

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Pride of place in this edition rightly goes to sharing with you our nomination for World Class School of the year for 2020/21.

I am immensely proud of the fact that we have been short-listed for this prestigious award. Currently, there are 118 designated World Class Schools of which include secondary, primary and special schools across the country (all with Outstanding Ofsted judgement).



Our nomination is recognition of several things; the World Class Opportunities we offer our students, our participation and success in WCS activities and competitions, and, most of all, the contributions our World Class students make to our school.

On Monday 6th December, I will be attending the annual WCS Awards ceremony at the Sheldonian Theatre at Oxford University with staff and students. I hope that we are able to return with this coveted award.

My congratulations to all the students who feature in this week's edition. Thank you for being World Class!

I wish you all a good week ahead,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

Shortlist for WCSQM School of the Year 2021 Revealed!

World Class School Quality Mark are delighted to announce our shortlist for the World Class School Quality Mark School of the Year, sponsored by *ClickView*.

All of the schools in the network are World Class. School of the Year exemplifies and role models what it means to be World Class with typicality and consistency.

Berkeley Academy, Hounslow primary
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, Nottingham secondary
Bosworth Academy, Leicester secondary
Featherstone High School, Ealing secondary



President Kennedy School, Coventry secondary
St Albans Girls' School, St Albans secondary
The Ashley School, Lowestoft special
Weatherhead High School, Wallasey secondary

Schools that are shortlisted for School of the Year (in adherence with the charity's mission statement) offer the best education to students in the UK develop the World Class skills, competencies and characteristics which students need to flourish in an emerging global economy give students the confidence to overcome socio-economic barriers to recognise and achieve their potential.

The schools' students live the World Class vision.

For secondary schools:

'We are #worldclass learners and leaders with a commitment to achieving the best for our community and our best in the work place, by acquiring a deep knowledge and understanding of our world'

For primary schools:

'Because of who we are, what we feel and how we learn we are #worldclass.'

In order to be eligible for shortlisting, the students from each school had to submit a video evidencing why they meet the shortlisting criteria.

The winner of the World Class School Quality Mark School of the Year All short-listed will be announced at the WCSQM Awards Ceremony 6th December, held at Oxford University's Sheldonian Theatre by their sponsor *ClickView*.

Information on WCSQM

WCSQM is a UK charity working to accredit the best non-selective state schools across the UK with the World Class quality mark accreditation. In order to achieve accreditation primary and secondary schools can subscribe to the WCSQM

application, giving their entire cohort of students access to the WCSQM framework designed to help students develop and demonstrate World Class skills and characteristics across areas including learning, leadership, community and the workplace.

World Class Schools' Quality Mark Essay Writing Competition

After a victorious previous year for President Kennedy School in the *World Class Schools' Quality Mark Essay Writing Competition* in 2020, the annual competition returned this July for our next cohort of students.

This writing competition gives World Class students the opportunity to challenge themselves with a piece of writing centred around an intellectually provocative theme that directly affects their lives.

This year, children's author Dan Freedman created the following essay title '*How much can motivation from parents, or the important adults in your life, help or hinder your success?*'.

The role of parents, teachers and trusted adults in the lives of children is a big theme in Dan Freedman's books. His latest novel, '*Unstoppable*', revolves around the relationship of a father with his twins and explores the impact he has on their ultimate success, or lack thereof.

You can find this in our school library if you wish to read it!

After months of enthusiasm and determination, the following students have produced personal, sophisticated, and perceptive responses to the essay question. It has been a pleasure to read them all!



Firstly, I would like to say an enormous well done to the following students from Years 8, 9 and 10: Jessica Berry, Julia Puzio, Mithula Pushpamohan, Cordellia Akata and Michael Akata. All of you should be incredibly proud of the work that you have produced.

I can confirm that essays written by the following students from both Years 8 and 9 - Finlay Lomas, Abshara Piratheeban and Arya Bassi - were formally submitted in the hope that President Kennedy School will come out on top once more.

World Class Students make World Class Schools!

