

### Dates for your Diary

Year 11 Synoptic Assessments - Monday 2nd February to Friday 13th March  
February Half Term break - Monday 14th February to Sunday 22nd February



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Last week saw an amazing Bridge production of Mary Poppins Jr with Year 7 students performing on stage to a sellout audience on Thursday and Friday - I felt incredibly proud of each and every student as I watched from the audience on both nights. The courage, resilience and talent they demonstrated was excellent and I'm excited to see how they will develop throughout the rest of their time in The Bridge.

These things do not happen by chance though and I must thank our incredible Performing Arts Department - Ms Walsh, Ms Danni and Ms Burr for their support and dedication - they do help Build Brighter Futures!

I'd also like to thank Mrs Moss for arranging a trip to the University of Cambridge for some of our Year 11 students. The feedback has been incredible and I'm grateful for the opportunity they have had.

Finally, I'm excited to welcome parents and carers into school on Thursday as part of our annual parent consultation day (PCD). This day is all about sharing the progress your child is making and ensuring we are doing all we can to support them Build a Brighter Future!

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Mr Lane, Headteacher**

## Mary Poppins Jr

Our Year 7 students demonstrated remarkable resilience in their recent production of Mary Poppins Jr. Throughout the rehearsal process, students faced new challenges, stepped outside their comfort zones, and showed determination as they learned lines, choreography, songs and staging.

Despite nerves, busy schedules, and the demands of working as a large ensemble, the cast supported one another and showed real perseverance. Their willingness to keep trying, take feedback on board, and work together resulted in fantastic, confident, performances that reflected just how much they had grown along the way.

The production was not only an entertaining show, but also a powerful example of resilience, teamwork, and commitment. Well done to all Year 7 students involved. Their hard work and positive attitude made the production truly 'practically perfect in every way'!

Thank you to all parents, carers and the wider community for joining us as an audience. Your presence, encouragement and support meant so much to the students and staff.

A massive thank you to the Performing Arts team for their hard work, time and support.

**Miss Walsh, Leader of Performing Arts**



More pictures overleaf...



### University of Cambridge - GCSE Lecture:

On Wednesday 21st January 2026, thirty Year 11 students enjoyed a prestigious visit to the University of Cambridge for a series of GCSE-focused lectures and seminars.

They attended a talk by Dr Fred Parker on the theme of fear in Macbeth, took part in an unseen poetry seminar with a PhD student, and explored the roots of the English language in an Old English lecture with Professor Richard Dance. The day ended with a very wet and windy tour of the campus,

including Clare College and the historic Trinity building. Staff at the university were hugely impressed by the students' confidence, oracy, and the PRIDE they demonstrated throughout.

We look forward to returning soon, so please keep an eye out for future opportunities.

*Mrs Moss, Teacher of English*



## Buy Smart, Stay Safe

Coventry Citizens Advice is working in collaboration with the Office for Product Safety and Standards to educate people about safe buying strategies when purchasing second-hand items.

While buying second-hand can be a great way to save money, some items are safer to buy new, such as car seats, old appliances without modern protections or items that have been recalled or banned. Always check product safety labels and take time to research items and sellers before you buy.

For more information, please take a look at the attached information leaflets. If you have any questions or concerns, visit: <https://www.coventrycitizensadvice.org.uk/campaigns/>

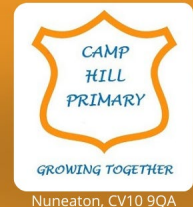


## Get into Teaching Experience Day

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 9am-12pm

Find out more about a career in teaching

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



Nuneaton, CV10 9QA

Email, call or WhatsApp to book a place: ☎ 02476 661416 ext. 2021  
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Building Brighter Futures



The Library

At President Kennedy School

## FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



### Stealing Happy by Brian Conaghan

Loan shark Chick Lennon is notorious around Sonny Gilmour's way, and not for anything good. So, when Sonny discovers his mum has borrowed money from Chick to pay the rent, he finds himself in need of the quickest of get-rich-quick schemes.

With the help of best mate Jonah and quiet genius Carolina Swift, he hatches a plot - to pay back what Mum owes using Chick's own ill-gotten gains. It's not a fool-proof plan, and it's not helped by Sonny's Tourette's making him blurt out 'ROB CHICK LENNON!' at the top of his lungs every time things get dicey. But with his dad suffering from long Covid and his mum already struggling to cope, Sonny knows it's down to him to keep his family out of Chick's clutches ...



### Red Flags by Sophie Jo

Two sceptics. Two months. And this time, neither of them can disappear the moment they spot something they don't like... An entertaining escapist romance that's also a topical and nuanced look at healthy relationships. Deftly exploring the difference between what makes a legitimate red flag and what is simply being flawed and human.

Poppy is known for her high standards. Why bother with relationships when boys don't ever seem to live up to her expectations? One red flag and she's out. Cam is known for quickly developing the 'ick'. He's never dated anyone for long - a week here, a month there, but he always spooks.

When Poppy's friends challenge her to give someone a chance for two whole months, Poppy decides that Cam (her mysterious bus crush) could be the best of an underwhelming bunch. But Cam's been set his own challenge: he's banned from ending things in his next relationship...and that means he's ready to do whatever he can to put Poppy off.

Library Staff

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

