

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th May to 31st May - May half term Holiday



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A wonderful newsletter this week, which highlights the exciting range of opportunities provided by our dedicated staff. Congratulations to Miss Kirkham for her invite to Buckingham Palace which recognises the commitment to DofE at our school. Well done Miss!

Sport continues to grow from strength to strength, and this week the girls have demonstrated how talented they are in a range of sports and activities.

Finally, I would like to thank the 'Undivided' student group who have been responsible for celebrating the diversity of the school, through producing resources for the tutor curriculum on important issues as well as the incredibly popular annual festivals which are a highlight of the school year. They epitomise PRIDE and are wonderful student leaders and ambassadors!

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break,

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Buckingham Palace Garden Party for a Gold Duke Edinburgh Award Celebration

I was given the honour on Friday 10th May to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party for a Gold Duke Edinburgh Award celebration.

The sun was bright and after entering the gates, I was able to walk around the lovely gardens and listen to inspirational speeches on the satellite stages.

Prince Edward Duke of Edinburgh, gave a speech from the balcony alongside two gold award winners.

Their speeches were incredibly inspiring, talking not only about their journey through the different awards, but what they had gained from it which inspired them in their careers and future ambitions.

We have had seven students receive their D of E Gold Award going through the school awards system and have a further six working towards it this year.

**Miss Kirkham, Teacher of Design and Technology  
Centre Manager of Duke of Edinburgh's Award**



## HealthTec® Webinars

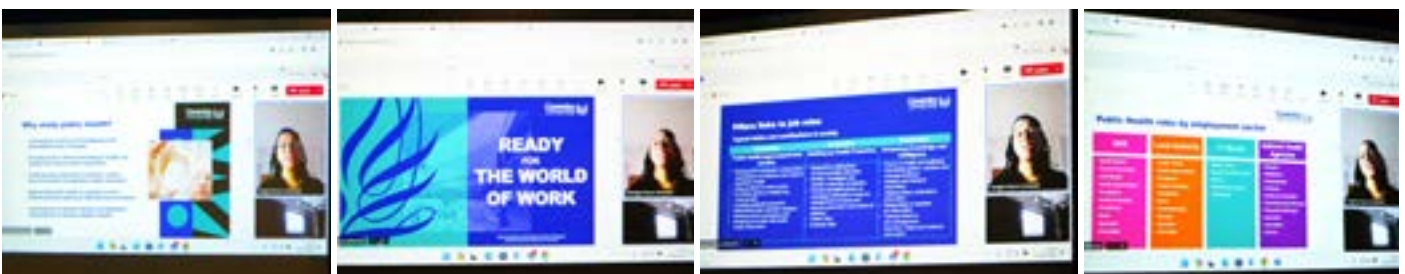
During the spring and summer term, President Kennedy School has hosted a range of healthcare professions in partnership with NHS England and Coventry University, across The Futures Trust. These have been very well attended with over 170 of our students from Years' 9,10 and Post 16 with an interest in pursuing various health careers.

The webinars enable students to experience a 'Day in the life of .....' different health pathways. They actively engage, getting a real insight into those careers and having their questions answered by those professionals.

Our halfway webinar was "Public Health" with another six scheduled.

Students found it eye opening, saying "There are so many different roles, in so many health settings", "I never knew it offered global opportunities" and "In Public Health you can, really make a difference to communities".

**Mr Dalton, Leader of Educational Pathways for Health**



## Animal Handling Experience with Madrigal Animal Encounters

President Kennedy School in conjunction with 'Madrigal Animal Encounters', will be conducting a series of interactive animal handling experiences. These are an opportunity for some students to experience nature and educational learning in a safe, supervised, secure and hands-on way.

We believe these sessions will greatly benefit our students, as they learn best from first hand experiences, exploring and learning using a range of activities, allowing them to build a

sense of independence, high self-esteem and pride. Health and safety considerations are always of paramount importance to 'Madrigal Animal Encounters' and involvement in the experience requires that certain medical conditions are reported to staff prior to the commencement of the sessions.

This week, we welcomed; a twelve year old blue tongue skink named Ashley and a hamster called Ginny!

**Miss K Sandhar, Inclusion Pastoral Manager**



## 'Undivided' Celebrate!

'Undivided' recently hosted the annual cultural celebration at President Kennedy School, showcasing what it means to embrace and celebrate who you are and embrace your cultural identity.

Miss Marshall, Miss Mattu and Miss Santhamohan organised an evening of celebration and PRIDE for the students that were involved with the festival, with awards, good food and

lots of dancing. Students won awards for 'best in show', 'most improved', 'most sassy catwalk' and so many more. Our very own Post 16 student, Jeevan, was our resident DJ for the evening.



The students worked so hard putting the festival together and to promote it around the school, so this evening was put on to acknowledge their hard efforts and to say 'thank you'.

