

Dates for your Diary

School finishes at 3pm on Friday 9th February
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024- Half Term Break
Return to school on Monday 19th February at 8:40am



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are so very proud of the achievements of the Post 16 team who won the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, which was held at President Kennedy School last Friday. They were absolutely exceptional and the feedback was truly amazing. Well done Isla, Mason and Alisha.

It has been an interesting time in Year 13 as students have been exploring the benefits of pursuing an apprenticeship. It is a crucial time for them as they finalise their next steps. We wish them all well with their chosen pathway.

Students in Year 9 have also been learning about and reflecting on the Holocaust. This is such an important part of history and why we must never allow such atrocities to occur ever again. This is so important to our values here at President Kennedy School; about respecting and celebrating what unites us and not what divides us.

Thank you for your support this term.

I wish you all a enjoyable and restful half term holiday,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Post 16 Students Win First Place in Debating Competition

On Friday 2nd February, Mason, Isla and Alisha represented President Kennedy School in the Youth Speaks debating competition, hosted by the Rotary Club.

The team competed against seven other secondary schools in Coventry and Warwickshire with a debate on the topic of 'Cancel Culture.'

The team discussed whether cancel culture provides a service in ensuring accountability in society, or if it is a detriment to mental health.

Isla was the chairperson who introduced and summarised the

debate, whilst Alisha proposed that cancel culture was helpful and Mason the team with the opposing argument.

The President Kennedy School team won first place, with judges commenting that students performed an engaging debate with a sophisticated line of argument. The judges were impressed by each student's confidence and their ability to captivate the audience with their enthusiasm and big smiles.

The team will go onto compete in the district finals on Sunday 11th February.

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

Lunar New Year!

The kitchen staff were busy on Wednesday and Thursday preparing for the Chinese/Lunar New Year (held this year on Saturday 10th February) by treating staff and students with a special Chinese menu.

The cuisine included: sweet chilli chicken and fried rice, vegetable stir fry noodles and salt and pepper chips.

Both staff and students agreed that this was a lovely way to celebrate the advent of this prosperous occasion. Gong hei fat choy!



Students Learn Basic Life Saving Skills

This half term in tutor time, Year 10 have been exploring themes of Mental Health and Basic Life Saving skills. Here you can see students practicing their first aid in this session by placing one another into the recovery position, having just completed their primary survey to assess the situation for danger and support

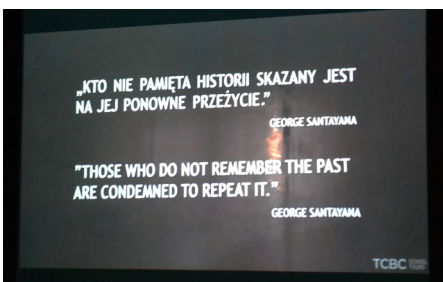
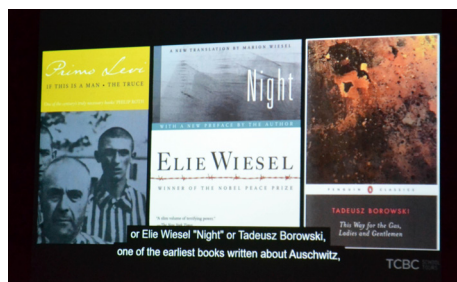
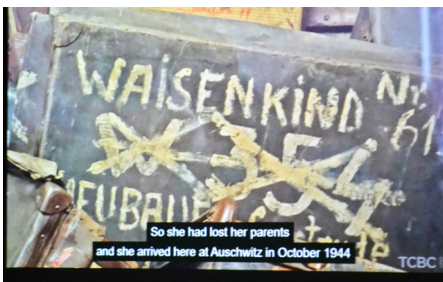
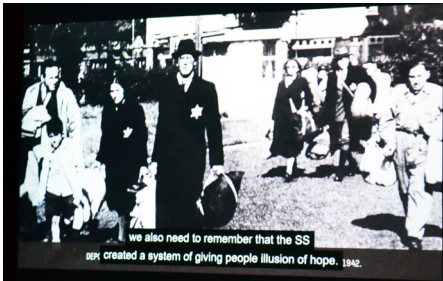
the casualty.

Some of our students are Cadets outside of school, so it has been a great opportunity for them to showcase student leadership and PRIDE by leading these first aid sessions.

Miss Marshall



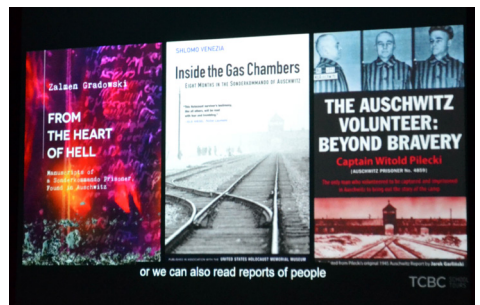
Year 9 Experience Auschwitz-Birkenau



On Monday 29th January, Year 9 students were invited to watch a video guided tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau. As the 27th January was Holocaust Memorial Day, this provided an opportunity for students to reflect on the atrocities that occurred across Europe.

