

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th November - Inset day. Students not to come into school



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a fantastic edition this week, which captures the range of amazing opportunities for students at President Kennedy School. We were over the moon to receive the prestigious UKLA Award, which is a national award that recognises a schools commitment to literacy and specifically their approach to reading. President Kennedy School is the only secondary school to have ever won this amazing award and demonstrates the dedication of staff here at our school.

It is wonderful to read about the achievements of our Post 16 students and this week we learn about Jack's amazing and creative entrepreneurial skills as well as one of our former students who came back as part of our Alumni to inspire P16 students and guide them on the benefits of degree apprenticeships. We are very proud of them both.

Yet again, we see many of our students excel, whether it is our Bridge students rehearsing for Romeo and Juliet, or Year 8 students testing their coding skills, to Year 10 students who are engaging in the unique 'BeYOUty' project. Thank you to all the staff who go above and beyond every day for our students.

I wish you all great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

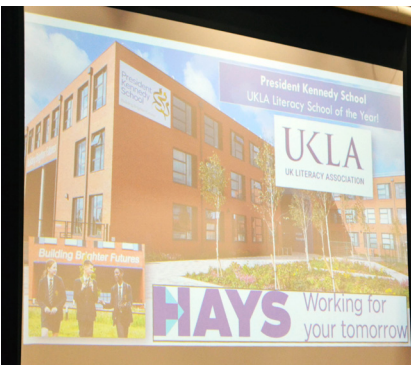
UKLA Award

President Kennedy School, the only secondary school to ever win the UKLA Literacy School of the Year award, was formally presented with this honour on Monday, 21st October in a Year 7 assembly.

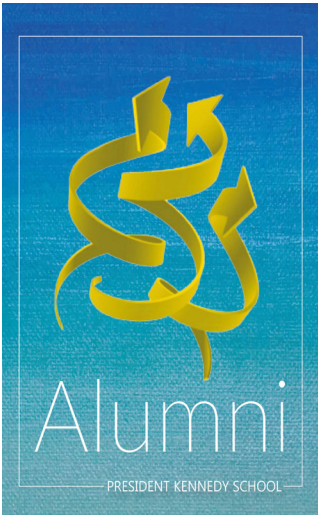
The school's literacy program is integrated across all subjects, encouraging creativity and literacy development throughout students' education. The reading and literature experiences at

the school are designed to be deeply enriching, offering students a variety of ways to engage with texts and explore the joy of reading. From book clubs and themed reading weeks to author visits and storytelling events, students are immersed in a vibrant literary culture that promotes a lifelong love for reading.

Mrs Jones, Assistant Headteacher and Subject Leader of English



Alumini - Policing



On Wednesday 16th October we welcomed one of our former students, Jade Rose into school to speak to Post 16 students interested in apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships.

Jade is currently studying for a degree apprenticeship in Policing with the West Midlands Police force. Degree apprenticeships are a type of apprenticeship programme which allows students to earn a full bachelor's degree. They combine working for an employer in a professional environment with part-time study at a university.

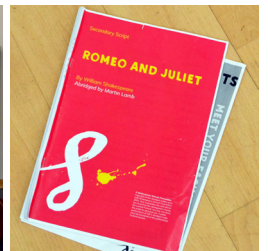
Just like other types of apprenticeship, there are no tuition fees and you'll be paid a wage. This means that you could achieve a full bachelor's degree without any student debt.

Degree apprenticeships are extremely competitive, so Jade came in to speak with Post 16 students to share her insights on how to apply for these courses, and the application process involved.

Post 16 students found her experiences and advice invaluable, and we hope to invite Jade back later this year as part of our Alumni programme.



Romeo & Juliet Workshop



The Romeo and Juliet cast has been busy enjoying a workshop with Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation as part of this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival this afternoon.

They worked alongside theatre Professional, Charis McRoberts to help them with their characterisation and how to land

their lines.

It was a great afternoon! Their performance will be at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry on November 26th.



Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge

BeYOUty Project



Our Year 10 students took part in the BeYOUty Project which supports with building self esteem through self care.

We had a local beautician come in and demonstrate skin care routines and showing the kind of products available for different types of skin.

This is an ongoing project where students can learn about different aspects practicing and maintaining self-care.

Miss Hedge, Teacher of English



Macmillan Cake Bake Sale

At the end of September, students/parents carers baked and donated cakes. These were sold in the Hub and a total of £137.00 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Research.

Thanks to all the support from students and Leah Stabler and Yusif Shemal for helping out in the day. Their efforts made the event a success!

