

An exceptional education

President
Kennedy
School



Building Brighter Futures

HAVING been judged outstanding in every area by Ofsted in July 2013, President Kennedy School secured its best ever set of GCSE and A-level examination results and a number of high profile endorsements from the SSAT, School's Minister David Laws and Ofsted's Sir Michael Wilshaw.

In January 2014, David Laws wrote to the school congratulating it on its examination results and stating that "President Kennedy School is one of the top 100 performing state-funded secondary schools in England."

In April, the title of National Leader of Education was awarded to head teacher Peter Thomas by the Department of Education. President Kennedy School was simultaneously designated a National Support School and now shares its teaching best practice with other schools locally, nationally and internationally as far afield as South Korea.

The introduction of the Bridge, a stand-alone college just for Year 7 students three years ago, ensures that students arriving from primary school settle very quickly into secondary school. The Bridge's teaching staff work intensively with the year group to lift educational attainment well beyond those levels expected by the Department of Education. Aspiration and attitude to learning are also a priority. Since January, Year 7 students have visited Paris, the National Space Centre and at least one top British university. Unsurprisingly, the Bridge has been extremely popular with parents and



■ The Year 7 production of Grease

is heavily oversubscribed for entry in September 2014.

Beyond the Bridge, the school's unique college structure ensures that the progress students make from KS3 to KS4 is outstanding and attainment progress levels in maths and English are some of the highest in the country, placing the school in the top one per cent nationally.

The school's strong links with

regional universities means that Post 16 students are increasingly extending their learning alongside PhD students and postdoctoral fellows.

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■ Outward bound in Snowdonia

educational experience



■ Astronomy at The National Space Centre

fingered students, led by teacher Mrs Coward, built a thought provoking and highly praised War World 1 tribute garden at this year's Malvern Spring show.

In May, Year 8 students travelled to Snowdonia National Park to learn about the topography and to gain some new and challenging skills.

The school has its own highly successful Dance Academy and Performing Arts Programme. In May, Year 7 staged their very colourful version of Grease, the musical, to highly appreciative audiences. A music-dance group Counting Stars, made up of students in every year group, put in a rousing performance at the Coventry Rotary Young Entertainer competition at the Belgrade Theatre in April.

When it comes to sport, students are spoilt for choice at President Kennedy School. The school runs its own sport academies offering professional coaching from local clubs, including Coventry Swimming Club, Earlsdon Rugby Club, North Warwickshire Cricket Club, Beechwood Tennis Club and basketball from ex-England coach Rob Bromfield.

The Year 7 and Year 8 cricket teams have both competed at Edgbaston this year, and the girls' netball squad

At a glance

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President Kennedy School feels passionately about its local community and building brighter futures for children of Holbrooks. The school, which has an indoor heated swimming pool, runs a popular community sports and leisure programme and has excellent links with its local "feeder" primary schools.



■ Remembering World War 1



■ An extended chemistry lesson at Warwick University

Open Evening: 23rd September, 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm