

Monday 27th November - Entry Level Maths Exam
Wednesday 29th November - Mela Asian Cultural Festival - 4:30pm to 7:00pm
Thursday 7th December - Apprenticeship Evening - Years 10, 11 and Post 16 1pm - 5pm



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This is an impressive edition this week as the newsletter demonstrates the range and quality of the opportunities our students can experience.

All activities aim to build character and develop oracy and curious and inquisitive minds.

The careers fayre was a wonderful opportunity to build knowledge and understanding of the wider world, and the range and pathways into education and employment. This links to the great Media Studies trip to Warner Brothers Studios which certainly brought learning to life for the Year 10 students.

It was a pleasure meeting the school council for breakfast and listening to their ambitious plans for the school. I am really excited!

Finally, well done to the Post 16 students for their D of E Gold practice expedition - what an achievement and what fabulous role models we have amongst our student population.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Careers Fayre

Here at President Kennedy School, we are working hard to make sure our students are receiving the very best careers support they deserve.

Last week our Year 9, Year 11 and Post 16 students attended our successful school careers fayre with over 30 employers, universities, training providers and colleges from across Coventry and Warwickshire.

Mr Fogarty, Assistant Headteacher, Careers and Miss Worwood, Leader of Careers



Whole Student Council Breakfast

Our Whole School Council electees represented their College Teams and met with Ms Rooke and Mr Lane to discuss their vision and priorities for the Whole School Council this year.

Year 7 and Year 9 articulated very well how they would like to improve the choice of food in The Bridge canteen and the clubs which were on offer to them.

Year 11 pupils spoke about the need for first aid in the school and wider community and how this could be implemented at

President Kennedy School. Our Sixth form team were very driven toward social action and work within the local community, particularly with an organisation called the Diana Trust. This was the first Whole School Council breakfast that has taken place with Ms Rooke and Mr Lane, and it was a fantastic opportunity to share the wonderful work and ideas that are beginning to take shape. We look forward to another breakfast later this half term to continue our collaborative teamwork.

Miss Williams, Assistant Headteacher



Match Day Experience

On Saturday members of the Year 9 Rugby team went to Coventry Rugby Club for a match day experience.

This involved a one hour coaching session, a Q & A with a player and then watching the first team play against Doncaster.

The game turned out to be a one sided affair with Coventry winning 51-7, a great experience for the boys who got to see some great rugby played.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Poetry Workshop

On Tuesday 21st November, four Year 8 students attended a poetry workshop at Sidney Stringer School.

Students listened to a talk from famous poet Giovanni Esposito (AKA Spoz) and then were encouraged to write and perform their own poetry. The first task was to write a poem independently using rhyming couplets about chocolate. Students then worked in groups to create their own poem and perform this.

Throughout the day they had the guidance of Spoz to help them create engaging poetry. All students demonstrated excellent PRIDE and showed off their incredible poetry skills.

Well done Year 8!

Ms Brogden, Teacher of English



A Winning Week for Year 7 Girls Football

The Year 7 girls football team had a winning week.

They won the Trust Cup on Monday, winning all of their games apart from one which they drew.

On Tuesday night they won their cup game 3-1, which means they progress to the next round.

All of the girls played really well and showed PRIDE. Well done girls!

Miss Michell, P.E Department

Building Brighter Futures

Harry Potter - A Classroom Experience

To mark the start of their new topic on the Film Industry, the Media Studies department visited Warner Brothers Studios Harry Potter Tour with our Year 10 cohort.

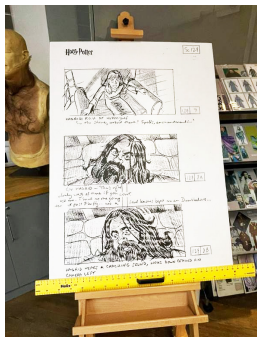
We were taken to a VIP classroom and invited to an exclusive classroom experience by industry experts on the use of mise-en-scene in the films.

In the lesson, the students were able to see authentic props, prosthetics and costumes from the films, as well as examples of

the original scripts and models for the set design.

After the lesson, they were then allowed to explore the full tour of the building. As it is close to Christmas, the whole of the studios were decorated with fake snow, decorations and even Christmas dinner in the Great Hall! It was great to see the reality of how a film develops from an idea to a full franchise, which will have deepened our knowledge needed in the exam.

Ms Stentoft, Leader of Media Studies



Gold Practice Expedition in the Foggy Yorkshire Dales!

Just before half term, seven Post 16 students completed a four day expedition in the Yorkshire Dales.



Day 1: Foggy Fog.

