

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,

We are very proud of our Post 18 students who have all started the next stage of their career at university. It has been wonderful to hear how they are settling into new cities and how they feel about moving away from home, friends, and family. They all seem really excited so far; watch this space for more blogs on university life.

Also congratulations to Caiden for his amazing entrepreneurial skills and for showcasing them in his lessons. A true businessman in the making.

On Monday after school, our Year 13 Scientist and Psychology students showcased their research skills and presented at a Science/Psychology conference. They were inspirational! We are so proud of the students here. Well done all!

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher



President Kennedy School Alumni

With the first term at university underway, we were delighted to hear from some of our 2023 Post 16 leavers. We read so many stories of how their first few weeks of university life have been.

It was brilliant to hear from them and we look forward to many more stories from our President Kennedy School Alumni in the near future.

Mrs Rejali, Teacher of Religious Education and Leader of Personal Development in Post 16



Building Brighter Futures

Shivam Chhaya, University of Northampton – Graphic Communication Design

"Throughout this first week I have met a lot of my course mates and flatmates and also visited a gallery in London yesterday which really allowed me to enhance my creativity and visual skills."



Isobel Gash, Edge Hill University – Creative Writing

"Moving in and meeting my ten flat mates was interesting as we had only talked on a group chat previously. We played a collective uni game on the first night to get to know each other which was enjoyable. I also enjoyed the freshers fair as it did well to demonstrate what opportunities we could have over the next few years. Taster sessions for the subject were also interesting as we got an idea of what we could expect for the future lessons but not in a way that we experienced pressure."



Todd Harrison, Leeds Beckett University – Sports Development

"Learning to live in a new place without family has been a fun challenge. With the course officially starting next week, I'm looking forward to university life."



Nida Mansoor, Hull York Medical School – Medicine

"Settling into a new city far from home has definitely been an adjustment; getting the hang of living by yourself, but it's been fun going to some freshers events and meeting people from different walks of life to you."

Last week was my first actual week at the uni and I saw a whole cadaver in my anatomy class which was so cool and surreal. It's a humbling experience because someone has literally given you their body for the sole purpose of you to learn from. Now I'm excited to get my scrubs soon!"



Holly Rose Delaney, Coventry University – English Literature

"I've really enjoyed meeting new people who have similar interests to me and going out to socials."

The course so far has been really interesting too, loving uni life so far!"

Tasneem Rahal, Aston University – Law

"University is a whole new world where you meet people from all aspects of life."



Bradley Gostick, Coventry University – Geography and Natural Hazards

"The prospect of a much more in depth look within a subject I enjoy so much."



Young PKS Entrepreneur of the Month



Congratulations to Year 8 student Caiden Reece- Campbell who has set up his own very successful gardening business and dog walking business.

Caiden has given us his personal entrepreneurial journey, and shown examples of how he has used 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.

"Hi my name is Caiden and my business is gardening. I started when I needed a job for the summer holidays to keep me busy. I am regularly asked by people if I would do their garden. I do jobs like weeding, sweeping up leaves, lawn mowing and pruning. I have regular customers who get their garden done every two weeks. I also have a very successful dog walking business. Every night I am out waking the neighbour's dogs. I enjoy both my jobs, they keep me active, I am out in the fresh air, I find it very relaxing and I earn my own money!"

Caiden Reece- Campbell

Mrs Petrak, Business Studies Department

Research Poster Conference

Year 13 Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology students hosted a conference on Monday evening to display their 'Research Posters' they have worked on over the summer in study groups to staff.

One of the key aims of the conference is to challenge Year 13s to communicate and disseminate their research to a lay audience.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 13s to practice various skills such as communication, written, presentation and creativity skills; all imperative to thrive in *Life, Academia and Work*.

The event was a huge success and enjoyed by both students and staff. We look forward to hosting another next year.

Mr Green, Science Department



The Bridge Council

The Bridge Council had a busy meeting on Thursday where they were reading all the letters of 'Application for the Ambassador Roles' in Year 7.

Students had been exploring what it takes to be an effective leader in the Tutor Curriculum and this led to lots of Year 7 students applying for Ambassador Roles. They were wonderful to read and roles will be awarded to students very soon!

Well done Year 7- a great start to "putting your best foot forward!"

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



Black History Month - Saluting Our Sisters!



Black History Month is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. This year's theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities.

Staff in the library have a display in the visitors reception shining a light on some of these truly amazing women and the important contributions they have made to many lives.

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 on the back of this newsletter to tell us who your Champion is and why, and then email to librarypks@pks.coventry.sch.uk or drop it into the Library by Friday 27th October 2023.

There will be prizes for the best entries!

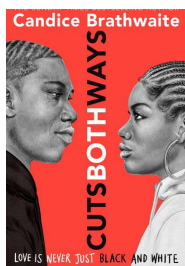


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At President Kennedy School

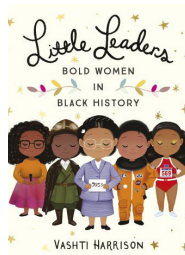
FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Cuts Both Ways by Candice Brathwaite

London is all Cynthia knows, so when her parents move her family to a place where there is only one bus an hour and the faint smell of horse manure continuously permeates the air, it's a culture shock, to say the least. As is transitioning to a private school. At her new school, Cynthia immediately finds herself caught between two brothers - head boy Thomas, who is white, and his adopted black brother, Isaac. There is something about Isaac she cannot quite get enough of...but her father is keen for her to partner up with someone like Thomas, someone who will be 'better for her future prospects'. But when it turns out the brothers have been keeping secrets from her, secrets that link back to the life Cynthia thought she had left behind in London, she realises that not everything is as it seems. Will Cynthia be able to forgive the lies and follow her heart?



Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations. Tells the stories of both iconic and lesser-known female figures of black history - from nurse Mary Seacole, to politician Diane Abbott, mathematician Katherine Johnson and singer Shirley Bassey. Among these biographies, readers will find heroes, role models and everyday women who did extraordinary things.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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Student Name: **Tutor Group:**

My BHM Champion is:

I have chosen this person because.....

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