

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th November - Inset Day **STUDENTS NOT IN SCHOOL**



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

My week started with a wonderful visit to [The Belgrade Theatre](#) to watch our wonderful Bridge students on stage performing 'The Tempest'. This was part of the [Shakespeare Schools Festival](#). My thanks to Mrs Arnett who supported the rehearsals and directed the cast!

School continues to be a hive of activity and learning and in the run up to Christmas, there will be many wonderful things students can get involved in.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

The Tempest



On Monday 24th November *The Tempest* cast in The Bridge had a fabulous day at The Belgrade Theatre as part of *The Shakespeare Schools Festival* completing their technical and dress rehearsal. This was a great opportunity for them to see how a professional theatre works and they returned for their final performance on the same night.

It was an amazing experience for all and Mikey, the host of the evening said, "***The opening scene of The Tempest was a powerful representation of the storm.***"

Mrs Arnett said, "*I am very proud of all the students. They really showed great team work on the performance day - especially when a cast member was ill. Special shout-out to Lara, who without hesitation stepped in as understudy.*"

Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge



Careers Event

At President Kennedy School, we are working hard to make sure our students are receiving the very best high quality careers support and guidance.

This will support our students with living in the wider world and make sure they have the best start to their career journey.

One of the ways we achieve this is by ensuring our students in Year 9, Year 11 and Post 16 attend our annual careers fair.

This year we have had many providers including universities, employers, colleges,

training providers and apprenticeship providers from Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond. It was a fantastic day that really engaged students and encouraged them to ask questions and find out more about different careers and pathways available to them when they are ready to leave President Kennedy.

The feedback from the providers has been fantastic, commenting on how well behaved our students are and how brilliant some of their questions were.

Miss Worwood, School Careers Lead



Could Your Child Get Free School Meals?

We want to make sure every student at President Kennedy School gets the support they're entitled to - including Free School Meals.

If you receive certain benefits, your child may be eligible.

You can apply if you receive one of the following:

- **Universal Credit** (after your first payment, with household earnings **under £7,400 a year** after tax)
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**

- **Guaranteed Pension Credit**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Child Tax Credit** (if you're not also receiving Working Tax Credit and earn **£16,190 or less a year**)

Applying is quick and easy — just use the link below:

[Free School Meals – Coventry City Council](#)

If you think you might qualify, we really encourage you to apply. It makes a big difference!



Year 8 & 9 Shine in 'Transformations' Creative Writing Programme

Over 25 students from Years 8 and 9 have taken part in the first session of the 'Transformations' Creative Writing Programme, led by the University of Warwick.

This prestigious initiative gives students the chance to work with university undergraduates in seminar-style workshops, exploring challenging literary extracts and honing their creative writing skills.

The enthusiasm and commitment shown by our students has been outstanding.

We are excited to read their upcoming submissions, which will be considered for publication and entry into a city-wide competition. This programme not only enriches their English studies but also inspires confidence, creativity, and ambition for future academic success.

Mrs Moss, Teacher of English



Battle of the Bands

7B1 won the Battle of the Bands in Year 7 this week with an amazing 64,566 correct answers. They received a certificate and an R3.

The individual winner was Dawid from 7 Oxford, with an incredible 52,500 correct answers. He won chocolate and an R4! Amazing Maths!

Who will win the next competition? Let the battle commence...

Miss Griffin, Leader of Literacy, The Bridge



FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Spellstone by Ross Montgomery

Evie is used to not being noticed. But when she meets the mysterious Wainwright, she discovers that going unnoticed might just be what makes her unique. Evil is returning to the land, and Evie is the only person who can stop it. But how can she defeat the most dangerous magician in the world, when she doesn't even know her own powers?

Imaginative magical fantasy that grips from the start. The engaging cast of characters and plethora of plot twists maintain a heady momentum that never lets up



City of Spies by Iszi Lawrence

It's 1780 and the struggle for American independence is raging. In New York, twelve-year-old Aiden Blaise is sure that the British will win soon. How can a few rebel colonies hold out against the might of the British crown? And anyway, he's more concerned with somehow managing to rise above his lot in life and make his fortune.

But New York is a powder keg of soldiers and spies, and soon Aiden will be drawn into the fight for freedom in a way he could never have predicted...

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