The group set off from their start point at Ogden Reservoir just as the fog began to settle. Their navigation skills were put to the test but with some self-corrected detours they arrived at their checkpoint slightly soggy but in good spirits.

After making it in to camp the group dried off and set up their tents with a weariness that lingered only until they had cooked and eaten something warm.

Day 2: Wet Rain.

After a cold night the group slept in and took their time to get going. This took its toll on getting to checkpoints in good time, in turn dampening the team's morale. With constant rain and a lingering fog, the team diverted their route across an area of lower ground and got back to camp with it still raining. After dinner they got warm and settled for another night in their tents.

Day 3: Dark Dinner.

Waking late again, though a little warmer than the first night, the team cooked breakfast in the dry and watched the fog lift before they set off again. The forecast looked brighter, though the slog of the previous two days had clearly taken its toll. With added checkpoints and extra navigational tips from leaders throughout the day though, the team had increased in spirit and could be heard singing from across the valley at points! The lack of rain and fog had certainly encouraged their resolve.

A few navigational mistakes were well corrected by the team, and checkpoints were made in good time. Later in the day, as tiredness set in, the group slowed and there was some regret in another slow start when dusk was upon the group before they got back to camp. This presented a new challenge, 'night navigation', and with guidance from leaders the team proved their ability to work together, stay safe and navigate efficiently, finding their way back to camp. Dinner was cooked under torch-light and then the group promptly went to bed and slept heavily.

Day 4: Finally Finished:

Perhaps the prompt of staff, perhaps the thought of a nice warm bath, home cooked food and their own bed at the end of this day, the team made it off the campsite quicker than previous days.

They packed up their tents well and although it was raining to begin, the sun did come through and the group made excellent progress across Ilkley Moor for their final push to complete the expedition.

It was a tough few days and this team worked extremely well in all areas. Their effort in the conditions they faced could not be questioned, whilst their camaraderie and teamwork should be commended. Well done Team! Congratulations also to Lily who achieved her Silver Assessed Expedition sign off as part of this practice.

Mrs Sly, DofE Leader





Community Tree

Planting Day at the park

Help green the community by helping to plant commemorative trees and clean up along

KERESLEY JUBILEE WOOD

Volunteers needed
please join us

At Keresley Jubilee Wood
111 Watery Ln, Coventry CV6 2GH
On Wednesday 29th of November
10:00 - 12:00



DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm. Members of the public welcome to attend.
Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, CV7 8HX

NOTICEBOARD LOCATION: Junction of Bennetts Road & Fivefield Road, CV7 8NH



Coventry
Central Hall



COVENTRY CYRENIANS CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER EVENT 2023

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER

ACTIVITIES START AT 11AM - FINISHING AT 3 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 12.30PM TO 2.30PM

2 COURSE MEAL, REFRESHMENTS & EXTRA TREATS,
GIFTS, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

FREE FESTIVITIES TO ANYONE WHO IS
HOMELESS OR WISHES TO SPEND
CHRISTMAS WITH OTHERS



VENUE: METHODIST CENTRAL HALL,
WARWICK LANE, COVENTRY, CV1 2HA

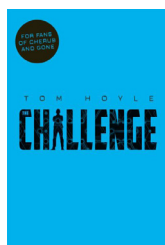


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

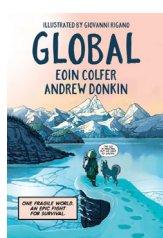
This week the Library's recommended reads are...



The Challenge by Tom Hoyle

Ben's been grieving for his best friend, Will, who suddenly disappeared from their tiny village a year ago. But when twins Sam and Jack begin at the school, things start to look up.

Cool, good-looking and popular, they draw Ben into their world and introduce him to The Challenge. What first appears to be a fun internet game quickly turns sinister as Ben's tasks become wilder and more dangerous, starting to raise questions over Will's disappearance. But once you're involved with The Challenge, it's very hard to get out ...



Global by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin

Yuki lives in an increasingly deserted Inuit township in Nova Scotia. One day she sets out into the wilderness of the Arctic tundra planning to photograph a rare grolar bear (a terrifying grizzly-polar crossbreed created by climate change) - if she can prove it's a grolar, she can protect it from being shot. With only her faithful dog for company and adrift on a fragment of melting glacier, she finds herself being stalked across the changing wilderness by a starving grolar bear, with only her wits and her harpoon to keep her alive. Sami lives in a fishing village on the Bay of Bengal. But because of the ever-rising ocean level, each day is a struggle to survive. One night, Sami sets out to return to his old, submerged family home, alone. He takes a deep breath and dives beneath the moonlit waters, hoping to find his past. But a cyclone is coming...

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff