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Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October Half Term Break
GCSE Resits - Tuesday 3rd November to Wednesday 11th November
Year 13 Synoptic Assessments - Thursday 9th November to Monday 16th November



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the end of a busy half term, the school is just as busy as it has been the past seven weeks. We've had numerous trips and events in school and this edition of the newsletter shows some of the things that have gone on over the last couple of weeks.

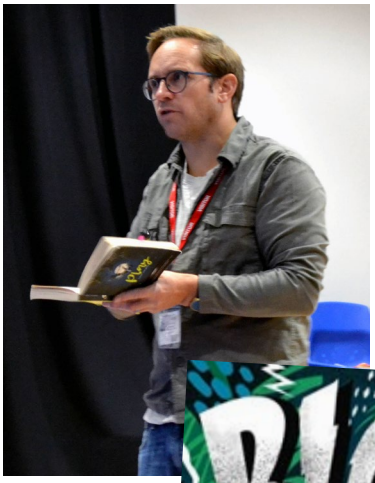
There has also been some fantastic work happening in the classroom. What students are producing and working on is incredible and I know staff are providing outstanding learning opportunities for your children.

Make sure your children rest over half-term and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 2nd November.

Have a great half-term break,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Author Visits Year 10



Students at President Kennedy School were given a fascinating insight into the world of writing last week when acclaimed author Luke Palmer visited as part of the National Year of Reading celebrations.

Speaking to Year 10 students, Luke shared his journey as an author and discussed his latest novels, '***Big Words***' and '***Live***'. Drawing on his experiences as a teacher, a role he continues to hold today, Luke explained how working with young people inspired him to write stories that explore themes of friendship, identity and belonging.

The session gave students a unique opportunity to hear first-hand about the creative process behind his books and what life is like as a published author. They also took part in a lively question-and-answer session, where they were able to find out more about Luke's writing, characters and inspirations.
Luke's book Big Words is currently short-listed for the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards Rapid Reads Award.

Students eager to explore his work further can borrow all of Luke Palmer's books from the school library.

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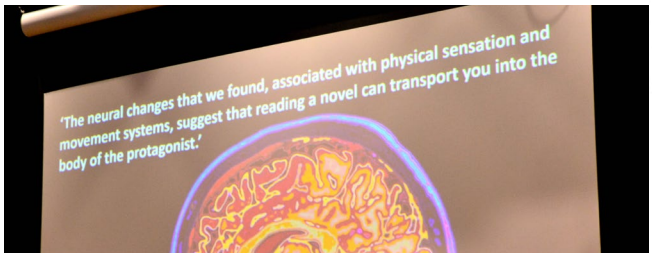
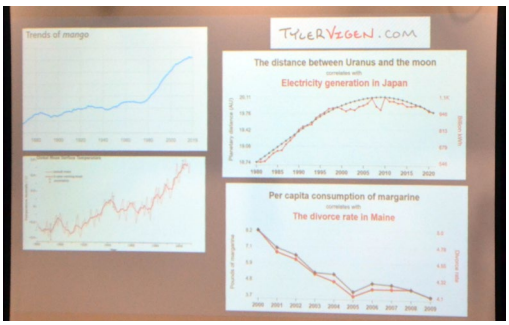






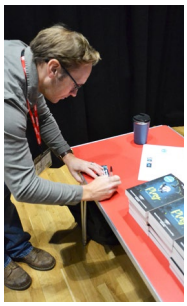














Professional Director Offers Insider Tips

On Friday 16th October the cast of *A Mid Summer Night's Dream* took part in a workshop with a professional director, Jen Wilson. The cast is due to perform as part of The Shakespeare Schools Festival on Friday November 20th and Jen provided great tips on performance.

It was a brilliant afternoon where the cast learnt how to land their lines, walk on and off stage with purpose and voice projection techniques.

Mrs Arnett said, "*The cast was just fabulous. There is a real sense of an ensemble being created and Jen actually commented on how supportive each of the cast members were. Considering she visits lots of schools as part of this festival, to say that is a real achievement. I can't wait to see how the final performance turns out!*"

Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge









BeYOUty

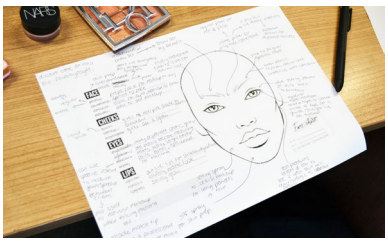
The Year 10 BeYOUty Project has been a fantastic and positive experience so far. We were delighted to welcome professional make-up artist Faces by Fayth, who delivered an engaging training course that helped students develop practical skills, boost their confidence, and gain an insight into careers within the beauty industry.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and demonstrated great enthusiasm throughout. We were especially proud to have one of our incredible Year 10 students act as a model during the training, showcasing both confidence and professionalism.

