

Wednesday 21st July 1.30pm - School finishes for Summer Holidays  
Monday 6th September – INSET Day  
Tuesday 7th September – INSET Day  
Wednesday 8th September - testing for Year 7 and Year 11 (Detailed letter to follow)  
Thursday 9th September – testing for Post 16 and Year 10 (Detailed

letter to follow) & Year 7 Induction Morning - 8.45am – 12pm

Friday 10th September – testing for Year 8 and Year 9 (Detailed letter to follow) & Year 7 Induction Morning - 8.45am – 12pm  
Monday 13th September – All students return to school (Detailed letter to follow)

**Dates for your Diary**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



Welcome to another packed edition of the newsletter. After such a long pause in so many enrichment activities, it is terrific to be able to report on these again. I can only imagine how hard it has been for our students these last 18 months not being able to participate and compete in the activities they love so much. As a (former) P.E teacher, I am delighted with the sporting prowess of our pupils, specifically our triumphant Year 7 girls athletes - a huge achievement indeed. Very well done.

I am equally proud of the massive contributions President Kennedy School students have made to the annual World Class School Symposium - truly inspiring, my congratulations to all involved. We are so proud that we are designated as a World Class School as I hope this edition clearly demonstrates why.

We also look forward to further report on the exciting new 'Twinning Project' with our new partner school in Jamaica, and, many more Duke of Edinburgh expedition adventures.

I wish you all a good week ahead,

**Mr Clayton, Headteacher**

## Coventry Schools Finals Year 7 Girls Make President Kennedy History!

On Wednesday 23rd May, President Kennedy School took 26 athletes from Year 7 and Year 8 to the *Coventry Schools Finals* at Warwick University. The pupils had to qualify for these finals, and everyone produced fantastic performances to come away with a lots of medals and a number of City champions.

In the team events, the Year 8 boys team finished 3rd overall behind Bishop Ullathorne and Bablake, but our Year 7 girls team created some President Kennedy history, by becoming **Coventry Champions for the very first time**.

Well done to all that took part, and roll on next year where we can defend our title.

**Mr Garlick, Head of PE**



## MEDALS

### BRONZE

YEAR 8 75 M HURDLES – ARGHAD MAULY  
YEAR 8 200M – JEREMIAH CUDJOE  
YEAR 8 4 X 100M RELAY X 4 – JEREMIAH CUDJOE, MICKIEL TAKYI, NAYTHANIEL MARTIN, ARGHAD MAULY  
YEAR 7 70 M HURDLES – ELIZA BIRCH  
YEAR 7 70M HURDLES – ISAAC BABALOLA  
YEAR 7 600M – ELIZABETH POLLARD

### SILVER

YEAR 7 70M HURDLES – DEJA BAILEY  
YEAR 7 1000M – EVE LOVELOCK  
YEAR 7 LONG JUMP – EVE LOVELOCK  
YEAR 8 LONG JUMP – AMELYA MINNEY  
YEAR 7 600M – KYRAN COULSON  
YEAR 7 JAVELIN – OLIVER DOUGHTY  
YEAR 8 75M HURDLES – JEREMIAH CUDJOE  
YEAR 8 DISCUSS – JAVID HOSSENI

### GOLD

YEAR 8 LONG JUMP – NAYTHANIEL MARTIN  
YEAR 8 SHOT – JAVED HOSSENI  
YEAR 7 TRIPLE JUMP – ELIZABETH POLLARD  
YEAR 7 DISCUS – CORDELIA AKATA  
YEAR 7 4 X100M RELAY – CORDELIA AKATA, DEJA BAILEY, ABSHARA PIRATHEEBAN, YATHURSHANAA RAVIKANTHAN  
YEAR 7 COVENTRY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS 2021 X 8

11 SILVER MEDALS FOR ROUNDEERS – COVENTRY SCHOOLS U14 RUNNERS UP

1 TROPHY YEAR 7 COVENTRY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS GIRLS 2021

## World Class Success at the Annual WCSQM Symposium 2021!



On 1st July 2021, World Class primary and secondary school leaders, staff and students came together from across the UK and internationally for WCSQM's

Symposium. In light of the ongoing social distancing measures, WCSQM's annual Symposium had to take place virtually, hosted by Sandringham School in St Albans.

