

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th to 24th May - Exams
Monday 27th May to 31st May - May half Term Holiday



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Kennedy Kids Can! Congratulations to Mason, Isla and Alisha for their fantastic achievement for gaining second place in the National Youth Speaks competition. They were truly amazing and superb ambassadors for the school.

Yet again, our Post 16 Alumni continue to provide inspiration to our students by sharing their journey through university and their career success stories.

This week, Govind shared his story - a journey into the world of finance and his achievement of becoming Vice President of *Flexjet*.

Year 9 and Year 10 have been engaging in an academic programme with Coventry University called 'Future Grads'. The students, as you can see, have access to an professional environment, experts in their fields and learn about a whole range of career pathways. An inspiring opportunity and they have shown great PRIDE.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

National Final of the 'Youth Speaks' Debating Competition

The President Kennedy School team performed at the National Final of the Youth Speaks debating competition on Sunday 21st April. Alisha, Mason and Isla made it through the district, regional and cluster final at previous stages of the competition.

They went on to represent the Midlands at the national competition. Here, they competed against schools from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland with their debate on Cancel Culture. The team won second place with their outstanding teamwork and high-quality debate.

Isla also won best chairperson out of all the contestants due to her excellent control of the debate and warm and engaging talk.

It was a fantastic day, with members of the Coventry Rotary Club and Ms Rooke and Mr Lane going along to support the team.

The team are now looking forward to using their debate experience for school projects in future.

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



President Kennedy School Alumni Visits P16

On Monday 29th April, Year 10 and Year 12 students had a visit from one of our President Kennedy School Alumni, Govind Chand. Govind left President Kennedy School in 2007 and went on to study business at university.

He has held several posts in finance, his current role being Vice President of Finance at *Flexjet*.

Flexjet are a private aviation company and Govind wowed the pupils with stories about the role of the company and a list of their famous clients. Students listened to Govind's journey from his time at President Kennedy School to how he progressed to his current role.

They learnt a lot about how to set and achieve goals, how to stand out at interviews and how to write professional applications. At the end of each sessions, pupils were very keen to ask Govind questions. During this part of the talk, Govind shared stories about some of the inspiring women in business and finance that he has worked with along the way.

He also gave students valuable advice on how to achieve their full potential. During his visit, Govind also had the time to reconnect with some of his old teachers including Mr Fogarty, Mr Jones and Mr Finlayson. We are very grateful that he gave up his time to visit us and hope to see him back at school for another talk soon.

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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 three snakes; two corn snakes brothers, Jake and Milo from North America and a python called Newt!

