



Dates for your Diary

CHRISTMAS BREAK - Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026
All students back in school - Monday 5th January



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The past two weeks have been full of festive joy and wonderful student experiences. I was incredibly proud of our students and staff and the experiences they provided our Senior Citizens at our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. The Senior Citizens loved the whole afternoon and joined in with the incredible entertainment provided by the Performing Arts Choir.

We also held our annual cookies & hot chocolate for our students to say well done over the past term. President Kennedy School is truly special community and it is this time of year which exemplifies how wonderful our staff, students and families are.

We hope you have a wonderful festive period - a merry Christmas, if you celebrate this and a Happy New Year! My thoughts and wishes with you and your families,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 10th December President Kennedy hosted its annual senior citizens Christmas meal. This event was attended by around 90 senior citizens from care homes in Coventry and they had a fantastic time eating a full Christmas dinner and enjoying the school choir as well as playing bingo and a raffle.

This event was organised by the Year 13 BTEC Business group as part of their coursework, and they did a fabulous job with the organisation of this event as well as our Year 9 Ambassadors who served the meals and chatted to our guests.

Mr Finlayson, Teacher of Business



Christmas Hampers



Thanks to all the staff at President Kennedy School who donated food for the Christmas hampers.

The food was dropped off to the Holbrooks Community Centre with the help of Sayla and Ava in Year 7, Riley in Year 8 and Chloe in Year 11.

The food will make up Christmas Hampers worth £45 and go to families over the festive season.

Miss Sandhar, Pastoral Manager



Christmas Cards Made in The Bridge

Students from a social/communication group who do art projects together and talk through their week in a relaxed, supportive environment have created displays for 'The Heart Space' and decorated cards and key rings as gifts for their families and teachers.

Miss Griffin, Leader of Literacy, The Bridge



PL Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month



Hali won the award for November. She has done really well this month by demonstrating natural leadership qualities and is learning how to express herself, whilst leaving space for others to have their say, also.

Students have been developing their ideas for the Inspires Challenge (This years theme is 'Young Peoples Mental Wellbeing'). One or two students in Hali's cohort have found the topic emotionally challenging and Hali has shown herself to be supportive whilst being brave enough to open up regarding her own challenges.

Hali's engagement as 'PL Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month' has been excellent and she has shown a level of curiosity and maturity in our session activities which is slowly rubbing off on the other students.

Ali Myton, Premier League Inspires Project Manager, Sky Blues in the Community

Baking All the Way to India

One of our lovely Y11 students, Kayla, is trying to raise £4000 to participate in a trip to India with Girlguiding Warwickshire.

A team of 20 girls and 5 adult volunteers will be going to visit Sangam, a Girlguiding World Centre, connect with other members of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) and take part in local projects during the three weeks of their stay. They will also be visiting Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal) and Jaipur.

In total each participant will need to raise £3,900 for this trip. Kayla was selected from 80 participants from across the Midlands.

Kayla has a 'Just Giving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kayla-hostead>. Please donate if you can!

Mrs Turner, Examinations Manager



Hot Chocolate & Cookies!

Hot chocolate and cookies were served to all year groups last week. Whilst students were waiting, they had a great time in the hall immersed in a Christmas sing-a-long! A well deserved treat for our students, and thank you to all who helped facilitate this event!



Christmas Pop-Up Fair

Students raised over £600 for different charities including [Zoe's place](#) and [Myton Hospice](#). Post 16 Events team organised it with year group student leadership teams supporting.

Mrs Murray, Director of Student Experience



A Great Big Christmas Tree!

Mr Milliner, President Kennedy School's Facilities Manager, asked our grounds maintenance company, Lakeside, to donate a Christmas tree back in September.

He was overjoyed when a 12ft tree arrived! Lakeside had gone above and beyond what was expected.

Mrs Arnett, who is responsible for Student Leadership and Character in The Bridge, always arranges our tree decorations with the Year 7 student council and they did a great job!

Next year, we aim to go even bigger and better. Mr Milliner will be purchasing more decorations and safe lighting.

The feedback is that the tree is better situated in the canteen than our usual place in the main reception.

Mr Milliner, Facilities Manager



Gothic Book Pitch

Eight top-set Year 8 finalists showcased their Gothic book pitches after weeks of crafting atmospheric hooks, eerie imagery and confident delivery in lessons.

They presented their work to the other top-set groups and a special guest judge, creating a thrilling and competitive showcase of creativity.

Favour was crowned the winner for her fantastic content and passionate, captivating performance—well done!

Miss Irwin, Teacher of English



Examination Certificate Collection Dates

Examination certificates are ready for collection, and can be collected from the Visitor Reception, Monday to Friday, between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm during the following dates:

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Thursday 18th December 2025

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Friday 9th January 2026

Monday 12th January 2026

Thursday 15th January 2026

Friday 16th January 2026

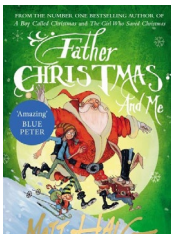


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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

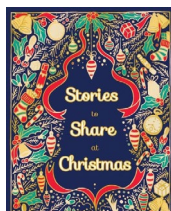


Father Christmas and Me by Matt Haig

It isn't always easy, growing up as a human in Elfhelm, even if your adoptive parents are the newly married Father Christmas and Mary Christmas.

For one thing, Elf School can be annoying when you have to sing Christmas songs everyday - even in July - and when you fail all your toy-making tests. Also, it can get very, very cold.

But when the jealous Easter Bunny and his rabbit army launch an attack to stop Christmas, it's up to Amelia, her new family and the elves to keep Christmas alive. Before it's too late...



Stories to Share at Christmas by Scholastic

A heart-warming collection of your favourite Christmas classics that are sure to get you into the festive spirit.

Filled with tales of family, presents and all the joy that Christmas brings!

From frolicking goblins in the graveyards of Dickens' *The Pickwick Papers*, to the importance of giving gifts in the *Gift of the Magi*, this collection is the perfect Christmas book.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL PRESENTS
Year 7s Production of...



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tickets!



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Thursday
22nd January
&
Friday 23rd
January
7pm

A Musical based on the stories of P.L.Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and
Lyrics by Richard
M. Sherman and
Robert B. Sherman

Book by
Julian
Fellowes

New Songs and
Additional Music and
Lyrics by George
Stiles and Anthony
Drewe

Co-Created
by Cameron
Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
(Europe) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by
MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk