

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th March - Year 9 Options Evening



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Another amazing edition of our newsletter showcasing the fantastic talent we have in our school and the wonderful opportunities our staff continue to provide for our students.

Congratulations to Isla, Mason and Alisha who have now won the regional Youth Speaks Competition and now move into the final in Stafford on March 16th - Good luck!

Careers guiding students on the next step of their educational journey is a key feature of our work here at school. Year 12 students are being provided with World Class opportunities to explore the world of work and university.

Girls sport continues to explore new opportunities, whether it is trampolining or rugby, with their recent visit to Loughborough Lightening. What an outstanding experience for the team.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

RE Youth Speaks - Regional Senior Competition

After winning the Youth Speaks District debating competition, the President Kennedy School team moved on to compete in the Regional Senior Competition, held at Campion School on Sunday 11th February.

Isla, Mason and Alisha debated on the topic of '**Cancel Culture**.' They competed against five schools from around Warwickshire.

It was a fantastic event with each team putting forward convincing debates. President Kennedy School once again secured first place at the competition. Judges remarked that the team impressed them with their memorisation of the debate, their definitions of '*cancel culture terminology*' and the statistics and examples they use to support each side of the discussion.

The team will be now moving on to compete in the next round of the competition.

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

University of Cambridge Visit

On Friday 9th February, students from A-Level Philosophy and Ethics went to visit the University of Cambridge.

They spent the morning in the Faculty of Divinity where they first received some general information about the University and what it is like to live and attend there.

Students then went on a tour of the campus library to see the facilities available. They then ended the morning with a taster lecturer from one of the Professors at the University who delivered a lecture on analysis of religious scripture within the Bible.

Students were then given the opportunity to explore the University and Cambridge town centre more. It was a fantastic trip with students coming away with a greater understanding of what it might be like to study at University.

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Barclay's Life Skills

Students from Post-16 took part in a workshop run by Barclay's Life Skills.

In the Post 16 tutor curriculum we have been focussing on how to successfully prepare for job applications.

We have spent time this week looking at how to write a cover

letter, and the workshop supported this by unpicking how to write an effective CV.

Students saw examples of CVs (good and not so good!) and have now been given the tools to write their own C.V.

Mrs Mitchard, College Director of P16



Girls Rugby Visit to Northampton

Seven students travelled to Northampton to watch *Loughborough Lightning* play rugby against *Leicester Tigers*.

The students had a stadium tour and a coaching session that was led by two *Loughborough Lightning* players.

The girls then got to hold the flag whilst the players were coming out on the pitch and watch the game.

After the game, we got to meet some of the players and even got a signed ball! This was a great experience for the girls and for them to see how the women's game is growing.

Miss Michell, P.E Department



Cake Sale - Supporting 25 Years of Khalsa Aid

To raise awareness and funds for Khalsa Aid's future humanitarian work, you can support by bringing in cakes for bake sales happening in school next week. For more information, contact your college team.



Sociofest at Warwick University

Year 12 Sociology students from President Kennedy School attended a '**Sociofest**' event at Warwick University.

This involved participating in a variety of sociology-based activities, information about higher education, career pathways and a

campus tour.

The day started with a lecture on gender, delivered by a PhD student which provided an insight into the sociology curriculum. Following the lecture, we participated in an interactive activity on intersectionality; by making zines (zines are a medium of communication, intending to develop identity, not seek profit. It can be written by one person or a small group of people, allowing them to express their thoughts and artistic vision), using the materials provided. Consequently, this activity made the trip

'stand out', as we were entertained with a range of ideas from my peers and students from other schools in attendance. Afterwards, we gained information regarding methods of how to study at university, university life and pathways which was facilitated by third year sociology students. This strengthened our understanding and knowledge regarding the rigours and expectations of higher education.

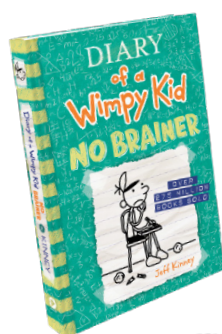
Following lunch, we had a campus tour of the halls of residence, shops and cafés, led by the students, which I found engaging and interesting as we viewed the university through the honest and experienced lenses of the students.

The final part of our visit provided information about careers in sociology, by a Career's Advisor, and subsequently an insight into future pathways after graduating from university.

'**Sociofest**' has made university seem less daunting and something to look forward to in the future.

Yasmin Powell, Year 12

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Competition Winners are...



Well done to the following students below, who have each won their own copy of the new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid – **No Brainer**'.

Each student wrote a fantastic review of their favourite Wimpy Kid book, on the Library Web App.

In Year 8, Nathan and Crystal, in Year 9 Hamza and in Year 10 Natalie. Well done to you all!

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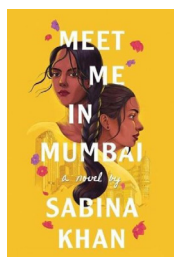


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At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

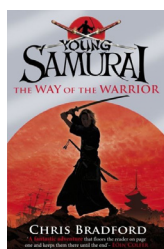
This week the Library's recommended reads are...



Meet me in Mumbai by Sabina Khan

Studying in the US, Ayesha is swept up in a whirlwind romance with Suresh - an Indian boy who reminds her of home. Mere months away from starting university, she falls pregnant and finds herself alone. She makes the difficult decision to hide her pregnancy and put her daughter up for adoption, before returning to India.

Years later, seventeen-year-old Mira Fuller-Jensen has had a comfortable childhood but has never felt quite like she fit in their majority white community. All she knows is that her mums adopted her when she was born and that her biological mother was a student who went back to India. When she comes across letters addressed to her from her birth mother, she sees a way to finally capture that feeling of belonging. Her mother writes that if Mira can forgive her for having to give her up, she should find a way to travel to India for her eighteenth birthday and meet her. Mira knows she'll always regret it if she doesn't go. But is she actually ready for what she will learn?



The Way of the Warrior by Chris Bradford

August 1611: Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan - his beloved father and the crew lie slaughtered by ninja pirates. Rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi, Jack's only hope is to become a samurai warrior. And so, his training begins. But life at the samurai school is a constant fight for survival. Even with his friend Akiko by his side, Jack is singled out by bullies and treated as an outcast. With courage in his heart and his sword held high, can Jack prove himself and face his deadliest rival yet?

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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