

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November - Half Term
Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November - GCSE Maths and English Resit Exams

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,
What a busy end of term!

Year 8 had an excellent experience in coding and creating podcasts. This opportunity has come from our exciting partnership with The Sky Blues in the Community, so a big thank you to them for their support.

It has been wonderful to see our new Year 7s being engaged in learning about Black history and celebrating the achievement of women and how they have been such an inspiration. It was lovely to welcome Cadie Samra back to school, who has secured an amazing role with the BBC. I am sure she has also inspired the Year 10 Media group too.

Can I take the opportunity to thank you, the wonderful staff here at President Kennedy School for their hard work this term and to the amazing students who demonstrate care and compassion for the community. They have shown exceptional PRIDE.

Just a quick reminder that the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 29 October - do enjoy the extra hour in bed! The school term begins again on Monday 6th November. We look forward to seeing you then.

Wishing you all a relaxing break,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Innovation in Technology - Coding and Podcasts

Year 8 was very lucky to have an assembly delivered by Gavin Jones, Innovation Manager from Virgin Media and O2 described how new technologies will impact our lives and future careers.

He explained how changes in technology will affect our lives and how we can think more innovatively.

Some students then had further workshops by #CovConnects, SkyBlues in the Community, University of Warwick and Coventry University.

They completed a coding session using Lego robotics and a workshop on how to record a podcast.

Mrs Murray, Year 8 College Director



Year 7 and Black History Month



Year 7 have been celebrating Black History Month. This year's theme was, "Saluting our Sisters".

Students have had the opportunity to learn about significant Black and Mixed Heritage women and their contributions to Britain and worldwide. They have carried out their own research and created this fantastic display of artwork and interesting facts about women who inspire them.

Miss Griffin, Leader of Literacy

During tutor time, we have been learning about Black History Month which is celebrated in October in the UK. I chose to research Wangari Maathai. She is inspirational because she planted trees in Kenya to end conflict and poverty.

Grace, 7 Newcastle

Spooky Treats from the Kitchen!



Students have been enjoying the Halloween themed treats on offer that the school kitchen staff have created this week...truly **SPOOKTACULAR!!!**

Ex-Student Visits President Kennedy School



On Wednesday 25th October we were delighted to welcome back one of our alumni, Caidie Samra.

Caidie is a recent graduate of Leicester University and has secured a highly competitive place as an intern at the BBC.

As part of her new role, Caidie came and spoke to our GCSE Media students about her experiences.

We hope to welcome back Caidie and other ex-students as part of our Alumni programme later this year.

Mrs Mitchard, College Director Post 16



Money Raised for Dementia UK

Miss Forbes-Jones will be taking part in a Skydive on Sunday 29th October 2023, in honour of Dementia UK.

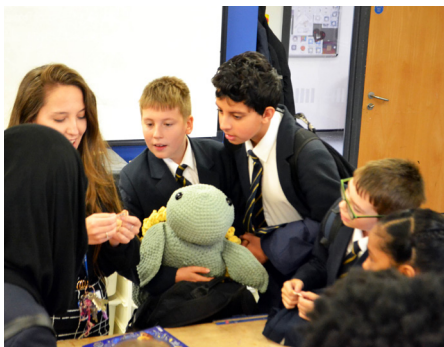
We have been running a whole school raffle to raise money for our chosen charity. £150 alone was raised through the raffle and is going to be added to the £1000 already raised.

A big well done to 8AFJ who supported the raffle during tutor time and lunch time.

The lucky winner was ... KIRSTY LONG in ICT.

A big well done to Kirsty and thank you so much for supporting our charity.

Miss Forbes Jones, Design & Technology



The European Bake Off - The Results



3rd Prize - Olivia Smith



2nd Prize - Javeria Altaf



1st Prize - Daxton Pearl

Students, parents and staff were invited to bake or to bring in cakes to raise money for exciting trips this year. The results are as pictured above with Olivia Smith winning 3rd prize, Javeria Altaf winning 2nd prize and the 1st prize went to Daxton Pearl!! Well done all who took part!



Post 16 Select Open Evening

President Kennedy School | 7th November 2023 | 17.30 - 19.30

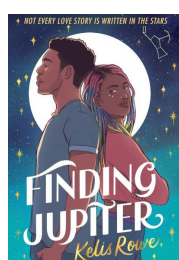


The Library

At President Kennedy School

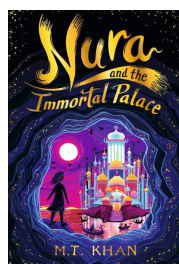
FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Finding Jupiter by Kelis Rowe

Ray: Just once I'd like my birthday to be about me, and not the day my father died. I want to be Ray Jr., the tall girl from Memphis with the poetry beats and the braids that stay poppin'. And when I meet Orion at the skating rink, that's exactly who I am. He pulls my hand, and instead of being defined by my past, he races me toward my future. Orion: When I dive into the pool, it's just me and my heartbeat. There's no dad, no dead sister, and no distracting noises. But I can't hold my breath forever. And since I met Ray, I don't want to. The closer we get, though, the more I see I'm not the only one caught in her wake. With a lyrical blend of found poetry and poignant prose, this stunning debut captures young love and a decades-old family secret that may shatter a romance that feels written in the stars.



Nura and the Immortal Palace by M T Khan

Nura has worked all her life in the mica mines, earning just enough to keep her family afloat - and enjoy the odd delicious gulab jamun from the market. Someday she's going to find the Demon's Tongue, a legendary treasure buried deep in the mines, and her family will never have to worry about money again. But when a terrible accident buries her best friend below ground, Nura goes in search of him and passes over into the magical and terrible world of the jinn. Across a pink sea and under a purple sky, she finds her way to a palace, where great riches and a whole new life are on offer. But it's not long before Nura discovers this world to be as unfair as the real one, and that trickster jinns will always live up to their reputation...

Library Staff

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