Miss K Sandhar, Inclusion Pastoral Manager



Future Grads Programme

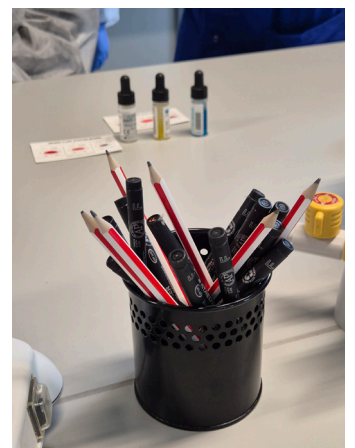
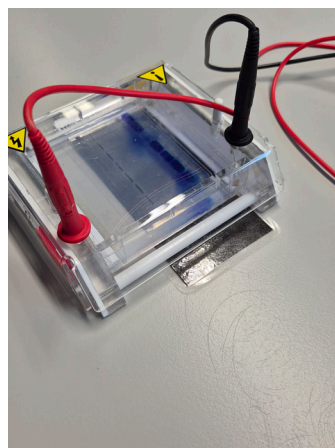
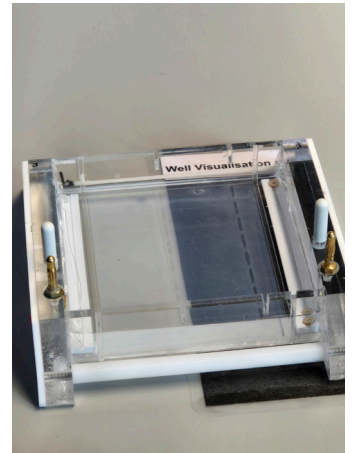
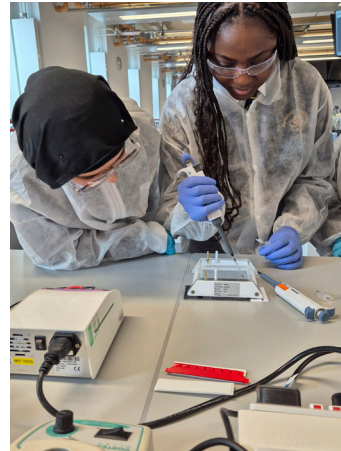
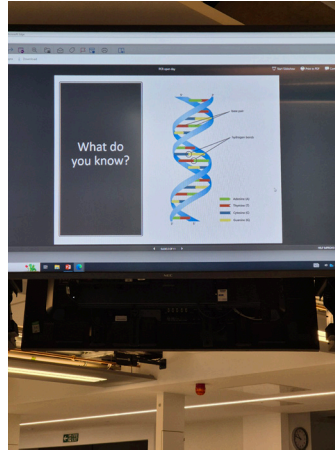
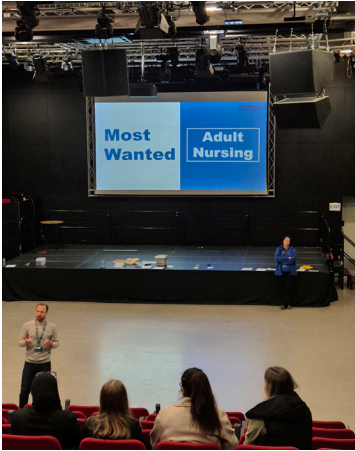
The Future Grads programme at Coventry University is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of different industries and professions.

Through a series of workshops, seminars, and hands-on experiences, participants will have the opportunity to develop

their skills, expand their knowledge, and make informed decisions about their future career paths.

This programme offers a unique chance for students to explore various career paths and gain valuable insights into their future endeavours.

Mrs Chauhan, Year 10 Learning Mentor



WHY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Research has identified that those students who are resilient and attend school regularly do well in education despite any adversity, this not only applies to education but many other areas in life, including health outcomes and effects success in multiple ways in life.

Evidence shows that resilience contributes towards higher qualifications and skills, better employment, better mental wellbeing, and a quicker or more successful

recovery from illness.

Please encourage your child to be resilient and attend school when feeling a little under the weather or have minor ailments such as headaches.

Absence must be defined and not recorded as unwell as this isn't specific and won't build resilience.

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

Mrs Morse, Attendance Officer

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

Transport for West Midlands: West Midlands Road Safety Action Plan Survey

The deadline for completion is 10th May.
Click on the link below to access the survey:

<https://wmroadsafety.commonplace.is/>

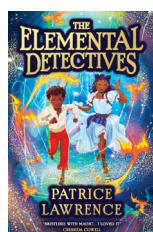


The Library

At President Kennedy School

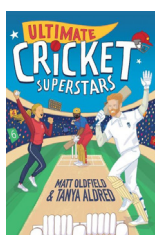
Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

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



The Elemental Detectives by Patrice Lawrence

Step into a London lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs. But humans have been causing chaos for centuries, trampling through the landscape trailing noise, mess and pollution. What if the Elements could slow down this new world... or stop it all together? The revenge-fuelled Shepherdess, who moves between the everyday and the supernatural London worlds, is the perfect weapon. She brings a sleeping sickness down on the city with the destruction of society in her sights. Marisee and Robert are the Elemental Detectives chasing the clues to avoid catastrophe: they must face the ghosts of Hyde Park, the monstrous coiled snake of the Serpentine, and a whole host of other fantastical creatures in their mission to stop the Shepherdess and prevent London slumbering for all eternity.



Ultimate Cricket Superstars by Matt Oldfield & Tanya Aldred

In this incredible collection of true stories, discover the secrets of 50 cricket superstars, from sporting legends to modern heroes. Uncover the most exciting and inspiring accounts of success, failure, injury and bravery. Learn the ins and outs of the game, with fascinating facts, player profiles and top tips to improve your own performance. An ideal book for any young sports fan who enjoys reading about their favourite heroes, such as "Freddie" Flintoff, Ellyse Perry, Don Bradman, Stafanie Taylor, Virat Kohli and Harmanpreet Kaur. Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

