

Dates for your Diary

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week's edition celebrates some exciting work that has been developed with prestigious community partnerships; all of which benefits our students.

SBiTC has been such a special partnership as they continue to provide a range of wonderful opportunities for our school community.

Their project "Reclaim the Narrative" was such an important opportunity to challenge the language used in popular culture. A massive thank you to Ali for his dedication to our students.

A big shout out to Muhammad for his excellent engagement in Open University modules and to Mrs Petrak for organising this.

Year 10, through the superb work of Miss Westwood Hedge have engaged in a fantastic BeYOUty project, which has seen over 40 students attending on a weekly basis - please read their excellent account. We are all looking forward to the production of 'SIX' on Thursday 28th November.

I wish you all great week ahead,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Reclaiming the Narrative

As part of Black History Month's "Reclaiming the Narrative," students from the school's Sky Blues in the Community's Premier League Inspires and Premier League Kicks programmes met Coventry City players Ephron Mason-Clarke and Rafael Rodriguez. The players were asked some challenging questions relating to their experiences of racism in the professional game.

Students have been exploring the historical and modern use of racist slurs against Black people. Students examined

the innocent origins from Hispanic communities to the weaponisation of these words by white supremacists during slavery to the present day. Participants went on to explore the use of these words in black music culture, most notably, hip hop and rap whilst debating if modern black youth culture has indeed reclaimed the narrative for some of these terms.

**Alistair Myton, Premier League Inspires Project Manager
Sky Blues in the Community**



Year 8 Student Shines in Open Learn from The Open University



Congratulations to Year 8 student Muhammad, who has proudly completed three Open Learn (OU) modules, earning certificates of participation in each. The subjects he studied were 'Exploring Ancient Greek Religion', 'Diversity in Religion Islam', and 'The Ancient Olympics'.

Through these courses, students have the opportunity to expand their knowledge in diverse areas such as Financial Literacy to Modern Foreign Languages, History and the Arts .

These OU courses not only deepen student's understanding of different subjects but also focus on essential skills for success, like resilience, determination, and problem-solving - qualities highlighted by President Kennedy School as vital for future leaders.

"This experience was mind blowing as it taught me the differences from the modern era to the depth of the past. I enjoyed doing this as it made me question ideas held in previous times. This experience was fun and taught me the values from the past " Muhammad

Well done, Muhammad, for embracing these opportunities and setting a stellar example for us all!

To find out more about the short courses on offer, click on the link below:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

Mrs Petrak, Business Studies

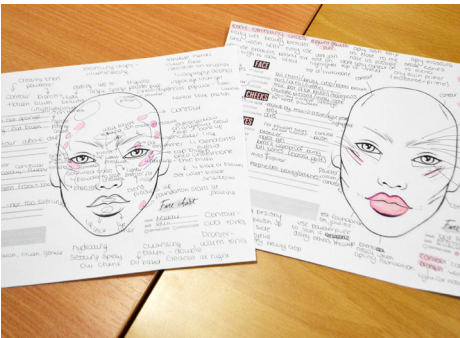
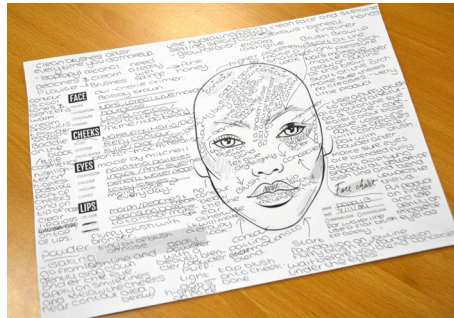
BeYOUty Project

Last week students took part in the BeYOUty Project which supports with building self esteem through self care.

We had a make-up artist come visit the school to demonstrate make-up techniques and to teach methods for some of our students who will be doing the make-up for the cast of our latest school production 'SIX' (details of this on the next page).

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

Miss Hedge, Teacher of English



President Kennedy School
Presents

SIX



TEEN EDITION

**THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 7:30PM
PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL**

TICKETS - £3 ADULT £2 CHILD

**PURCHASE FROM THE DANCE STUDIO DURING LUNCHTIMES
AVAILABLE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH NOVEMBER**

**SIX: TEEN EDITION
BY TOBY MARLOW AND LUCY MOSS**



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