**Miss Marshall, Teacher of R.E**



## Entrepreneur of the Month

Congratulations to Year 13 BTEC Business student Asvica who has set up her own very successful beauty business called 'Lashes by Asvi'

Asvica has given us her personal entrepreneurial journey, and shown examples of how she has used her academic knowledge and the skills of independence, resilience and problem solving. These are the skills President Kennedy School students are encouraged to develop, as these skills will be needed in order to be successful in the ever-changing work place of the 21st Century.

*"Hi my name is Asvica, I am a qualified lash technician. After watching all the beauty influencers on social media, I decided to start my business "Lashes by Asvi". At the moment I do lashes, but I plan to do some more training in eyebrow tinting and lamination. I am running my business from home, but soon I will rent a lash bed at a beauty salon to gain more customers.*

*I like being an entrepreneur because it gives me the freedom and independence to work in my own time.*

*When I finish my Post 16 courses in June, I intend to go to university to train to become an accountant, but I will carry on with my lash business alongside my studies "*

**Mrs Petrak, Business Department**



## Year 7 Rounders Win!



Monday 13th May, saw the Year 7 rounders team winning against Stoke Park School. Some brilliant batting and fielding skills on show! The score was 18 rounders - 16 rounders.

The first innings was a very close score, we changed the fielding tactics for the second innings, and we managed to get 6 of Stoke Park School's batters out. Player of the match was Aatifa. They are looking forward to their tournament in a few weeks time.

**Miss Cleaver & Miss Michell, P.E Department**  
**West Midlands Cup Final**



The Year 7 girls' football team had their West Midlands Cup final on Wednesday.

They lost the final but came second overall which is a great achievement.

All of the girls showed PRIDE and battled to the end of the game. Well done!

**Miss Michell, P.E Department**

## Climbing at the University of Warwick



On Tuesday 14th May, ten Year 9 students went on a visit to University of Warwick rock climbing centre and were given the opportunity to try auto belays, top ropes and bouldering.

Students showed a lot of determination and bravery on the trip and had a fantastic time with their friends.

**Miss Twite and Miss Kirkham**

## Share Your Views on Mental Health and Wellbeing Within the School

We all have mental health, just as we all have physical health - it affects how we think, feel and act. Naturally, we will go through phases of better mental health and phases of worse mental health, just as we do with our physical health.

Someone who is having difficulty with their mental health might find it::

- difficult to feel positive about themselves most of the time
- feel unable to engage in certain day-to-day activities or challenges
- not want to be around others, amongst other examples.

By taking part in this survey, you will be helping us to understand the current mental health and well-being provision offered by the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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



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

## School Attendance

At President Kennedy School it is our belief that good school attendance provides our pupils with the best chance of a bright and successful future.

We ask that you please make every effort to avoid booking medical and dental appointments during school time.

Where this is not possible, disruption to learning should be kept to a minimum and a whole day's absence avoided for am or pm appointments.

### WHY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.

Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly achieve at higher levels than those who do not attend regularly, and they also have wider life chances. Attending school on a regular basis also helps to develop:

- ↳ · Friendships
- ↳ · Social skills
- ↳ · Life skills
- ↳ · Career pathways

Missed days in school can have a significant impact on all the above.

| Yearly attendance | Yearly days missed | Yearly learning hours missed | Learning hours missed during school life (YR-Y11) |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 100%              | 0                  | 0                            | 0   |
| 97%               | 6                  | 30                           | 360   |
| 95%               | 10                 | 50                           | 600   |
| 90%               | 20                 | 100                          | 1200  |
| 80%               | 40                 | 200                          | 2400  |
| 50%               | 100                | 500                          | 6000  |



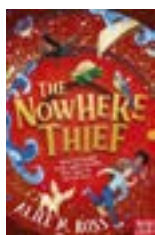
### Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

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



#### ***A Million to One by Adiba Jaigirdar***

Four women try to pull off a heist on the Titanic. They're after the Rubaiyat - a book inlaid with priceless jewels. Josefa is a charismatic thief, Hinnah a daring acrobat, Violet an outstanding actress and Emilie a talented artist. It is Josefa's plan, but she needs all of their skills. Despite their very different backgrounds, in a world of first-class passengers and suspicious crew members, the girls must work together to pull off the heist of their lives. But careless mistakes, old grudges and new romances threaten to jeopardise everything they've worked towards. And with the Titanic sailing ever further north, the girls' chances of survival are a million to one...



#### ***The Nowhere Thief by Alice M Ros***

A mind-bending multiverse adventure about theft, family, and finding your home.

Twelve-year-old Elsbeth has an extraordinary power: she can travel to parallel worlds and bring objects back with her. But as freak weather events become more frequent and a strange boy, Idris, starts to turn up everywhere she travels, she has to ask herself: does her gift come with a price?

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