

Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November - 8am to 5pm - **Year 13 Synoptic Exams**
Tuesday 18th, Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, and 27th November - 9am to 12:30pm - **Entry Level Maths Exam Year 11**
Friday 28th November - **Inset Day**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope last week was restful for you and your families.

In this week's edition, you can see all of the wonderful things our students (and staff!) have been up to before half term and during the first week back.

It was an excellent opportunity for students in Post 16 to have a special workshop with colleagues from Coventry University on financial education. This is just one example of how the Post-16 experience prepares students for life, academia and work.

I was also thrilled (and scared) to see our wonderful catering team become so enthused by Halloween! The students loved it - and so did the staff.

Finally, a huge well done to those students involved in the Gold D of E, an amazing achievement.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher



Financial Education at Coventry University



Dr Lien Luu, Head of undergraduate finance courses at Coventry University, a Personal Finance specialist and has written several books to empower young people and Dr Tony-Okeke, the associate Head of School for Recruitment and Marketing, a Financial Market Investments and banking specialist who also and now helps students find rewarding careers in Economics, Finance and Accounting gave an outstanding presentation to BTEC Year 13 Business students.

It included the need for financial literacy, career opportunities in financial planning and discussed which future industries offer the best opportunities.

They also discuss the fantastic opportunity of Coventry University Financial Planning Scholarship Competition.

Here, students discover how a career in financial planning can empower people to reach their life goals and make confident money decisions. This growing industry offers exciting opportunities for problem-solvers who enjoy working with people.

Take part in our Scholarship Competition to explore the world of financial planning and showcase your ideas.

You could win a scholarship to help launch your journey toward a rewarding career in finance!

The full offer for the competition winner is:

1. A fully funded 3-year tuition scholarship worth £30,000 (T&C's apply)
2. Professional mentorship by an expert in Financial Planning
3. Internship opportunities with companies in the Financial Planning sector
4. Opportunities to attend Financial Services industry conferences
5. Opportunity to complete the IAD professional qualification from the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI) at no cost, and as part of the degree.
6. An opportunity to be nominated for the CISI Educational Trust Award

The Coventry University visitors were so impressed with the quality of engagement from students that after a difficult decision they nominated Connor and Jeremiah as being the top students.

Well done!

Mrs Petrak, Teacher of Business

Gold D of E Year 13 Expedition



Year 13 Gold Duke of Edinburgh students took to Saddleworth Moor for their four-day assessed expedition.

On Saturday, they set off with nice clear weather and walked parts of The Pennine Way, through forests and looped back round to the night's campsite. With clear skies, it was a cold first night for the group in their tents.

Sunday had low cloud cover. The start of the days walk had a hard climb towards a local war memorial and a local point of interest. The clouds eventually lifted, and the students were greeted with outstanding views. After a short rest and welfare check by staff, the group set off on the rest of their days walk across open moor land. Sunday evening saw the rain move in, so once students struck camp and made dinner they were into their tents to keep dry and warm.

Monday morning saw drizzle, but an easier day walking ahead. A local event restricted access to part of their route, so students had to re-route and despite the not-so-great weather, the

students' spirits remained high.

Tuesday saw the final day with everyone feeling tired. It was tough getting started; packing up wet tents and making sure the campsite was clean, they set off on the days walk.

Again, taking on parts of The Pennine Way in a different direction and walking over open moorland students had to focus on navigation to make it to the end reservoir which showed an extent of the summer's drought.

A massive well done to Ismail, Shanuka, Anthony, Ameera, Haider, Ismail, Ramiz and Navraj. All eight students will now need to make sure their physical, volunteering, skill and residential sections are complete in order to achieve their gold award and get to go to Buckingham Palace.

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



Time Table Rock Stars!

On Monday, the battle of the bands commences..

Year 7 maths groups will be competing against each other in a competition to see who can play the most games on Time Table Rockstars.

The winning maths group are going to get an R3 and a winning certificate.

The top 2 winners are going to win an R4 and a bar of chocolate.

This challenge includes having fun and trying your best. This will help you get better and better at time tables.

Let the battle begin...

By Aiyla, 7 Warwick



Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November it is Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War I ended at 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918.

Since then, Commonwealth Remembrance Day is a day to remember all British and armed forces members killed in all wars and conflicts worldwide.

Around Remembrance Day, you will see lots of Poppies. This is because they are symbol of World War 1.

The red poppy honours those who died in conflict. The white poppies symbolises hope. The purple poppy remembers animals that were killed in the war. The black poppy commemorates the contribution of all black African and Caribbean communities who died in conflict.

When you buy a poppy, the money goes to the Royal British Legion to support serving military veterans and their families. We will not forget.

Sarah, Lydia, and Anmolveer, 7MAN



Spooky Kitchen!

Our catering staff made some spooky treats for our students in the week before the half-term break!...



FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Quiet Storm by Kimberly Whittam

No matter how quiet it is, you've got a voice, Storm. You should use it to speak up for yourself.

Storm has never liked to stand out from the crowd, but ever since she started Year 7, her life has been full of people telling her she needs to speak up, make friends and be more like her popular big brother.

Then Storm breaks a school record, and finds herself the new star of the athletics team. But as she's thrust into the spotlight, her home life and friendships start spiralling out of control, and it's time for Quiet Storm to show that she has something to say.



Then There Was One by Wendy Cross

Every inhabitant in the Quadrant knows about The Pinnacle, a reality TV contest set on a remote planet with a five million cash prize. For three desperate entrants, winning would mean the world. But as the competition starts, the contestants are quick to discover that this year's game has unscripted and deadly consequences. And the only thing they're truly competing for, is survival.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff



A Polite Notice

Dear Neighbour,

We will be holding our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 11th November from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

As such, there will be more visitors to the school site than usual at this time.

We are encouraging visitors to be mindful to our local community by using public transport or having consideration when parking.

Apologies for any inconvenience this might cause.

Kind regards,
President Kennedy School.



Get into Teaching Experience Day

November 17th - 9am -12pm

Find out more about a career in teaching

- Tour the school
- Meet teachers and trainees
- Get support with your application



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