

Dates for your Diary

PCD - Thursday 29th January



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

One week until our annual PCD event and students are showing excellent PRIDE within their learning. I was also incredibly proud to hear how well our Year 8 students did in the cup football match against Coundon Court - an impressive 6-1 victory! Well Done!

Finally, I'm incredibly excited to see our Bridge production of Mary Poppins Jr - they've been in the hall rehearsing all week and I'm sure will have a fantastic time on stage Thursday and Friday evening.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

G.Y.M - Guiding Young Minds

As part of the Year 9 tutor time curriculum, students are to engage with a form of local charity work. This is done in way of a competition run by the organisation 'First Give'.

As part of their *First Give* campaign, tutor groups are to pick a local charity, based on a social issue that affects Coventry, to help raise awareness of the work they do within the city. This could range from helping raise awareness of food banks, to women's shelters, to respite care for young carers.

My tutor group had a long list of social issues that they felt affected the city and overwhelmingly chose the issue of gang/ youth violence. They then researched charities of this nature, within the city and narrowed it down to two, picking 'G.Y.M - Guiding Young Minds'. They liked that it was founded by an ex-gang member, so had first-hand knowledge of why people end up in gangs as well as the difficulties faced when trying to leave gangs.

The aim of the competition is to create a social action campaign to raise as much awareness of the chosen charity, as possible. Some tutor groups have held bake sales; some have held

sporting events. Our group has held a basketball 'shoot out' tournament, organised by the students, with all year groups invited to watch and take part.

Anton, founder of G.Y.M, very kindly agreed to come in and talk to 9NC about his experiences, being very open and honest and not being phased by any questions the students asked.

He has also been involved in working with 'First Give', so was able to give an invaluable insight into how they can create a presentation for the judges of the competition.

Students described the workshop as 'fun', 'interesting' with Anton engaging them with his honesty. He was only with us for an hour, but I am sure they could have listened to him all day.

With all this insight, we hope to raise awareness of G.Y.M (and hopefully win the 'First Give' competition!)

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

Miss Colley, Teacher of Art, Design & Technology



Important Messages

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Labelling your child's coat and uniform with their name will help if they are misplaced.

For a reminder of our school uniform policy, please click here: <https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=92>

HEALTH & SAFETY

We do not allow hot water bottles, heat packs or wheat bags to be brought into school. These items pose a risk of burns or injury and cannot be safely managed during the school day. If your child requires support for a medical condition, please contact the school directly so appropriate arrangements can be discussed.



CAR PARK

For health and safety reasons, we kindly ask that parents do not drive into the school car park at drop-off or pick-up times. The car park must remain clear to ensure the safety of pupils, staff, and visitors, and to allow access for emergency vehicles if required.

Thank you for your cooperation, **President Kennedy School**

Year 7 Maths Parent Workshop



On Tuesday, there was a wonderful opportunity for parents, students and teachers to work together to ensure that our students make good progress in mathematics.

Parents were given an insight into how teachers, plan and deliver their lessons and parents given support on how to support their children at home.
Mrs Dhanani, Leader of Maths

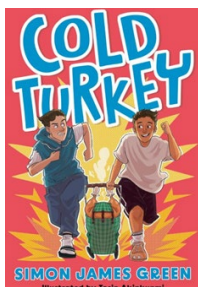


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Cold Turkey by Simon James Green

Kit is furious following a betrayal by his oldest friend, Hamza -over a girl?! He wants nothing to do with him until the boys are offered a lot of money to do a job for one of their neighbours. The job is to deliver a turkey to an address across London before it gets cold. Weird but pretty simple, right? But that's before it turns into a hilarious, hysterical race against time, the police, the bomb squad and a scary street gang.

Can Kit and Hamza make it in time, and will they ever speak to each other again if they do?



Augmented by Kenéchi Udogu

In a near future London where extreme weather has depleted plant life, sixteen-year-olds must surgically augment an ability to ensure humanity's survival. Having spent years training as a coder Akaego moves to a music academy after the discovery of her rare ability - she can project a vocal frequency that accelerates plant growth. As Akaego learns to use her new skill and is chosen for a prestigious internship with the Mayor she begins to feel like she can really make a difference to society... and it doesn't hurt that the Mayor's gorgeous son, Joon, seems to be flirting with her. But all is not as it seems. When the Freestakers, an anti-enhancement group, warn Akaego not to get augmented, she must learn to trust her instincts as she discovers the terrible truth of her ability and the lengths people are willing to go to control it...

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