Miss Tovey, Teacher of English

CLUB PRIDE

My name is Caitlyn and I like sports. I take part in girls football training in school and used to play in my primary school. I enjoy it a lot and I am getting better with the help of my coaches.

I also play basketball in school and at home which I also enjoy very much. I am still a beginner but I'm getting better. Why don't you come along to?

My name is Bex and I have attended a training camp with Volley ball England after being recommended by my coach. I am hoping I will continue to my Volley ball England experiences and hope to be selected for the England training squad.

My name is Deborah and I am proud of starting to learn playing the flute at school. I am now learning my first song '*Clair de lune*' which means '*moonlight*' in French. I am hoping to learn other instruments as well. Thanks Mr Channer for all your help so far. If you fancy learning an instrument why don't you come along?

Hello, my name is Raya and I enjoy going to *Saint Johns Ambulance Cadets* where you learn about CPR and get to practice techniques on dummies. I really enjoy it and I am keen to learn more as it is an exciting opportunity. If you think you would be interested in this please come and chat with me.



Hi, My name is Alfie and I am proud of being selected as part of school football team. We won our first match 6-0 against Arena Academy in Birmingham.



I also play for *Finbarrs* and have played for *Coventry City*. If you are interested in joining *Finbarrs*, please come and speak to me.

Hi, I am Kyan and I am proud of my football team *Finbarrs*. I have been playing for them for 6 years and I am now the team captain. I have the best team mates and we work well with each other; we never let our heads drop even when we are losing. If you are interested in joining, come and talk to me.

Year 9 Rugby Team

The Year 9 rugby team maintained their winning start to this year with a 55-10 victory over Caludon Castle.

President Kennedy School started slowly and a number of handling errors prevented us getting into their rhythm.

Once our team scored their first try, they began to play better rugby and looked to move the ball away from the breakdown whenever possible.

The tackling needs to be improved, but all in all, a good win. Well done to all the boys who played.

Mr Garlick, Head of P.E

P16 Student Council Elected

Congratulations to the following students selected for the Post 16 Leadership team after a rigorous application process:

Head Girl - Mya Birdee

Head Boy - Jake Docherty

Deputy Head Girl - Miriam Clarke

Deputy Head Boy - Ismail Rafique

Deputy Head Girl - Hina Shoukat

Deputy Head Boy - Matthew Taylor

Our P16 Leadership Group will be allocated different College Councils to work with throughout the year and undertake various community and social projects.

The Head Boy and Head Girl will also take charge of the Whole School Council and represent all students at School Leadership meetings.

Well done to all.

Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment



Careers Monday: Interview with a Fitness Instructor

Every Monday, as part of the Tutor Curriculum in Year 8, we focus on careers. Last week, we had a speaker talk (virtually) to the whole of Year 8 about his career as a Fitness Instructor. I had the pleasure of interviewing the speaker, Jack Ramsay.

Prior to the interview, tutees had to come up with 3 or 4 insightful questions to ask Jack.

On the Friday, myself and Ms Fawcett chose 11 questions out of the many that were submitted to us.

Over the weekend, I felt nervous, but mostly excited to have had the opportunity to ask Jack the chosen questions.

This experience has taught me how to present myself as an interviewer and speak with authority whilst being friendly and chatty.

Jack stated that **"you don't need money, you just need people who will support you"** which really stood out to me when he spoke about having his own gym.

I am very much looking forward to hearing from other people with inspiring careers!

Lily-Skye Keogh (Year 8)

Year 8 Katie Brings Cup Home



We would like to celebrate the achievements of Year 8 student, Katie Corcoran.

Katie plays for *St Finbarr's girls Gaelic football team*. In September, Kate and her team went to London to compete in the *All-Britain Championship*. The team won and brought the cup home. The team will now hold the title for two years.

This is the first time an outside team have won the cup in 30 years - what a fantastic achievement!

Katie is now having trials with *Warwickshire Gaelic football team* to play for the country.

Well done Katie!

*Ms Birdee, Pastoral Leader
Year 8 - The Gateway*



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YOUNG PERSON HAVE
SPECIAL NEEDS?
HOW ARE YOU DOING?**

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VIDEO LINK

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(10:00AM -11:30AM)**

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