With more exciting sessions still to come, we look forward to seeing our students continue to develop their skills and creativity.

Miss Westwood-Hedge, Teacher of English










P16 Student Looks to Score Every Time He Has the Ball!



Congratulations to Post 16 student Henry F, for his '**Man of the Match**' performance this week in The Futures Trust win over KES Birmingham!

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Spooky Goings On in the Canteen!













Students have been enjoying the Halloween themed treats on offer that the school kitchen staff have created this week...truly SPOOKTACULAR!!!

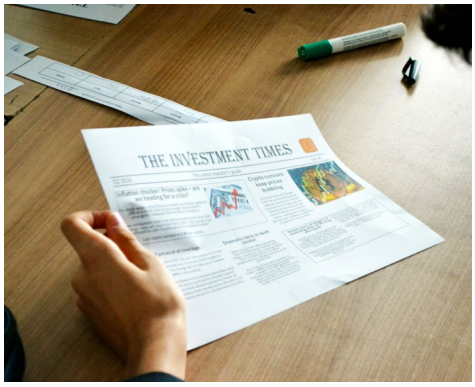
Buy, Buy, Buy, Sell, Sell, Sell!

This week Year 10 students took part in an *Investment Challenge* run by M&G.

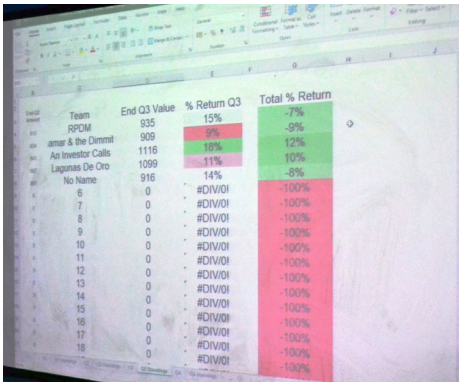
Students were given a series of challenges and decisions to make to the most money. They learnt about different types of investment and what can happen to risky investments.

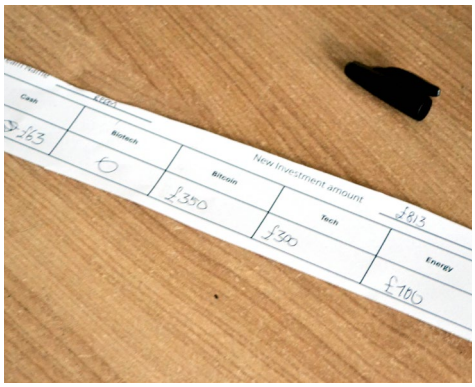
The students gained a lot from the experience and we are very grateful to the *Talent Foundry* for organising the experience with M&G.

Mrs Murray, Director of Student Experience












Three Wins for PKS Girls Football

The Year 7 and Year 8 girls football team had three friendlies this past week.
They played Barrs hill on Monday and beat them 5-0, Blue Coat on Wednesday and won 3-0 and Wiseman on Wednesday and beat them 2-0. All of the girls showed PRIDE.
They worked brilliantly together as a team and represented the school well. Well done girls!

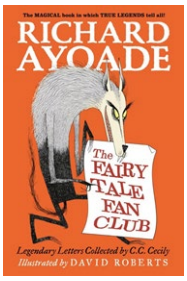
Miss Michell, PE Teacher



The Library
At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

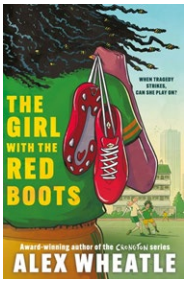
This week the Library's recommended reads are…



The Fairy Tale Fan Club by Richard Ayoade

Various fairy tale characters respond to letters about what happened after the main events of their stories. What are they doing now? Was it really 'Happily Ever After'? Is the Big Bad Wolf actually *that* bad? When will Sleeping Beauty get out of bed? And what makes frogs so kissable?

Only one man has the answers, direct from the ACTUAL LEGENDS themselves: meet C.C. Cecily, Senior Secretary of the Fairy Tale Fan Club.



The Girl with the Red Boots by Alex Wheatle

A thrilling and heart-warming tale about family, friendship and football.
Fourteen-year-old aspiring footballer Kadeen Best is sent to stay with her Aunt Mel in London after her beloved older brother is tragically killed and she identifies the shooter - a dangerous crime lord.

She must carry her grief while adjusting to her new home - away from everything she knows and loves in Jamaica - and living with her strict aunt. Kadeen must lie low, as if she's recognised, she'll put them both in serious danger. Desperate for a distraction, Kadeen practises football in the local park where she's asked to try out for a girls' team. Kadeen thinks her aunt won't approve, so she keeps it secret, and finds herself part of a new family: the SW2s.

But when Aunt Mel finds out, she is furious and bans Kadeen from playing. Can she convince her aunt to let her play her way to the top with the SW2s and avoid attracting the crime lord's attention?

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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