Miss Sandhar, Inclusion Manager



Calling All Bakers and Fakers!

As a part of Macmillan Coffee Morning, staff were invited to submit a cake for the chance to win one of three titles... 'Best Baker Award' for the best home-bake or make, 'Best Faker Award' for the best shop-bought entry no baking skills required! 'Wooden Spoon' for the baker who it didn't quite work out for.

Two of the awards given were: Best Fake Baker, which went to Miss Sweet. Grace in Post 16 won the Star Bake Off!

All the money raised from the cakes being sold went to Macmillan Cancer Research.

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Entrepreneur of the Month

A huge congratulations to Year 13 student Jack Brealey for the successful launch of his booming computer business, 'LJ Modifications'. Jack's entrepreneurial spirit and drive have led him to create a thriving venture while still balancing his studies.

In a recent interview, Jack shared insights into his journey, explaining how he's applied both the knowledge gained in his academic courses and crucial skills such as independence, resilience, and problem-solving—qualities we encourage all President Kennedy School students to develop for success in today's fast paced world.

"My name is Jack, and I run a micro business creating assets for video games. I use multiple software tools to design and prepare these assets, which I then sell through a Discord server where buyers can contact me directly," Jack explains. "I started this business to earn some extra income while studying Business and IT at school. After I finish school this summer, my goal is to join the emergency services, either as a fire-fighter or a police officer."

Jack's journey is a great example of how the skills students develop at President Kennedy School can open doors to a wide range of opportunities in the future!

Mrs Petrak, Business Department



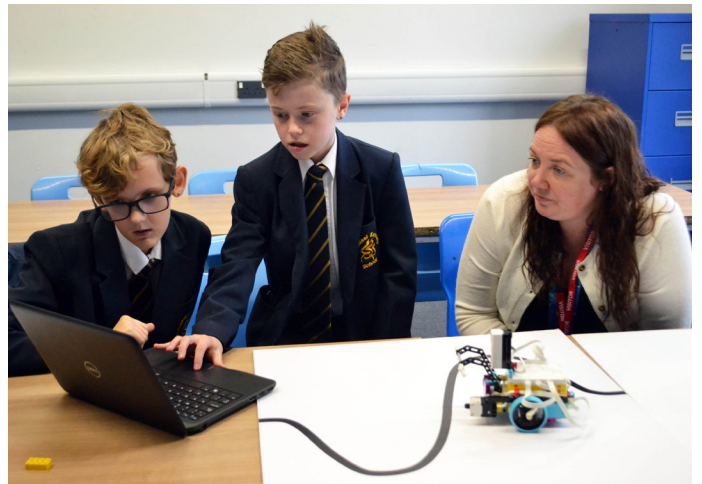
Coding with Lego

CovConnects working with Sky Blues in the Community brought Computer Science lecturers from the University of Warwick to our school to work with Year 8 as part of 'Get Online' week. They worked with students to learn how to program a Lego robot using 'Lego Education Spike'. The students learned how to program the robot to stop when it saw the colour green, to follow

a straight line, and to follow a complicated track.

All the students were successful in their programming, and had an amazing time, with one student saying, "...it was so cool, I would definitely do it again!".

Mrs Murray, College Director - The Gateway

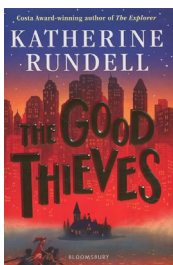


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell

Vita Marlowe has a mission. Her beloved grandfather, Jack, has been cheated out of everything he owns by a notorious conman with Mafia connections. Seeing Jack's spirit is broken, Vita is desperate to make him happy again, so she devises a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home. She finds a young pickpocket, working the streets of the city. And, nearby, two boys with highly unusual skills and secrets of their own are about to be pulled into her lawless, death-defying plan from herself?



Kick the Moon by Muhammad Khan

Fifteen-year-old Ilyas is under pressure from everyone: GCSE's are looming and his teachers just won't let up, his dad wants him to join the family business and his mates don't care about any of it. There's no space in Ilyas' life to just be a teenager.

Serving detention one day, Ilyas finds a kindred spirit in Kelly Matthews, who is fed up with being pigeonholed as the good girl, and their friendship blows the social strata of high school wide open. But when Kelly catches the eye of one of the local bad boys - Imran, Ilyas is faced with losing the only person who understands him. Standing up to Imran puts Ilyas' family at risk, but it's time for him to be the superhero he draws in his comic-books, and go kick the moon.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