Students showed real empathy as they watched a tour of the site itself and the museum now within it, providing them with insightful knowledge for their studies of Nazi Germany in Year 9 and GCSE History. The Humanities department will be taking GCSE and A level students to Krakow in March to visit Auschwitz as well as Oskar Schindler's factory and the Galicia Jewish Museum.

Miss Bayton-Timms, Co-Subject Leader of History



National Apprenticeship Week

5th – 11th February 2024

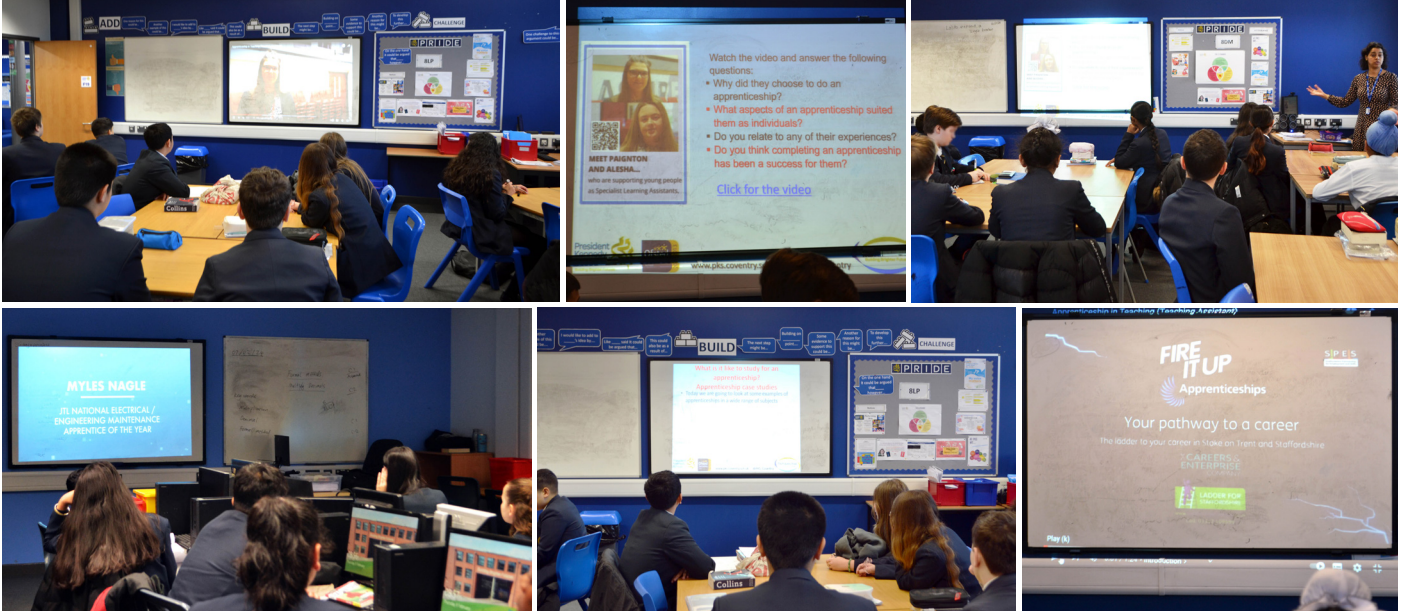
This week we have been discussing apprenticeships with students. We have explored what apprenticeships are, the different levels of apprenticeships and what kind of jobs students can go into through an apprenticeship.

Students across year groups have been using their tutor time to watch videos about apprenticeships and discussed their benefits.

Year 13 students had the opportunity to attend the apprenticeship fair held at Coventry Rugby ground on Tuesday. Students had the chance to talk to local training providers, businesses and colleges about the apprenticeship vacancies they currently have, how to apply, and the best routes into different careers.

Some of the businesses they were able to have contact with were Coventry Building Society, Coventry City Council, National Gas, Warwickshire County Council, Severn Trent, Warwick University, The Hill Group and JLR.

Miss Worwood, Careers Leader



The Library

At President Kennedy School

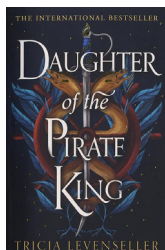
FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



***The Light in Everything* by Katya Balen**

Tom is still quiet and timid, even though his dad has been gone for nearly two years now. Zofia is the opposite. Inside her there's a raging storm that makes her want to fight the whole world until she gets what she wants. And what she wants is for scaredy-cat Tom to get out of her life. Tom hates loud, unpredictable Zofia just as much, but he's moving into Zofia's house. Because his mum and Zofia's dad are in love... and they're having a baby. Tom and Zofia both wish the stupid baby had never happened. But then Tom's mum gets ill, and it begins to look horribly like their wish might come true... A story of learning to trust, trying to let go and diving into the unknown with hope in your heart.



***Daughter of the Pirate King* by Tricia Levenseller**

Sent on a mission to retrieve an ancient hidden map, the key to a legendary treasure trove, pirate captain Alosa deliberately allows herself to be captured by her enemies.

Now the only thing standing between her and the map: her captor, the unexpectedly clever and unfairly attractive first mate Riden. Alosa is only half-human, the daughter of a pirate king and a siren. Her power to enchant with song makes her a formidable foe. Alosa has a few tricks up her sleeve - and no lone pirate can stop the Daughter of the Pirate King. Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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