

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November - Year 13 Synoptic Exams
Monday 27th November - Entry Level Maths Exam
Wednesday 29th November - Mela Asian Cultural Festival - 4:30pm to 7:00pm



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week's edition celebrates the amazing achievements in sports and in the world of entrepreneurship.

Congratulations to Nash and Henry on their rugby selection for Midlands DPP and to Misha for achieving 'Entrepreneur of the Month' - all students demonstrating PRIDE and showcasing their talents.

It's been an important week for careers, with the student body participating in Green Careers Week and learning about sustainability in the world of work.

Look out for an article of the careers fayre in next week's edition.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Green Careers Week

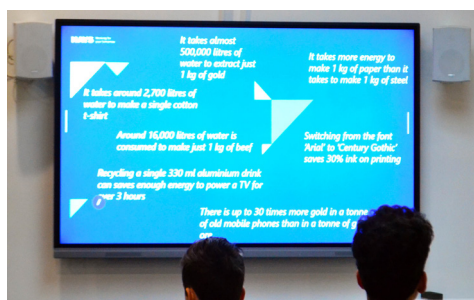
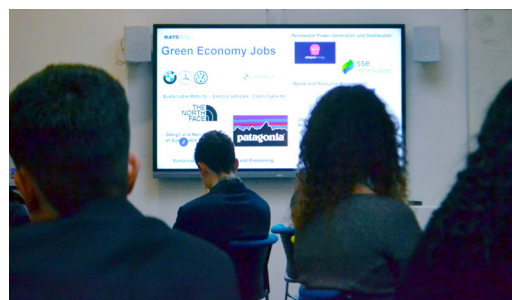
As part of Green Careers Week Year 12 and 13 Geography students, and members of the Eco-council, attended a talk on Green Careers and the increasing importance of green skills in future employment.

The session was run by a member of the sustainable recruitment team at Hays and provided the students with invaluable advice on how to build their green skills and how to get involved in careers in industries and businesses that are aiming to improve their sustainability.

Students also received advice on work experience and things they can do within school to make our community more sustainable. Students asked exceptional, thought provoking questions, tackling challenges around the ethics of individual companies and the ideas of green washing.

Feedback from the students was positive and they feel empowered to go and investigate green careers and have an impact within their community.

Dr Campbell, Leader of Geography



Green Careers Week

As part of 'Green Careers Week' Year 13 Business students attended an institute for the 'Motor Industry' webinar that provided valuable information about the different pathways and careers available to students.

They heard from technical engineers, and former apprentices. Feedback from students was positive and now have a far greater understanding and knowledge of what an apprenticeship may entail.

In addition, if you would like to gain more information about Green Careers, the industry as a whole, or general information around future pathways - including apprenticeships and T-levels, please check out the parents guide using the following link:

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/gcwpwg/>

Mr Fogarty - School's Careers Strategic Lead



Young PK Entrepreneur of the Month

Congratulations to our 'Entrepreneur of the Month', Misha, who has set up his own very successful Art business.

Misha has given us his personal entrepreneurial journey, and shown examples of how he has used the skills of independence, resilience and problem solving.

These are the skills President Kennedy 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 Misha and I am an entrepreneur. I draw pictures and sell them. My prices range from 20p to £1. Sometimes a customer may have a particular request and I will then draw it for them."

I enjoy drawing, because it makes my customers happy and I can earn some money for myself. Below is an example of one of my drawings!"

Mrs Petrak, Business Studies Department



Students to Represent the Midlands



Congratulations to Nash and Henry in Year 9 who have been selected to represent the Midlands RFU U14 DPP for this season. Well done boys!

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Do you have a query about Special Educational Needs?



New to the service? Have a 'quick' question or query?

**Come and talk informally to the SENDIASS team
FREE Tea and Coffee available. No appointment required.**

My child keeps
getting sent home

I'm 18, what are my
educational rights?

Can my son get an
EHC plan?

My child is struggling at
school, what can I do?