This year's Symposium offered a range of presentations and interactive sessions from World Class schools, students and partners, centred around the theme of 'World Class futures'. The day itself showcased students' achievements across this academic year and acted as a celebration of student excellence. Across the course of the day, the fantastic achievements of PKS students, in particular, featured heavily from Year 7 up to Post 16.

At multiple points throughout the day, Year 7 students featured in the 'Unlocking Your Voice Gallery' where their World Class video submissions were shown to 50+ schools internationally.



Students explained why they believed they were #WorldClass; their resilience, their determination, their organisation, their dedication, their PRIDE to name only a few. A massive thank you to all of the Year 7 students who were involved in this! We loved hearing your opinions on why you are World Class. A huge congratulations to the following students whose speeches were excellent, clear and will be given prizes internally for their incredible efforts: 1st place winners include Ethan Moongo and Abshara Piratheeban, 2nd place winners include Ozzy Omogun and Cordellia Akata and 3rd place winners were Hannah Richards and Jessica Berry.

***"Being a World Class student is no easy feat. It involves having the determination to strive towards your academic goals, to go that extra mile to fulfil your potential, to be the absolute best you can be."***

***- Osaruese Omogun, Year 7***

During the Awards Ceremony, current Year 12 students Harry Gilsenan, Eesha Gupta and Mya Birdee were commended for their efforts in being student shadow assessors for other accrediting and re-accrediting World Class Schools. This brought with it the opportunity to develop World Class skills and competencies, and to network with other World Class students, with the final result being qualified assessor status from September 2021. The assessor's principal role is to assess the school and the students that are applying for World Class status. The whole process lasted a few months and once the

accrediting schools had submitted all of their work and evidence, it was the shadow assessor's responsibility to collect and review months of evidence completed by those wishing to be World Class. When the assessment of schools comes around next year, Harry, Esha and Mya will be in charge of a team of 7-8 shadow assessors. Congratulations on becoming certified assessors for the WCSQM organisation. World Class students make World Class schools!



From 2pm until 3pm, Year 9 student Gracie Rolinson, who achieved third place herself in last year's essay writing competition, launched the 2021 WCSQM essay competition. Gracie had the opportunity to work with this year's competition judge, [Dan Freedman](#), author of the hugely popular Jamie Johnson football novels, adapted for TV by the BBC, which is now the most downloaded children's show on the BBC iPlayer. Dan's passion for writing was preceded by a love of football – he was the Managing Editor for the English Football Association, interviewing the likes of Messi and Ronaldo on his World Cup tours. Dan revealed the secrets of his success to Gracie and Prisha, a Year 6 student from Berkeley Academy, who interviewed him on everything from football to making writing cool. As well as this, he also revealed this year's essay competition title: ***"How much can motivation from parents, or the important adults in your life, help or hinder your success?"*** After winning the competition last year, with Caitlin Hoyle's essay awarded first place, PKS will be leading on the shortlisting process for 2021. We can't wait to see what people write. If you are at all interested in watching the recording of Gracie's Q&A with Dan Freedman, please head to the WCSQM website.



***"It was an incredible opportunity to interview Dan Freedman, a best-selling author, for the WCS Symposium. His advice on how he is inspired to write was really informative, I especially enjoyed the Q&A where I was able to add my input and share my own Essay Writing Tips video. As a thank you, Dan has even sent me a signed copy of 'Unstoppable'"***

***- Gracie Rolinson, Year 9***

A huge congratulations to all students who have been involved with the WCSQM organisation this year.

President Kennedy Kids Can and Do!

***Miss Tovey, English Teacher***



## Year 7 Girls Put On a Show!

On Wednesday 16th June, the U12's competed in their first ever competitive football fixture against Barrs Hill School.

Having missed out on the usual regular training and fixtures that they would have experienced during the winter term due to the pandemic, the girls put on a very promising display of natural talent and competitive spirit beating Barrs Hill 14-3!

This performance has created a huge surge in confidence in preparation for more competitive fixtures and opportunities next academic year, which I'm sure are going to be incredibly exciting! Well done to all involved!

