

Dates for your Diary

The Bridge production of 'Mary Poppins Jr' - Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd January
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

PCD - Thursday 29th January



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The beginning of the term has seen a number of great learning opportunities as well as a day of snow! Our site services team did an excellent job of ensuring that the school could be opened for our students so that they could access their education. My thanks for all your support with sending your children into school.

Finally, our new booking system for our annual Parent Consultation Day (PCD) has gone down really well with Parents and we've already had over half the school book appointments in the first two days! This year's PCD will also see a number of additional things - with external agencies coming in as well as work being displayed and the school canteen offering light refreshments throughout the day. We look forward to welcoming you into the school on the 29th January.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

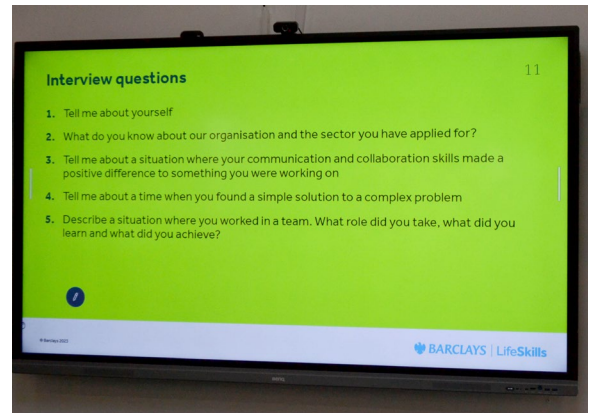
Barclays Life Skills

This week, Year 12 'Barclays Life Skills' session focused on 'competency based interviews'. Questions asked during this type of interview aim to test a variety of skills and you'll need to answer in the context of actual events. The skills tested will depend largely on the job you're interviewing for and the sector you'll be working in.

Students using the 'STAR' technique, which was Situation, Task, Action & Results. This involved in role play interviews for the students.

A big 'well-done' to all who participated.

Ms Bartley, Post 16 Pastoral Lead



PCD

On Thursday, 29th January we are holding 'Parent Consultation Day'. This is an invaluable opportunity for you to meet with your child's tutor or a member of the college or Hub Team and find out their achievements this year so far and discuss your child's progress and targets for each of their subjects. We will also talk through a number of ways in which you can support your child at home, and how we can further support you over the forthcoming months.

This year, we are now booking appointments online, using 'School Cloud' system. We have attached a guide to explain how to book this. You have received an email from 'School Cloud'. You can also click on this link:

<https://presidentkennedy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have any difficulties using this system, please ring the school and we will be able to support.

We will also have several external agencies in the canteen to share information and offer support to anyone. These include Citizen's Advice Bureau, Job Shop, Sky Blues in the Community, Mental Health in Schools team, Holbrooks Community Centre, the school counsellor and School Nursing team.

There will also be short talks from a university to explain what life is like at university and how to apply. These will be at 10am, 12pm and 2pm in Post 16.

Mrs Murray, Director of Student Experience

G.Y.M - Guiding Young Minds

Year 9 were very happy to welcome Anton Noble, founder of G.Y.M. G.Y.M stands for 'Guiding Young Minds'. It was set up by Anton, an ex-gang member, in the hope of trying to save and discourage young people from joining gangs.

He was able to give invaluable insight into how gangs work and the work that his charity does. The students were fully engaged in this interactive assembly. Finding it 'fun', 'different' and 'enjoyable'.

G.Y.M is a charity that works across the West Midlands but is based in Coventry. It grew out of the charity ASSIST - Trauma Care which is a specialist therapeutic organisation dedicated to supporting people who have suffered psychological trauma. They work with parents, schools, young people, prisons, youth justice services, police, local authorities and social services. They organise trips away, gym sessions, workshops, mentoring programmes, and outreach programmes from their bus, which you may see in local parks or Coventry City Centre.

We thank Anton for his time and such a great talk.

Comments from staff:

"I thought Anton was amazing yesterday and his presentation was very impactful and relatable for our students. I thought it was great he was able to get our students involved and thinking about scenarios that they come across in their day to day lives".

"My only gripe would have been that he did not have more time with them".

"It was really good. It was good to hear the message from someone that isn't a staff member and hopefully sticks with them. I really like the 'repeat after me' thing."

"I thought Anton did a great job of being very personable and relatable. He engaged the students throughout the entire talk. It would've been great to hear a little more depth about what the charity actually does when it works with schools, university etc."

*"He was really honest with us so we could relate to that"
"His message was don't pick on people - you don't know what they are going through".*

Comments from students:

"His message of awareness, about how being in a gang can affect you".

"I liked how kids can say they are 'going to the GYM' but actually they are going to him for help".

"I like how it 'Guides Young Minds' to the right path".

"I like how he helps vulnerable kids so they don't feel they need to join a gang and they help families".

"I liked how it was interactive and we weren't just sitting there with him talking".

"We would want to work more with him and learn more about gangs".

"He was sound".

To find out more about G.Y.M and the work Anton does, click on the link below:

<https://www.guidingyoungminds.org/>

Miss Colley, Teacher of Art, Design & Technology



Important Update about sparx Maths Homework

This week, we are turning on parent emails for **Sparx Maths**. This means parents and carers will start to receive helpful emails about their child's Maths homework.

You may receive:

Welcome emails – Explaining what *Sparx Maths* is and how it helps your child learn.

Weekly homework emails – Sent 3 days before a homework is due. These show how your child is getting on and includes a safe link where you can see their progress.

Password reset emails – if your child's password is changed, you will be sent their username and a reset link.

Emails are sent at **3:30pm on weekdays** and **9am at weekends**. You can stop the emails at any time using the link at the bottom.

We encourage parents and carers to read these emails and talk with their child about their maths. You do not need to be good at maths yourself - showing interest, asking how they are doing, and encouraging them to try their best can really help. Thank you for supporting your child's learning.

[Sparx Maths - A parent's guide to Sparx Maths](#)

Mr Adams, Joint Subject Leader of Maths

Year 7 Maths

Bridge students consolidating their knowledge of their times tables - Good work, Year 7!

Ms Griffin, Leader of Literacy - The Bridge



Get into Teaching Experience Day

February 4th 2026 9am-12pm

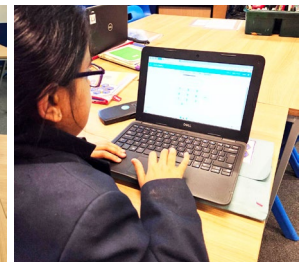
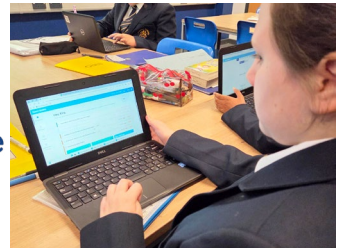
Find out more about a career in teaching

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



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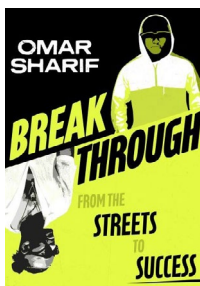


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



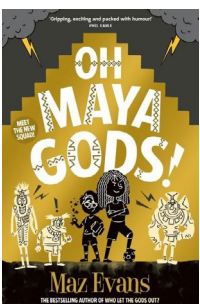
Breakthrough: From the Streets to Success by Omar Sharif

Omar Sharif grew up in London surrounded by gangs with fierce loyalties. Carrying a knife offered him protection; belonging; family. But after three of his friends were murdered, Omar sought to change his life. He is now a Pride of Britain Award winner and coach who inspires teens and young people with his story, helping them grow self-belief, resist peer pressure and reach their potential.

In this book, Omar shares his powerful and moving true story, showing how gang life creates a bubble that makes young people believe it is their only choice; that they're not good enough. But that a shift in thinking saved his life.

Sharing his 6 ingredients for success - from finding your passion, seeking the right friendships and knowing your worth, to creating a vision for your future, avoiding short-lived hits and giving back - Omar provides encouragement to all young people on how to make great decisions, navigate challenges and achieve success.

Oh Maya Gods! by Maz Evans



The world's worst-behaved immortals are at it again - introducing the brand-new Gods Squad taking them on! Meet Vesper, the bossy, football-mad daughter of Elliot Hooper, the original hero of Who Let the Gods Out? And Aster, the super-bright son of Constellation, Virgo. Together, they must recapture some villainous wrong'uns before the world ends next Thursday. Off they head to the Maya underworld, where Kizin and his Lords and Ladies of Death are messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice...

Library Staff

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.



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



Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR.

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£6 adult £4 child

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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