SENDIASS Drop-in Session Moat Family Hub

Moat House Primary School, Deedmore Road, Coventry CV2 1EQ

**Wednesday 22nd November 2023
Drop in between 1pm and 3pm**

***For more complex queries or questions we may need to
arrange a more detailed discussion with you,
or you can call us directly.**

**For further information or telephone
queries please contact us on:**

Tel: 024 7669 4307

or e-mail: iass@coventry.gov.uk

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Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'Privacy Notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about Parents/Carers and Students. It is reviewed annually and is available to read via the link below which is on the school website and in print at the school Reception.

<https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1450&type=pdf>

Thank you.

Because Children Deserve a Safe Digital World

Please see below two links for parents guides for social media apps. One is for WhatsApp the other one for Snapchat.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

<https://www.waynedenner.com/blog/snapchat-my-ai-chatbot/>

These links and others, can be found on the 'Parent Area' of the school website too:

<https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/page/?title=Guidance%3A+Social+Media&pid=97>

Building Brighter Futures

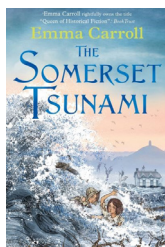


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



The Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll

When Fortune Sharpe carves a boat from a tree with her beloved brother, Gem, she's only having a bit of fun. But now is not the time for a girl to be drawing attention to herself. She is sent away to find work dressed as a boy. Luckily a rich manor house is hiring.

Yet Barrow Hill's inhabitants harbour dangerous secrets of their own, the suspicious owner is hunting for witches, and the house itself is a little too close to the sea...

My name is Fortune and I am on trial for my life. All I did was save a drowning boy: I pray he'll now speak the truth and save me... And Fortune - who is secretive, suspiciously good at swimming and, to everyone's surprise, a girl - is an obvious scapegoat. If anything, it makes matters worse.



The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth

Back in Afghanistan, before the Taliban came, Sami's grandfather was a famous musician. People would come from miles around and pay thousands to hear him play the rebab. Now Sami and his grandfather are refugees living in Boston. The rebab is their most valuable possession and a reminder of home. Then one terrible day, the rebab is stolen. Sami's grandfather is devastated. His last link with home is gone and with it, his livelihood. Sami resolves to get the rebab back as a surprise for Eid. When he finds it on eBay, with a hefty price tag attached, he begins to trade the few possessions he has - and as he does, he finds, to his surprise, that there are all kinds of people willing to help.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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"Leaders, staff and governors share a passionate commitment to raise the aspirations and achievements of all the students who attend the school."

Ofsted

16 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing to you today to ask for your support with a matter recently raised with me by local residents and local counsellors.

As you will be aware, the school has only a single entrance/exit on Rookery Lane. This does mean that Rookery Lane and the surrounding roads (Gospel Oak Road, Meadow Road, Nunts Park Avenue) regularly become very congested before school (8.30-9.00am) and after school (2.45-3.15pm) as many parents/carers arrive in cars to drop off and collect students from school. This issue is further compounded due to building work on the new housing estate off Meadow Road.

Local residents have repeatedly raised a number of issues with me:

- their driveways are being blocked
- damage occurring to their vehicles
- they are unable to get to work on time due to the high levels of congestion.

With only one entrance into the school site, we are unable to operate a system where parents come into the car park to drop off/collect students. Traffic congestion also leads to a very crowded and potentially dangerous start and end to the school day which requires considerable supervision from school staff.

Cars stopping illegally on the yellow zig-zag lines block the view of staff supervising, and of students and other drivers, who try to manoeuvre around them. This does put the safety of individuals at risk, for example in the last half term, a student was struck by a car outside the school gates. So please do not park or stop your car on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates.

We will, of course, continue to supervise students at the start and end of each day so that we can ensure students remain safe. That said, this would be a lot easier to do if the volume of parental/carer traffic was significantly reduced on Rookery Lane and the surrounding roads.

The school has very good, regular public transport links and encourages students' use of this to develop their independent travel skills. I politely request that you only park to drop off/pick up your child if it is absolutely necessary, or if you are collecting students with a disability so that we can continue to enjoy a respectful and productive relationship with our neighbours.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

S Rooke
Headteacher

