

Dates for your Diary

Year 13 Synoptics Monday 21st November to Monday 28th November
PAN AFRICAN CULTURE FESTIVAL - Wednesday 23rd November
4:30pm – 7pm School Council meeting, Thursday 24th November 3pm to 4pm



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am extremely proud of the range of World Class activities and opportunities that are routinely organised for our students at President Kennedy School. Thank you to the P.E department for organising the exciting trip to Twickenham, for the football teams - more rugby and football to watch over the coming weeks!

Many thanks to Mrs Arnett for the wonderful opportunity for Year 7 students to perform Shakespeare's '*The Tempest*' on a professional stage at The Belgrade Theatre.

I am looking forward to seeing the final production of the Echo Eternal project. We are so grateful and extremely privileged to be working with Peter Lantos, who continues to work closely with our students, sharing his personal thoughts on the Holocaust, as a survivor.

This has been an incredibly profound and special relationship.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Echo Eternal - Students Pay a Moving Tribute

The Bridge Event - Higher Attainer Evening



A group of 13 year 8 pupils have been working with *Echo Eternal* to create a commemorative art piece to perform on Friday 18th November. The pupils are using the testimony of Holocaust survivor Peter Lantos. Peter has worked closely with the school for a number of years and has kindly gifted us his testimony as an important piece of history to help students understand what happened during the Holocaust.

The pupils have studied Peter's testimony to find parts that have resonated with them and have represented this through puppetry and other theatrical mediums in their performance. The pupils performance will 'echo' the testimony to pay tribute to Peter and all of the victims of the Holocaust.

Miss Rejali, Teacher of R.E



The parents of our Year 7 High Attainer students were invited to attend a parents evening on Wednesday 2nd November, alongside their child. This was an incredibly powerful evening that saw parents and their children come together in a classroom setting to learn and to approach a range of challenging activities, and to increase awareness of strategies that parents can use at home.

The evening started with a presentation in the hall where parents were given an insight into the provision given to high attainer students both in the classroom and beyond the curriculum. Parents were then invited into classrooms within the Bridge, as part of a carousel, where they were given some challenging tasks to complete alongside

their child, in three different and varied subject areas. In English, students were asked to verbally contribute to a number of talking points using sophisticated and formal language, using no banned words. In Science, students were invited to think critically about the use of fossil fuels and renewable energy. In History, students were exposed to a range of activities that would stretch and deepen their thinking through an array of historical sources.

All students were incredibly engaged during this event, and it was a sheer joy to have parents back through our doors again! A huge thank you to all students in Year 7 and their parents who attended!

Miss Tovey, Teacher of English

Year 7 Perform 'The Tempest' at The Belgrade Theatre



On Monday 7th November The cast of Year 7 **The Tempest**, performed at The Belgrade Theatre as part of the School Shakespeare Festival. They performed along side two other schools and were fantastic! They experienced the speed needed in a technical and dress rehearsal and displayed their talents on performance night. Feedback from Ffion, a professional Director and Producer was exceptional: "The cast of *The Tempest* worked brilliantly as an ensemble with some great ownership of their roles. The musical element helped create the

'magic' of the island. It should be noted that they were so professional and this outlook towards their performance helped turn the magical story into a mesmerising production by a focussed and committed company!"

Mrs Arnett, The Director said: "They were a joy to work with. We only started to rehearse in late September and their enthusiasm was clear from the start. They even came in to rehearse during half-term holidays. I am really proud of all their efforts! Congratulations all!"



Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge

Post 16 Head Students Elected



Congratulations to our P16 Head Students who were selected after a very strict selection process where students had to outline a project they will undertake with their linked year group. The shortlisted candidates also had to attend an interview with the Post 16 Leadership team.

Each Head Student will be allocated a year group to work with, run their respective college councils and will also run Whole School Council meetings. Once again congratulations to:

Erin Ford 12BF
Matthew Taylor 13RB
Manpreet Kaur 12BF

Beth Arnold 12CD
Alii Issa 13 HK
Shivam Chhaya 13 RB

Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment

Post 16 Open Evening Success!

It was wonderful to welcome so many Post 16 students to our Post 16 Open Evening last week. Students were given the opportunity to speak with teachers and students about the

subjects on offer across Post 16 select. Our P16 ambassadors guided parents and student alike around our new Post 16 facilities to ensure that the evening was a success.



Eat and Excel!

Here at President Kennedy School, we have a breakfast club that runs from 8:00am until 8:30am every morning.

Arrive at school and help yourself to toast or crumpets with a selection of spreads as well as a drink. We hope to see you there soon!

Our aim is to ensure that everybody has the opportunity to start their day in the right way, without hunger being a distraction.

Holly Delaney, P16 Student



Year 7 Football Trust Cup



On Tuesday night President Kennedy School hosted the Year 7 Football Trust Cup. This was a 5 a side tournament played between President Kennedy School, Barrs Hill School and Stoke Park School.

The girls tournament was won by Stoke Park School and the boys tournament was won by President Kennedy School

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Twickenham Visit

On Saturday, Year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to visit Twickenham to watch England vs Japan, this is the first time any of the boys had been to Twickenham.

On a mild autumn day they got to watch some enterprising Japanese rugby and some typical powerful rugby from England. England ran out comfortable winners and all the boys insisted that we make this a regular trip

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Year 7 Netball

Year 7 A&B netball team played their first game on Monday night against Coundon Court.

A team lost and B team won but both teams played really well!

Miss Michell, P.E Department

Cost of Living and Wellbeing Information

Please see the useful links below regarding the cost of living crisis:

[website signposting support from different organisations](#) - The website also includes information about support with [school uniform](#).

Tips on Social Media...

Managing Screen Time

- Give young people time warnings before asking them to come off of games. Some games cannot be saved until certain points are reached
- Talk to your children about the games and apps they are using and how they work. Research and decide on a best way to communicate that their time online is coming to an end.
- Model positive use of technology by following the expectations you set for your family, and discussing why they are important.
- Make use of wellbeing settings, like screen time limits, 'do not disturb' functions and disabling autoplay on apps like Youtube and Netflix.

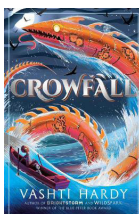


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Crowfall by Vashti Hardy

A young boy sets out to save his technology-dependent island home from destruction at the hands of a corrupt leadership. Cast out from the clockwork island of Ironhold, where mechanical technology controls everything, Orin Crowfall finds himself adrift on a small boat in the middle of the ocean. As Orin and his robot friend Cody struggle to make sense of the events that brought them here, the one thing they know for sure is that Ironhold is in trouble. They need to get back, whatever the cost. Plagued by perilous seas and freak storms, and with a terrifying sea monster on their tail, Orin soon realises their journey won't be easy. It will take courage and strength, trusting in new friends and embracing the spirit of adventure, if Orin wants to save his home.



Call it What You Want by Brigid Kemmerer

Two troubled teenagers develop a friendship when they are paired together for a school project. Rob had it all - friends, a near-guaranteed lacrosse scholarship to college and an amazing family - but all that changed when his dad was caught embezzling funds from half the town. Now he's a social pariah. Maegan always does the right thing. But when her sister comes home from college pregnant, she's caught between telling their parents the truth about the father and keeping her sister's trust. When Rob and Maegan are paired together for a project, they form an unexpectedly deep connection. But Rob's plan to fix his father's damage could ruin more than their new friendship.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff