

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th June to Thursday 27th June - Year 9 & Year 12 Synoptic exams  
Wednesday 26th June - Y11 Welcome Evening, Main Hall, 5:15-6:30pm  
Friday 27th June - Clearance Morning, Dining area 9:10am to 11:10am  
Friday 28th June - Teacher training day /Inset Day - Student are not to come in

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been an extremely busy few weeks at President Kennedy School. It was wonderful to have a very special visit from Peter Lantos, who shared experiences of his childhood as a Holocaust survivor. It was incredibly moving and very poignant on D-Day. Our students were very touched by his experience and memories and learnt about his life and also his compassion.



Congratulations to Mrs Arnett and The Bridge students who have taken part in The Shakespeare Schools Festivals over the last eight years. It has been because of you and all your amazing performances that President Kennedy School received the Gold Award. Well done!

The P.E department go from strength to strength with the range of opportunities they provide for our students. They have been incredible ambassadors for our school at Baginton Fields Sports Day. They demonstrated PRIDE and received superb feedback from the staff there. Well done.

Thank you to all our dedicated staff at the school, who continue to provide such a wealth of opportunities for our great students.

Tickets are now available on The Albany theatre website for our production of CHICAGO!

I wish you all great weekend.

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## D-Day Remembered with Holocaust Survivor

On 6th June Peter Lantos visited President Kennedy School. Peter is a Holocaust survivor of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp.

President Kennedy School has been fortunate enough to receive regular visits from Peter. On this visit, marked by the historical significance of the D-Day, Peter met with several students from Years 8, 9, 10, and 12. He spent the morning unveiling the new signs in the Holocaust memorial garden and speaking to students about what happened to him during the Holocaust.

Some of our Year 8 students then read poems written for Peter to mark the importance of remembrance. Year 10 students then visited the garden and asked Peter some moving questions. Peter spent the next part of the day working with students involved in an 'Echo Eternal' performance last year. The performance was an artistic retelling of Peter's testimony through shadow work and puppeteering.

The students showed Peter their film and then presented him with their experiences of working on the project.

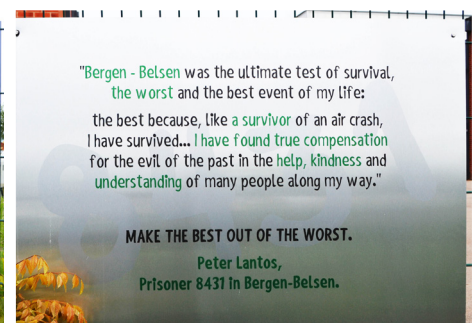
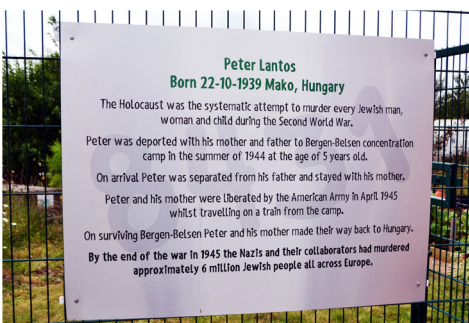
For the final part of the day, Peter met with some students for a discussion on his books. Year 8 students asked Peter about his book 'The Boy Who Didn't Want to Die' and Year 12 students asked him about 'Parallel Lines.'

The questions students asked were deeply thought-provoking and they learned a lot about the importance of peace and reconciliation from Peter's responses.

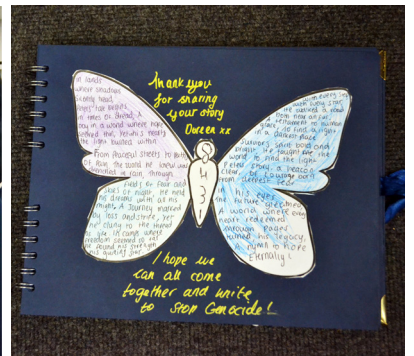
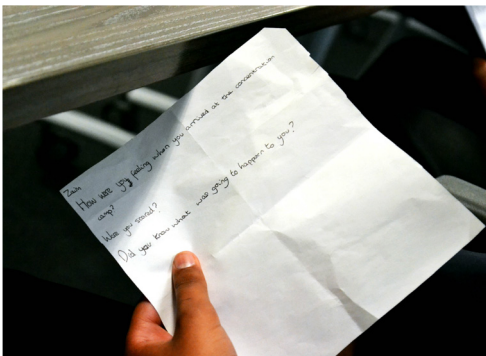
Students gifted Peter a book of the poems and speeches they had read through on the day as a thank you for all of the time he has devoted to President Kennedy School.

