

PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES



At President Kennedy School everything we do is focused on Building Brighter Futures for our students, our staff and our Community. We are a large inclusive community school located on the outskirts of Coventry, educating approximately 1300 students. Proud of our “no barriers” approach to education, we ensure children of all abilities and from all backgrounds are encouraged to set high goals and work hard to achieve them.

We work together in a productive and challenging manner to provide a vibrant and engaging learning environment that ensures every student achieves his or her potential. This school is about ensuring our students feel supported and happy. If students are happy they will flourish and achieve.

Our outstanding examination results in 2012 placed the school in the top 2% nationally for progress. We are a truly aspirational school with a strong reputation for caring and supporting our students. In a recent independent survey over 96% of our parents said they would recommend our school to another parent.

YET ANOTHER YEAR OF OUTSTANDING RESULTS

In 2012, President Kennedy School secured an exceptional set of GCSE and A level examination results, the school's best set

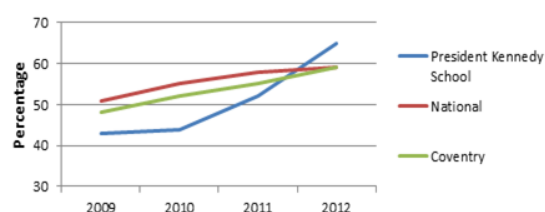
of results ever. 65% of year 11s achieved 5 GCSEs graded A*-C including English and Maths, up 13% on the school's 2011 results. A third of students achieved at least 3 GCSEs graded A*/A and a good number of students secured A*/A grades across all subjects. 97% achieved at least 5 good GCSEs graded A*-C.

President Kennedy School's GCSE results are now well above the national average and the best in the North Coventry area. Outstanding GCSE results in 2012 placed President Kennedy School in the top 2% for progress nationally (in other words our students make more progress between year 7 and year 11 than at 98% of other schools).



The percentage of students securing 5 good GCSEs graded A*-C including English and maths has increased for the fifth year running to 65%.

Percentage Students Securing at least 5 GCSEs Graded A*-C including English & Maths President Kennedy School versus Coventry & National Average





Year 7 students celebrating the best possible start to their secondary school education.

THE VERY BEST START: THE BRIDGE AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL.

We recognise that the needs of eleven year olds differ greatly to older teenagers and we have created The Bridge which provides specialist care and development tailored to this age group. The Bridge is a self contained college dedicated to year 7 students based in its own building with its own specialist staff.

Experience has shown that very careful assessment of our incoming year 7's academic strengths and weaknesses together with their emotional and social requirements generates strong relationships between staff and students early on and ensures that we are able to offer the right amount of support and stretch for every child in our care.

Ultimately, happy children do well at school and The Bridge provides a happy and secure environment where children feel at home quickly and soon feel confident enough to tackle new activities. Most year 7 lessons are taught within the Bridge's newly refurbished building. This means that our specialist teachers transport themselves to the children rather than the children having to transport themselves to the teachers!

All Year 7 students take part in a carefully crafted curriculum that encompasses, traditional academic subjects such as English and Maths taught by our specialist Faculty Teachers plus a range of cross curricular learning experiences. There is a strong emphasis on literacy led by an ex primary school literacy specialist

The key to success is careful assessment when the children arrive at President Kennedy School which enables us identify strengths and weaknesses early. We then devise highly personalised timetables for each student based on their particular needs to make sure that every child is stretched to reach their full potential.

Children are placed in sets according to their ability in English and Maths quickly. Children who arrive below national average in key subjects such as English and Maths are often offered additional lessons in small groups which gives them just the boost they need. Children who are Gifted and Talented are placed in our Accelerated Programme which ensures that they get the stretch that they need.

Year 7 students along with their parents and carers attended a lavish graduation ceremony at Coventry University in July. Dressed in ceremonial caps and gowns, students celebrated an outstanding first year at The Bridge. The address was given by Ger Graus, Chief Executive of The Children's University.

Working with the Children's University is just one of the initiatives in place to ensure students at The Bridge acquire a first class start to their academic education at Secondary School.

