

Dates for your Diary

Easter Break - Monday 30th March to 10th April



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to say Eid Mubarak to all those in our community who celebrated Eid. It was wonderful to be a part of our Post 16 Eid celebration lunch on Monday of this week - images of which can be seen on the school's official Facebook page.

This bumper Easter edition of the newsletter also has lots of things to read about and celebrate - from World Book Day (Yes, even I had dress up!) to the excellent Music Showcase.

Our students have demonstrated Pride Respect Involvement, Determination, and Excellence so many time over the past term and I am proud of what they do each day as part of the Kennedy Community.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming your children, our students back on the 13th April 2026.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Music Showcase

This year's Music Showcase was a fantastic celebration of our students' dedication, creativity, and musical growth. Many performers stepped onto the stage for the very first time, demonstrating real bravery, teamwork, and passion.

Their performances - spanning a wide range of instruments, styles, and ensembles filled the hall with talent, energy, and confidence.

Each act brought something unique, showcasing not only technical skill but also genuine musical expression. Whether it was a well-rehearsed group piece or a soloist stepping boldly into the spotlight, every student shared their commitment and love of music.

The warm, uplifting atmosphere in the hall was a true reflection of the hard work students have put into their rehearsals this term.

The evening was expertly hosted by Head Student, Fares, whose engaging and expressive introductions added a personal touch to the event.

A huge thank you goes to all our brilliant performers, the technical team, and everyone behind the scenes who helped bring the showcase to life.

Events like these highlight the power of music within our school community - bringing people together and giving students a platform to shine. Well done to all performers for an inspiring and memorable evening!

Mr Channer, Head of Music



Coventry Final - Rotary Club's Youth Speaks Debate

After winning the Coventry Final of the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks debate, the President Kennedy team competed in the District Final competition on Saturday 7th March.

The team once again presented their debate on 'Ignorance Really is Bliss.'

They competed against five other schools and took second place. Judges commented that it was a very small margin, and that the team are incredibly talented public speakers.

Abshara, our chairperson, was praised for her passionate introduction and ability to control the

debate. Our proposer, Elise, was congratulated on the persuasiveness of her arguments and the number of facts and statistics she managed to find to support her discussion. Fares, our opposer was told he is a very engaging speaker with effective timing and ability to hold an audience.

The team has made everyone incredibly proud.

Ms Rejali, Teacher of Religious Education and Leader of Personal Development in Post-16



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE



On Monday 9th March, President Kennedy School hosted the launch event of the HE+ programme. This programme is for Year 12 students who aspire to apply to competitive universities, like Cambridge University.

As well as President Kennedy School students attending, we hosted five other schools: Stoke Park, Barr's Hill, Caludon Castle, Bishop Ullathorne and West Coventry Academy.

Students listened to two guest speakers from

College at Cambridge University. The first part

HE+ Programme

of the event consisted of students listening to a taster lecture on evolutionary biology. Students were engaged by the exciting university-style lecture and were even able to hold some stick insects as a case study for their discussions.

The second part of the event consisted of activities to get students thinking about the application process and interview skills. Students took a lot away from the event and have a strong insight into the application process for Cambridge University.

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Former Students Talk about Apprenticeship Degrees

On Friday 20th March we welcomed two of our ex students, Grace and Yad into school to speak to Post 16 students interested in Apprenticeship Degrees.

Grace and Yad both took their A levels in the summer of 2023 and went into their Apprenticeship Degree programmes straight after receiving their A level results. Grace is currently on the Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions apprenticeship degree for the University of Nottingham as a Level 6 Cyber Security Analyst and Yad is studying for a Level 6 – BEng (Hons) Electronic & Computer Engineering at GE Aerospace.

Both Grace and Yad were extremely focussed

on the applying for apprenticeship schemes in Year 13 and shared their experiences with our Post 16 students.

Apprenticeship degrees are extremely competitive, so Grace and Yad came in to speak with students about the different stages of applying for Degree Apprenticeships, such as interviews and assessment centres. All of the students involved found their experiences and advice invaluable, and we hope to invite Grace and Yad back next year as part of our Alumni programme.

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Physics Students Achieve National Recognition

Two Year 12 Physicists, Ethan and Dhruv, have achieved national recognition after being shortlisted for the 'What Lights Up Your Love of Physics?' competition run by Physics Partners. Their entry was an original video exploring the history of rocket science. Impressively, the students independently planned, choreographed, filmed and edited the entire production themselves.

The standard of entries was extremely high nationally, making this a significant achievement for both the students and President Kennedy School. As a result of being shortlisted, the students have been invited to attend a prestigious prize event residential at King's College, Cambridge in April 2026, where the

overall winners will be announced.