It was a fantastic day for everyone involved, and we look forward to welcoming Peter back in July when he speaks at our Post-16 Ethics Conference.

**Mrs Rejali, Teacher of Religious Education and Leader of Personal Development in Post-16**



More pictures overleaf...





## President Kennedy School Awarded Gold!

Mrs Arnett was delighted when The Bridge students received **The Gold Award** from The Shakespeare Schools Festival. This is in recognition of the number of years President Kennedy School has taken part in the Festival over eight years!

It is an annual celebration of Shakespeare's plays and students from across the city perform his plays at The Belgrade Theatre.

Over the years The Bridge has performed Macbeth, The Tempest, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet.

Mrs Arnett said, "To receive this award is a fantastic achievement! We will participate in the November festival with our new Year 7 cohort- Romeo and Juliet! Watch this space!"

**Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge**



## Loughborough Netball Visit

On Friday 9th June Year 8, 9 and 10 girls went on a netball trip to Loughborough University.

This involved having a coaching session and watching a netball game. The coach said how impressed she was with the girls' skills and how polite they were. The girls got to use the drums during the game to make as much noise as possible.

After the game the girls got to meet some players and took some photos and got some autographs. All girls showed PRIDE and should be really proud of themselves.

**Miss Michell, PE Department**



## Sports Day!

On Wednesday 19th June we had Year 9 and 10 sports leaders go to Baginton Fields school to lead their sports day.

The girls were involved with setting up the events, leading on the events and adapting the games to suit all of the student's needs.

We had several staff members comment on how impressed they were with the girls. Well done to all involved!

**Miss Michell, PE Department**

## Youth Sport Trust Event

Last Tuesday we took four sports leaders and nine Year 7 students to an inclusive sports festival in Solihull. The sports leaders attended a Youth Sport Trust event in March to learn all about how to be a good leader.

The leaders led a sports festival for our Year 7s and students from other schools.

The Youth Sport Trust representative said that our leaders showed 'great leadership skills' and that she was really impressed with them. Three of our nine Year 7 students also won a medal for resilience which were given to them by sports leaders from different schools.

**Miss Michell, PE Department**

## Getting Ready for Transition

As part of President Kennedy School journey, The Bridge offers a number of transition opportunities to students who have secured a place a President Kennedy School in September.

These short but invaluable visits are a great way for students to feel more confident about starting school and it enables them to get a real understanding of where things are and what it feels

like to be part of The Bridge and to meet some of the key Bridge staff that will be supporting them next year.

We look forward to seeing them again on transition evening, summer school, and, of course, in September

**Mr Townsend, Progress Leader, The Bridge**



## Coventry Family Portal

There is a New Coventry Families portal @ [www.coventryfamilies.co.uk](http://www.coventryfamilies.co.uk) ~ this is the place for families, and all those that are supporting families, to access all the information that they need to help their family thrive. There is a new Family hub film that has now been launched to celebrate and promote the Family hubs and what they offer.

Main film - <https://vimeo.com/925682513/8cd470f1c1?>

Clip 1 - <https://vimeo.com/934996457/262e975f56?>

Clip 2 - <https://vimeo.com/934998041/58683c59ff?>

Clip 3 - <https://vimeo.com/934999314/3dbbc7f23d?>

**Mrs Morse, Attendance Officer**

Mental Health and Wellbeing:  
Parent / Carer Survey (PK)



<https://forms.office.com/e/6ATHR37VZ5>

President Kennedy School  
Presents

**TEEN  
EDITION**

# CHICAGO

*BOOK BY*  
**BOB FOSSE &  
FRED EBB**

*MUSIC BY*  
**JOHN KANDER**

*LYRICS BY*  
**FRED EBB**

*BASED ON THE PLAY BY MAURINE DALLAS WATKINS*  
*SCRIPT ADAPTATION BY DAVID THOMPSON*  
*MUSIC EDITING BY PAUL MCKIBBINS*

Thursday 11th July  
7pm  
Tickets £10 adult £7 child

Tickets purchased from <https://www.albanytheatre.co.uk/>

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture  
**CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION**

Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse

Music by John Kander

Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Based on the play by Maurine Dallas Watkins

Script adaptation by David Thompson

