneurs. This was part of the national BBC Bitesize Roadshow event for schools. Students heard about their career journeys, skills required and experiences about three very different jobs.

They heard from Mark O'Shea, Events Co-ordinator at the CBS Arena, Reece Brewster, a Level 7 degree Apprentice at Jaguar Land Rover, and Paul Bennet, an Assistant Director at the BBC who is currently working on the current Coventry series 'Phoenix Rise'.

There was great feedback from the BBC Bitesize crew and the guest speakers from visiting the school.

Paul Bennet from the BBC expressed interest to work with the school's drama department and hopefully have the drama students visit the film set.

Mark O'Shea from CBS Arena plans to be involved with the school and hope to engage our students with visits, assemblies, WEX placements in the future - watch this space!

**Mr Fogarty, Careers and Vocational Studies Director**



## Sports News

The Year 10 football team progressed into the third round of the West Midlands Cup. We drew 3-3 in normal time, this took the game to penalties where goalkeeper Adam Goode was the hero with three penalty saves, as President Kennedy School won 3-2 on penalties.

Year 9 Rugby team played their first game of the season in the National Cup against Bablake.

President Kennedy School showed signs of rustiness in the early stages but grew into the game, however too many missed tackles eventually proved costly as Bablake ran out 21-7 winners.

**Mr Garlick, P.E Department**

## Echo Eternal Curriculum Garden

Come and find out what's been going on in the **Echo Eternal Curriculum Garden** over the summer on the school website under the 'The Bridge' tab on the home page:

<https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/page/?title=The+Bridge+Garden&pid=66>

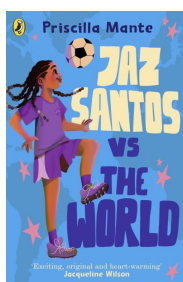


## The Library

At President Kennedy School

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

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



### **Jaz Santos vs The World by Priscilla Mante**

Things begin to go wrong for Jaz when her mum moves out, leaving her family behind. Determined to fix everything, she creates her own girl's football team to be the star her mum always wanted. First, she recruits a brilliant new group of friends to join her team. But after a shaky start, seven very different personalities to manage, and no one at school taking the girls' team seriously, football stardom feels a long way off. Can Jaz keep everyone - and herself - out of trouble long enough to convince her mum to come home?



### **Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah**

A young Jamaican boy arriving in Britain with his parents in the late 1940's tries to make the best of things despite of the racism he encounters.

The Windrush generation are named after one of the first ships that arrived in the UK from Jamaica in 1948. In this heart-stopping adventure based on real historical events, Benjamin Zephaniah shows us what it was like being a child of the Windrush generation, an important and intriguing time in Britain that's sure to fascinate young readers..

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

**Library Staff**



## To celebrate

# Black History Month

***We want to know.....***

# Who is your Black History Month Champion?

- **This could be someone you know....**
- **Someone from history....**
- **Someone famous today....**

Please use the template below to tell us who your Champion is and why, and then email to [librarypks@pks.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:librarypks@pks.coventry.sch.uk) or drop it into the Library by **Friday 27th October 2023**

**There will be prizes for the best entries**



**Student Name:** ..... **Tutor Group:** .....

**My BHM Champion is:** .....

**I have chosen this person because.....**

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