In recognition of their success, the school will receive a ripple tank for the physics department and £400 towards physics equipment. The students will also receive Amazon vouchers as part of the prize. If selected as the overall winning team, the school will receive funding for a trip to CERN.

This achievement reflects the creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm for physics that our students continue to demonstrate, and we are incredibly proud of Ethan and Dhruv for their outstanding work.

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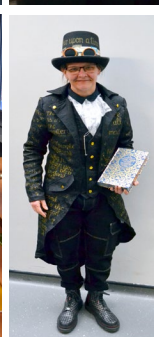
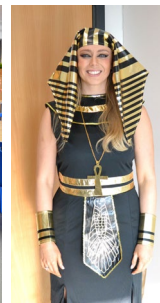
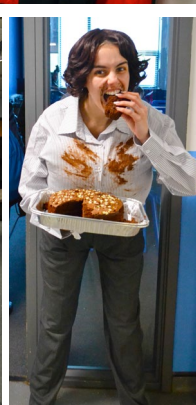
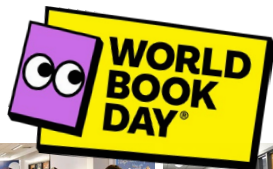
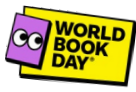
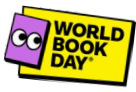
Sociofest' at Warwick University

Students in Year 12 had the opportunity to attend 'Sociofest' at Warwick University. The day included engaging taster sessions of Lectures and Seminars. Our Year 12 Sociology Students impressed the professors at the university, sharing exceptional contributions and confidence in discussions.

Following the lectures, Students were given a tour of campus and had a Q&A Session with Sociology Ambassadors. This helped students gain an insight into the life of a sociology student at the University of Warwick. '

Miss Mattu, Teacher of RE and Sociology | Inclusion Progress Leader





SPORTS

Yr 7 and 8 Football

The Year 7&8 girls football team played King Edward VI school in Edgbaston. It was a close game and we won 3-1. We got through to the last 16 in the English school's cup out of 216 schools. The girls played really well as a team and are looking forward to their next fixture.



Yr 11 Football

The Year 11 football team progressed into the semi finals of the Telegraph cup with a 4-2 win against Ernesford Grange. The goals were scored by Charlie Bayton Timms (2) and Osheay Williams (2). The semi finals will be after Easter.

Yr 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball team also had their last game of the season this week. It was a very close game against Finham Park 2 we won 10-8 and they have won 5 out of their 7 league games this season, their dedication to training has paid off.

Yr 8 Netball

The Year 8 netball team competed in the trust cup this week. They beat Stoke Park 7-5 and Coundon Court 11-0 making them the trust champions! All students have shown great determination and dedication to netball this year.

Miss Michell, PE Teacher

SBitC Premier League Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month Award

Grace was the winner for the SBitC Premier League Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month Award for February.

Grace won the award for her willingness to engage in whatever activity is put in front of her. Grace has been helpful in helping come up with resources for younger students and just getting on with things without the slightest moan or groan!

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



Games Taster sessions

Students in the Hub took part in a workshop delivered by Creative Media & Digital – Culture Coventry where they made and developed their own computer games.

They play games online, which inspired to make their own game.

They engaged well and will continue to develop the games they made!

Miss Sandhar, Pastoral Manager of Inclusion, Family Support Worker, CAP Co-Ordinator

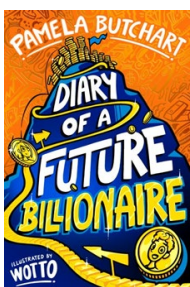


FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

The Library

At President Kennedy School

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



Diary of a Future Billionaire by Pamela Butchart

Just how far will one boy go to become a fully-fledged billionaire? So here's the thing about me. I'm a billionaire. An actual REAL-LIFE billionaire!

And you know how some people who get rich say stuff like, "I can't believe it!" and "I never thought it would happen to me!"

Well ... I CAN believe it. And I KNEW it would happen to me. Because I PLANNED IT.

I PLANNED to become the world's RICHEST ten-year-old. And you know what? It WORKED.



I.R.L. by Jenny Goebel

Lucy is eager to leave her bullies behind and start over at a new school when she moves to Alaska with her parents. Her first days at school are all remote learning; how is she going to make friends when she can't meet anyone in person?

White Pine Secondary School is made up of just thirteen students who all seem really welcoming when they start chatting online. She grows excited about meeting her new friends I.R.L.! But when she turns up at her school, she is met with a crumbling, abandoned building. There's nothing there, apart from a tiny cemetery with thirteen small headstones poking out of the frozen ground. Headstones with some very familiar names on them... Lucy doesn't know what to believe. Are her new "friends" playing a mean trick, or is there something far more horrifying at play?

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.



Library Staff