

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th November - P16 Select Open Evening  
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025 - October half Term



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A very warm welcome to the first edition of the President Kennedy School Newsletter for this academic year.

As expected, the first edition of this academic year has lots to celebrate from the wonderful results in the summer for our Year 11 and Year 13 students to the first day for our new Year 7 students.

It has been a joy welcoming students back into the building and seeing them focusing on learning. Students are wearing their uniform with pride and demonstrating respect, involvement, and determination in lessons. I would also like to express the importance of good attendance to school. Research shows that students who attend school over 95% of the time can make 7 times more progress than those who do not. More importantly though, school attendance is important to a young person's mental health and wellbeing. School attendance has started well - so thank you for your support. I look forward to sharing some of the exciting things that are happening in school over this half term.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mr Lane, Headteacher*

## Exam Results Joy!

The vast majority of our Year 11 students will progress to President Kennedy School's Post 16 to study a vast range of academic and vocational courses. Last year, the school again achieved excellent examination results at Post 16 and Year 11,

either well above the city and national averages or in-line. In 2025, President Kennedy School's Year 11 results remained very strong with 60% of our students achieving the important measure of Grade 4 - 9 in both English and Maths.



In Year 13, this year, 88% of our students achieved their first-choice university or apprenticeship, with 43% of our students achieving a place on the top 15 ranking universities for their course.

We are fully committed to improving the life chances of all our students and we are incredibly proud of our 'no barriers' approach which allows our students to flourish academically.



# WELCOME YEAR 7!

What an impression Year 7 have made so far. Our new Year 7 arrived looking absolutely wonderful in their President Kennedy blazers. They have already demonstrated great independence, maturity, as well as showcasing our school ethos of PRIDE through impeccable manners, resilience in adapting to their new environment and their kind attitude towards each other.

I can honestly say it already feels like they have been here for months. What a truly amazing year group. I look forward to seeing them thrive with us here in The Bridge.

*Miss Tovey, Director of The Bridge*



## The Library

At President Kennedy School

## FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



### ***In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen* By: Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

In the lakes, the wolf queen sharpens her spear. In the mountains, an ancient girl opens an eye. In the forest, an orphan is summoned by the trees. Our story has begun.....

Ysolda has lived her life in the shadow of the Wolf Queen's tyrannical rule but, safe in her forest haven, she has never truly felt its threat. Until one day when a mysterious earthquake shakes the land and her older sister Hari vanishes in its wake. Accompanied by her loyal sea hawk - Nara, Ysolda embarks on a desperate rescue mission. But when she is forced to strike a bargain with the Wolf Queen herself, she soon finds herself embroiled in a quest for a magic more powerful - and more dangerous - than she could ever have imagined...

A fantasy about the magic of nature, the lure of power and the strength of love.



### ***Aliya to the Infinite City* By: Laila Rifaat**

Aliya's grandfather is her only family, but lately he has been acting strangely. He's forgotten her birthday and keeps disappearing. So, when a mysterious gift arrives that seems to grant her wishes, Aliya uncovers a secret – she's from a long line of illustrious time travellers.

Whisked off by flying carpet to the Infinite City in a parallel Egypt, Aliya enrolls at an extraordinary academy where she makes new friends at last. But the threat of magic is looming – rumours of the return of Dorian Dark, a devious master of time. And with Aliya's special skills, he can twist history forever ...

An epic adventure packed with richness, history and a brilliant new magical school

**Library Staff**