

Dates for your Diary

European Day of Languages - Tuesday 26th - September
Year 11 Synoptic Exams - Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been another busy week at President Kennedy School. It is wonderful to see our Year 7s settle so quickly in The Bridge and start to take part in the amazing range of extra-curricular activities we have on offer.

I have no doubt that many of our students will be inspired by Issabella in Year 13 who demonstrates PRIDE in everything she attempts. Good luck with her new business ventures.

The focus this week has very much been on parental engagement. It was great to see Year 7 parents attend one of many parental workshops, last week which focussed on Maths. Thank you for your support; it was lovely to see you here!

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Maths Parental Workshop



We had the first of our *Maths Parental Workshops* where parents had the opportunity to discover what teachers are doing in the classroom and why.

For a few years now, Maths has been taught using a mastery approach. This approach means that students get a much deeper understanding of the subject, rather than being able to memorise key procedures by rote learning.

On the evening, parents were asked to attempt some questions that their child would have been presented with in lessons, which was thoroughly enjoyable for parents/carers and students. Parents also had a number of websites shared with them that are either used for homework, classwork or for pleasure.

Feedback from the parents who attended the workshop was extremely positive with them really appreciating knowing exactly

what their child will be studying until the October break as well as understanding the mastery approach.

The next evening will be on 7th November at 3.30pm and 5.30pm. In these sessions, we wish for parents/carers and students to be looking at the work being done until the Christmas break and having a go at the mastery approach to Maths.

We are particularly keen on keeping the student, parent/carer and teacher partnership strong; don't miss the opportunity to get involved and *Build Brighter Futures* for your children.

Useful websites were shared for parents to use with their children (see below). Parents left supported, eagerly awaiting the next session.

Mrs Dhanani, Assistant Headteacher

Useful maths websites:

www.mymaths.co.uk www.mathswatch.co.uk www.whiterose.co.uk

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Research

Students and parents/carers are invited to bake cakes, which will be sold to staff and students in the Hub on Friday 29th September.

This will take place in F25. If you would like to help, please see Miss Sandhar.
Thank you!

Miss Sandhar, Inclusion Pastoral Manager.



Entrepreneur of the Month



Congratulations to Year 13 BTEC Business student Issabella Kyere who has set up her own very successful hair business **Bella's Beauty**.

Issabella has given us her personal entrepreneurial journey, and shown examples of how she has used her academic knowledge and the soft skills of independence, resilience and problem solving. These are the skills President Kennedy School students are encouraged to develop, as these skills will be needed in order to be successful in the ever-changing work place of the 21st Century.

I'm Issabella Kyere I'm currently a year 13 student studying Level 3 BTEC Business. The 15-year-old me would have never thought that I would even have the courage to start my own business. But studying Business in Year 12 made me learn so many new business theories and new skills which allowed me to understand how to market myself and gain customers for my mini micro start up in the Beauty Industry.

Having my own hair business made me realise that you have to do a lot of research, such as the right colour, logo, products as well as setting the price to make sure that it's suitable for everyone and making sure that the social media platform looks presentable with an appropriate name which in my case is called _x.bellasbeauty.

Thanks to the course, I have been able to have a successful business at the age of 17 which continues to grow every day. Having this business will help me at university as I want to go onto study Marketing and Psychology at Aston University. I'm happy that I've been able to apply lessons taught to a real-life business. Also, whilst being at university, I will continue with Bella's Beauty, so I can earn while studying. I'm excited to learn more about entrepreneurship and learn new skills every step of the way!!

Mrs Petrak, Business Department



Brad Raises Hundreds of Pounds for Charity



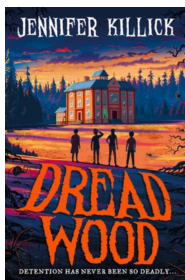
Post 16 student, Brad Bailey has raised over £500 for Teenage Cancer Trust by taking part in the Great North Run in Newcastle.

He has chosen to raise money for this charity and others in future runs. Well done Brad!!



FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

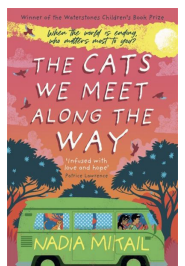
This week the Library's recommended reads are...



Dread Wood by Jennifer Killick

When classmates (but not mate-mates) Hallie, Angelo, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on a SATURDAY, they think things can't get much worse. But they're wrong. Things are about to get seriously scary. What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune to Itsy Bitsy Spider? And what horrors lurk in the shadows, getting stronger and meaner every minute?

Cut off from help and in danger each time they touch the ground, the gang's only hope is to work together. But it's no coincidence that they're all there on detention. Someone has been watching and plotting and is out for revenge...



The Cats we Meet Along the Way by Nadia Mikail

Seventeen-year-old Aisha hasn't seen her sister June for two years. And now that a calamity is about to end the world in nine months' time, she and her mother decide that it's time to track her down and mend the hurts of the past.

Along with Aisha's boyfriend, Walter and his parents (and Fleabag the stray cat), the group take a road trip through Malaysia in a wildly decorated camper van - to put the past to rest, to come to terms with the present, and to hope for the future.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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