SPECIALISED COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY CURRICULUM



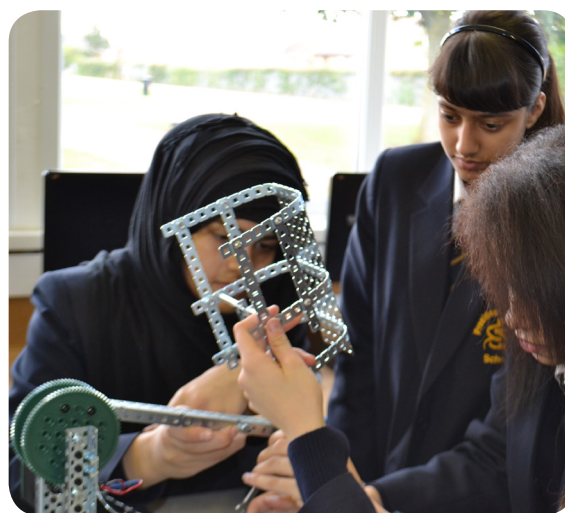
In addition to subject lessons, students pursue an innovative curriculum which accelerates achievement in communicating, learning and reasoning. Our dedicated literacy specialist works across the school providing additional learning opportunities for all students. Programmes include guided reading and Freshstart lessons for students who arrive in year 7 below national average, organising partnership reading with Post 16 students and Royal Shakespeare Theatre workshops for gifted and talented students. The drive to improve literacy extends to our feeder primary schools providing Shakespeare projects with year 5 classes and literacy booster sessions for year 6 students. This enables the Year 7 team to develop a detailed understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of students, even before they arrive at President Kennedy School.

Our curriculum incorporates concepts developed by Professor Neil Mercer, a renowned education specialist at the University of Cambridge. This ground breaking approach to teaching and learning boosts students' communication skills including speaking, listening and oral articulation and is a key component of every

student's academic journey at President Kennedy School. Students take part in interschool public speaking and debating competitions and inter-form spelling bees. These skills transcend all subject areas, and are essential to improving academic attainment and personal accomplishment later in life.

President Kennedy School believes that "every teacher is a literacy teacher" and our teachers have benefitted from a Literacy Development programme which provides support and guidance for raising the standard of students' written work across the whole curriculum.

QUALITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROVISION FEATURED IN LOCAL MEDIA



The school's high quality provision in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) made regional news when BBC Midlands Today reporters turned up in early October to highlight the need for more schools to promote careers in this vital area. President Kennedy School runs additional STEM lessons after school which builds greater depth in these subject areas. In November, a year 13 student, won the prestigious Warwick University Faraday Scholarship and will commence his chemistry degree studies there next year.

In September all Year 9 students completed a programme with 'Tomorrow's Engineers', an

organisation promoting science and technology careers in schools. Students performed a number of spectacular experiments which illustrated how engineers work in the real world, followed by a number of workshops requiring students to create their own innovations. Students also worked in groups to create, test and improve robot buggies.

Year 8 students joined Maggie Philbin at the TeenTech event at Coventry's Ricoh Arena in October and engaged in numerous experiments and challenges with over 120 engineers and scientists from top global and regional companies.

POST 16: SECURING A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Post 16 at President Kennedy School is forward looking, dynamic and friendly. There is a welcoming, purposeful atmosphere in our Post 16 Centre that encourages hard work and high attainment.

We are immensely proud of our academic record at AS and A level and the exciting destinations our students reach. We are well known for the high level of support and guidance we offer. For example, our students benefit greatly from the expertise of an in-house careers professional and significant emphasis is placed on aiming high and planning early for brighter futures.

This year saw another strong set of A level results with 40% of students achieving all A*, A or B grades. All President Kennedy School's students who applied for a university secured a place and over 90% achieved a place on their first choice university course. Others landed places on prestigious apprenticeship schemes; such as the Jaguar Landrover scheme and the Grant Thornton School Leaver Accountancy Programme. Every single student who graduated from Post 16 in 2012 entered higher education or secured a place on an apprenticeship scheme or employment.

From 2013, Post 16 is launching an exciting an innovative approach to education. In addition to its celebrated A level and university applications track record, Post 16 will offer distinctive business and health & life sciences vocational qualifications and training in partnership with local businesses and training providers.

