

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th February to Friday 9th February - Year 11 Synoptic Exams
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February - Half Term Break



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What an amazing week for creativity at President Kennedy School. We are so proud of our returning Alumni student, Melicka who has inspired Year 10 GCSE students on concepts and design ideas and even inspired Mr Sayed!

Last week, we saw the annual performance from The Bridge students who performed Shrek Jr to a packed audience. Great singing and jokes and a few inappropriate 'sounds' which made us all laugh - it was brilliant.

Thank you to the cast and to Ms Kelly and Ms Danni for their professional approach to Performing Arts.

We also saw the first of two Rotary Debating Competitions, this time from Year 7 - well done all.

STEM and enterprise continue shine and provide wonderful experiences for our students. What an amazing week!

Have a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

The Bridge Perform Shrek Jr to a Packed Auditorium!



Year 7 students took to the stage in Shrek Junior - The Musical.

They worked so hard and showed such passion and determination.

The cast performed to a sell-out audience over two nights and every student involved rose to the occasion.

There was much talent on stage - it was hard to believe these students are eleven and twelve years old with only a few weeks worth of rehearsals under their belt!

A massive well done to all - a proud Performing Arts department!

Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts



Year 7 Students Take Part in Public Speaking Debate

On Friday 19th January, Imogen, Rahim and Sultan from The Bridge represented President Kennedy School in a Public Speaking debate. They had to argue either for the motion or against the motion which was, "We should live to eat, not eat to live." They were all fabulous and did themselves proud. Well done all!

Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge



Lamma Show

A group of Year 9 girls recently visited the LAMMA farming and agricultural show at the NEC in Birmingham.

The day consisted of a wide range of activities including a question and answer session with writers and social media admin personnel who work for the Farmers Guardian magazine,

a Locktronics session and a challenge based around planting crops.

Alongside this, students were able to explore the show looking at the wide range of industrial equipment that was on display from tractors to combine harvesters.

Mr Taylor, Leader of developing STEM across the curriculum



Young PKS Entrepreneur

Congratulations to Year 10 Business student Joshua Bell who has set up his own very successful online clothing business

Joshua 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 School 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 Joshua and since September, I have become an entrepreneur by buying and selling clothes. I specialise in selling coats for men, women and children. I started my business because I wanted to use the knowledge I learnt in my Business lessons to make my own money.

I am very proud of myself because I am the first entrepreneur in the family. I am using the profit I make to buy more stock to sell and to save up so I can go to university when I leave school".

Mrs Petrak, Business Studies Department



Former Student Shares Artistic Flare



We were very lucky to have one of our President Kennedy School Alumni, Melicka Ghafouri back in school for a workshop.

Melicka left President Kennedy in 2020 and has gone on to become a very successful artist. She has been working with numerous brands to design one off customised sneakers.

In the workshop Melicka shared her expertise and taught a Year 10 art class how to come up with a concept and market this.

The theme was 'Summer' and students worked on a design before painting it onto an actual cap. Melicka and Mr Sayed (Head of Art), worked with students to help their vision come to life.

Students expressed that it was initially quite a challenge to work with fabric, but quickly made progress, ending up with amazing pieces of art by the end of the day.

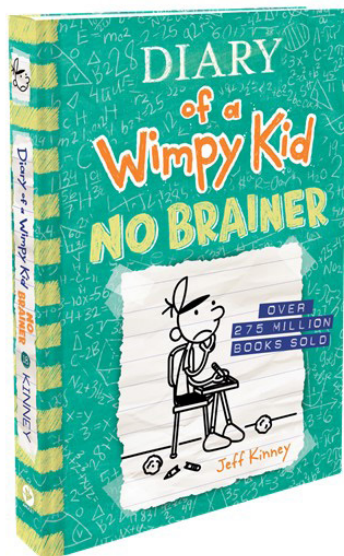
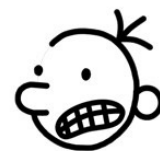
For the final part of the workshop, the class collaborated on a pair of sneakers. They painted something that represented themselves or a hope for the future onto the sneakers.

This was a truly fantastic day, and everyone involved gained so much from the event.

Miss Rejali, Teacher of Religious Education and Leader of Personal Development in Post-16



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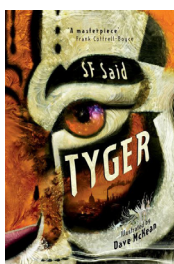
Diary of a Wimpy Kid – No Brainer

- Go to the Library Website <https://uk.accessit.online/prs12>
- Login to your Library account
- Write a review for any of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books by Monday 5th February 2024.

We have 4 copies to give away for the best reviews submitted by the closing date.

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Tyger by S F Said

In a strange alternate world, where the British Empire is still a cruel ruling force, a young boy called Adam has uncovered something incredible in a rubbish dump in London - a mysterious, mythical animal. A Tyger.

The Tyger is in danger, and Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help. However, they soon realise it isn't just the Tyger's life at stake: the world they live in is also on the precipice of darkness. Luckily, the two children have great powers within them, and the Tyger can show them how to harness what's inside.



Enola Holmes: The Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer

When Enola Holmes, sister to the detective Sherlock Holmes, discovers her mother has disappeared, she quickly embarks on a journey to London in search of her. But nothing can prepare her for what awaits...

When she arrives, she finds herself involved in the kidnapping of a young marquess, fleeing murderous villains, and trying to elude her shrewd older brothers - all the while attempting to piece together clues to her mother's strange disappearance. Amid all the mayhem, will Enola be able to decode the necessary clues and find her mother?

Library Staff

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.