

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January at 8:40am - Term Begins



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are extremely proud of the students and the experiences showcased in this week's edition.

The audience were blown away by the quality and professionalism of the production of 'SIX'. What a wonderful performance by a talented cast. They could be on the stage in the West End!

Just to add to the performance theme, we were privileged to have a visit from Bally Gill and BBC Midlands Today, on Monday. Bally is a former PKS student and who has the lead role in 'Twelfth Night' at the RSC in Stratford. He met, answered

questions and performed for our drama and performing arts students. They learned so much and he was generous with

his time. We are very proud of him.

We were also amazed at the range of talent on display at the recent PK'S Got Talent. What a wealth of talent skills. All this was organised by Post 16 Health & Social Care students. Truly amazing.

As if that wasn't enough, staff still continue to provide master-classes for our Year 11 exam cohort. They have been challenging and incredibly valuable. Thank you colleagues who have supported these.

So, thank you all for your continued support, as without this, many of these wonderful opportunities would simply not be possible.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank you, the incredible staff, here at PKS. They really do go above and beyond. Please take care and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

SIX!

SIX is the story of Henry VIII's six wives; a story of reclamation of their own individual narratives - separate from those written, altered, and retold by men.

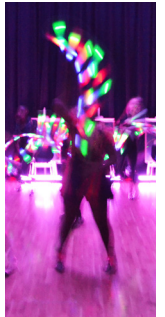
The show content was learned in only a month and we were blown away by the students' determination, resilience, and teamwork.

The SIX wives were outstanding!

The whole cast were amazing, showing confidence and passion; it was hard to believe this was a school show!

Once again, the students were a delight to work with and we are so very proud! WELL DONE ALL!

Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts



PK's Got Talent

Earlier this month we held a PK's Got Talent brought the house down with an unforgettable evening of creativity, community, and compassion. This incredible event was more than just a talent showcase—it was a heartfelt initiative to raise funds for MHA Charnwood, a dementia care home dedicated to supporting individuals and families in our community.

Post-16 Health and Social Care students were the masterminds behind this amazing night, working tirelessly to organise the event. Their efforts paid off as 13 incredible acts took to the stage, wowing the audience with their skills. We had it all: soulful singers, dynamic dancers, instrumental virtuosos, rhythmic gymnastics, and even some show-stopping rap performances.

The energy in the room reached new heights thanks to our very special guests:

Rucci, a phenomenal rapper who inspired everyone with his energy and creativity.

Anesu Mutara, a talented actor and dancer who gave inspirational feedback to the acts. Claire, the manager of MHA Charnwood, who shared the importance of the cause and reminded us how powerful community support can be.

A huge thank you to everyone who performed, supported, and donated; your efforts will make a real difference in the lives of those at MHA Charnwood.

PK's Got Talent truly proved that when creativity meets compassion, magic happens. Stay tuned for next year's show... because this is just the beginning!

Miss Mohamad, Teacher of Health & Social Care



Science and Maths Masterclasses

Over the past six weeks, two targeted Maths intervention sessions have been held every Thursday after school for one hour, demonstrating the students' resilience and commitment to their education. The foundation-level session focused on supporting students aiming to achieve a grade 4, emphasising core skills such as arithmetic, basic algebra, and problem-solving strategies.

Year 11 students were invited over a series of three weeks to attend core practical masterclasses after school. Teachers modelled and explained some tricky core practicals to students to help with their understanding of science.

The higher-level session catered to students striving for a grade 7, concentrating on advanced topics like quadratic equations, trigonometry, and reasoning-based problem-solving.

Both groups showed consistent attendance and active engagement, with students embracing the opportunity to improve their Mathematical understanding and boost their confidence ahead of exams.

Mr Adams, Joint Subject Leader of Maths

Engagement was fantastic and students worked extremely hard. This really highlights the impact that attending intervention can have; students made great progress. Well done all!

Mr Jhutti, Subject Leader for Science



Former Student Visits PKS from the RSC

President Kennedy School students had the pleasure of a visit from Royal Shakespeare Company and professional actor and former PKS student, Bally Gill.

It was wonderful to see Bally perform a section from Romeo and Juliet. Students then had the opportunity to ask many questions about his journey to becoming an actor and also had discussions about 'The Arts' being taught in school. Year 11 student, Gio then performed Act 1: Scene 1 from the play.

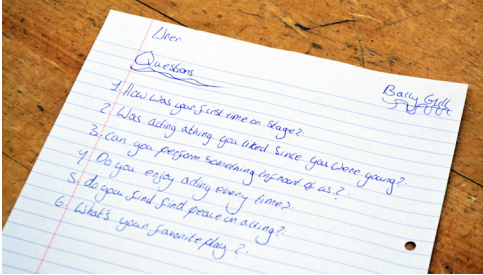
Bally was reunited with his former English teacher; Ms Von Rabenau who reminisced about his school days!

This was filmed by the BBC Midlands Today and was aired on Tuesday 17th December.

Bally is performing in 'Twelfth Night' at the Royal Shakespeare Company from 17 December 2024 until 18 January 2025

https://www.rsc.org.uk/twelfth-night/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAtalQobChMI5KOL3disigMVI6JQBh2dSmqEAAAYASAAEgJgL_D_BwE

Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge



Oh! Christmas Tree



Our lovely Christmas tree has certainly brought festive joy to our reception area!

From all of us at President Kennedy School, we wish you all a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing back on January 6th 2025!

Careers Fayre

Here at President Kennedy School, we are working to ensure our students receive high-quality career support and guidance. This embraces the ethos of students living in the wider world and establishes a good start to their career journey.

One of the ways we achieve this is by ensuring our students in Year 9, 11 and Post-16 attend our annual careers fayre. This year, we have had over 30 providers including universities, employers, colleges, training providers, and apprenticeship providers from Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It was a fantastic day that had students engaged, ask questions, and discovering more about different careers and pathways available to them when ready to embark on their next steps after being at President Kennedy School.

The feedback from the providers has been fantastic commenting on how well-mannered our students are and how brilliant some of their questions were.

Miss Worwood, Leader of Careers

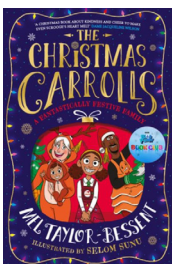


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent

Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes. But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snow globe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?



Stay Another Day by Juno Dawson

When three very different siblings, Fern, Rowan and Willow, go home for a Christmas reunion at their family home in Edinburgh, it's not long before some VERY BIG SECRETS threaten their cosy holiday ... The McAllister house on Arboretum Road has seen 120 Christmases since its completion. This year, Fern is bringing her gorgeous boyfriend home and she wants everything to be perfect. But her twin brother Rowan would rather go on the pull than pull crackers with the family. And their younger sister Willow is terrified of Christmas Day. With four sleeps till Christmas, three secretive siblings, two hot houseguests, And one juicy secret... This Christmas, there will be some big surprises under the tree.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