Team (from left to right)- Deja Bailey, Elizabeth Pollard, Kacie-Mai Sankey, Jessica Berry, Eliza Birch, Emily Jones, Eve Lovelock, Lily-Skye Keogh, Erin Lydon, Nicola Zaremska, Manal Bawazir, Katie Corcoran

**Miss Newbold, PE Department**



## International Twinning Project

Did you know that Coventry has 26 Twin Cities across the world? And that one of them is Kingston, Jamaica?

Here at President Kennedy School, we are committed to developing our international links and have recently been fortunate to partner with Kingston Technical High School, supported by Coventry, City of Languages and The British Council. We have already established a link between the two schools by creating an introductory film. The film was planned, recorded and directed by some of our Year 9 and Year 12 students, with technical support from media company *Twin Studios CIC*, and has been shared with students at our partner school. The initial aim of the twinning project is to explore the shared cultural heritage of Coventry and Jamaica, with a focus on Windrush and the legacy that followed.



Next year we have three exciting collaborative projects planned. Firstly, we will be getting students to further explore our shared heritage through music, art and drama, leading to an online gallery where both schools can showcase their talent. We will also be taking part in a virtual language exchange, setting up a penpal system and, finally, working on a project for environmental sustainability. This promises to be an extremely exciting opportunity for the students at our school and I can't wait to update you on some of the wonderful things we have achieved, later in the year.

For now, a big thank you to the following students who have kick-started the project with such enthusiasm and fantastic effort: Harry Lovelock, Maddie Birch, Gracie Rolinson, Eesha Gupta, Mya Birdee, Zak Adams, Harry Gilsenan and all the students who so kindly appeared in our film!

**Mrs Seaton, MFL Teacher**



## DofE Expedition with a Difference

Sixteen Year 10 students completed the expedition section of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award but with a difference. Unfortunately, due to Covid, students were not able to camp overnight but still managed to have two days worth of adventure in the local countryside.

On the first day groups had to tackle overgrown footpaths with the vegetation being as tall as them.

With a few wrong turns added in for good measure, all groups managed to find the check points and completed day 1 with smiles on their faces.

Day 2, and the students were taken to the Warwickshire village of Berkswell and enjoyed the well-trodden footpath heading towards Meriden and then finishing in Corley, before being taken back to school.

**Miss Kirkham, D of E Co-ordinator**





# SUMMER OF FUN 2021

## FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES & FOOD

## FOR COVENTRY YOUNG PEOPLE

### SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT VENUES ACROSS THE CITY EACH WEEK:

- **EDGEWICK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
DAYS: MONDAY & FRIDAY | TIME: 12PM - 4PM | AGE: 9 - 14
- **LYNG HALL SCHOOL (WYKEN)**  
DAYS: WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY | TIME: 10AM - 2PM | AGE: 11 - 17
- **THE CREZ YOUTH CLUB (RADFORD)**  
DAYS: MONDAY & THURSDAY | TIME: 4PM - 8PM | AGE: 11 - 17
- **PATHWAYS FAMILY HUB (RADFORD PRIMARY ACADEMY)**  
DAYS: WEDNESDAY | TIME: 3PM - 5PM | AGE: 9 - 14
- **THE MOAT FAMILY HUB (WOOD END)**  
DAYS: FRIDAY | TIME: 3PM - 5PM | AGE: 11 - 17

### Dates

26th July 2021

-  
20th Aug 2021

### ACTIVITIES:

- MULTI SPORTS DELIVERED BY APTITUDE YOUTH SPORTS COACHES - ULTIMATE FRISBEE, DODGEBALL, FOOTBALL, NETBALL, TOURNAMENTS, COMPETITIONS & MORE!
- MUSIC ACTIVITIES DELIVERED BY COVENTRY MUSIC SERVICE - SAMBA DRUMMING, UKULELE, DJ & DIGITAL BEATS MAKING.
- ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES - T-SHIRT DESIGN, CANVAS ART, GLASS PAINTING, GRAFFITI ART & MORE!
- FREE MEALS AT EACH SESSION FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON.
- HOME COOKING PACKS TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU EACH WEEK WITH HOW-TO-COOK YOUTUBE VIDEOS!
- TRIPS TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE - ZIP WIRE, TREE TREK, CLIMBING, GIANTS LADDER.

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