

EASTER BREAK - MONDAY 11TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 22ND APRIL



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As a (former) P.E teacher, I'm delighted to share the success of the Year 7 boys rugby team with you all this week. My congratulations to the boys on this tremendous achievement - a first for President Kennedy School in Year 7. Well done lads!

It was also great to see Year 7, 8 and 9 enjoying visits from the BBC and the STEM Roadshow in the school hall this week. With a strong focus on future careers, I know our students were very inspired for the future.

Please enjoy our reading recommendations from the school library.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

Year 7 Success at the Coventry Schools Tournament

The Year 7 Rugby team, played in the Coventry Schools tournament on Tuesday night at Bablake playing fields. In the group games President Kennedy School beat Finham 20-0, Newman 20-5 and BKHS 'B' 30 - 5.

This meant we won the group and played Coundon Court in the semi finals who we then beat 20-5, this set up a final vs BKHS 'A', this proved to be an exciting final with President Kennedy

School taking the lead half way into the game, the President Kennedy School defence then worked tirelessly to halt the BKHS attack, unfortunately, with the last play of the game BKHS scored in the corner to tie the game.

The trophy is shared for 6 months each and it truly was an outstanding effort by President Kennedy School.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



BBC Bitesize Careers Tour Inspires Students

The BBC returned to visit us last week for their Bitesize Careers Tour. The session, as part of the BBC's centenary year, highlighted the range of career opportunities in storytelling at the organisation and the creative industries, both locally and across the UK.

The hugely popular CBBC presenter and YouTuber, Lee Hinchcliffe, acted as host and introduced our students to three panellists from very different careers through a discussion focussed on careers in storytelling.

We were introduced to Sam Kershaw; Digital Content Creator

and Producer at the BBC, Marc Silk, a voice actor and Paula Rawsthorne, a writer.

All three individuals were able to share their career journey, the challenges they faced along the way and why they love the job they have. Students had great fun interacting with the panellists, asking questions and even had a lesson in talking like Scooby Doo – from the expert Marc!

It was a great opportunity to inspire our own future storytellers.

Mrs Fawcett, Careers Leader



Skydive for JTYAF

Hi, I'm Jake Docherty and I'm fundraising for *John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation* because I believe that every young person should have the opportunity and support, they need for their personal development and to pursue their dreams.

The John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation (JTYAF) was set up in memory of John Thornton who was tragically killed in Afghanistan in 2008. The JTYAF provides opportunities for young people to help them to develop as individuals and fulfil their ambitions in life as John was able to do.

To raise money for the JTYAF I'm going to do a charity skydive. I'll be jumping from 10,000 feet, which will result in a 30-second free-fall. However, if my campaign is successful, I will jump from 15,000 feet, the highest jump altitude in the UK. 15,000 feet equates to nearly a minute of free-fall time. I will be doing this skydive with GO Skydive in Salisbury.



The Junior Leaders Course is the RAF Air Cadets' premier leadership course, taking place over several months. The course uses fieldcraft as a medium to teach leadership to 17- to 19-year-old Air Cadets who gain an ILM and Fieldcraft Instructor qualification throughout the course.

I would like to raise £300 to cover the cost of the skydive and then a further £500 for JTYAF, as part of the Junior Leaders 22 course that I am a student on. Whilst an Air Cadet, John Thornton completed the Junior Leaders course and was named the top student on his course. After completing the course, he was invited to become an instructor on the course and help inspire the next generation of Junior Leaders.

Every course since 2010 has raised money for the JTYAF and to date, Junior Leaders have raised over £200,000 for the organisation. Over 70 Junior Leaders have benefited from support from the JTYAF including expeditions to Tanzania, Kenya, Nepal and Ghana.

<https://gofund.me/7a36b625>

Jake Docherty, Year 13

Introducing...



We are pleased to introduce our new Library Ambassadors – Maksim and Julia, who you may see helping us in the Library during lunchtimes.

As we have a high turnover of books every day their help will be invaluable, to make sure they are re-shelved and keep the Library tidy.

Library Staff

STEM Roadshow Comes to President Kennedy School



The 2022 schools STEM roadshow was a 50 minute interactive presentation that explored the subject of magnetism. Aligned to the school curriculum, by using examples from our three education partner organisations, BAE Systems, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy and surprising applications in everyday objects, students were fascinated by just how commonplace magnets and electromagnets are.

There were magic magnetic moments, where we demonstrated magic tricks that all use magnets. There was a test of strength and one of the presenters was suspended in the air to demonstrate how strong electromagnets can be. Packed with

fun and factual references, students and teachers learned something new about the wonderful World of Magnets.

The purpose of the event was to give our students the opportunity to see a STEM topic in a totally different light. Students were able to make a connection between some familiar objects, what they have learnt about these in the classroom and how they relate to the world of work. They learnt that STEM careers can be accessed by all genders and that a passion for Maths and Science will help them hugely.

Mrs Fawcett, Careers Leader

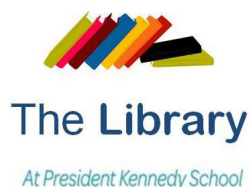
Rugby - You Win Some, You Lose Some!

On Wednesday night the Year 7 and Year 9 rugby teams travelled to play against Princethorpe College.

The Year 9 team showed great resilience against a very good Princethorpe team and have a difficult first half. They fought back to get within 2 points of their hosts.

Unfortunately, although President Kennedy School applied pressure, we were unable to cross the line and lost 26-24.

The Year 7 team continued their impressive form with a 35-15 victory, a squad of 17 players travelled and all played their part in an impressive victory, which saw several fine team tries scored and some resolute defence. **Mr Garlick, P.E Department**



Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

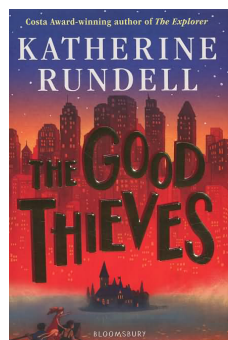
This week the Library's recommended reads are....

***The Good Thieves* by Katherine Rundell**

Vita Marlowe has a mission. Her beloved grandfather, Jack, has been cheated out of everything he owns by a notorious conman with Mafia connections.

Seeing Jack's spirit is broken, Vita is desperate to make him happy again, so she devises a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home.

She finds a young pickpocket, working the streets of the city. And, nearby, two boys with highly unusual skills and secrets of their own are about to be pulled into her lawless, death-defying plan.



***Kick the Moon* by Muhammad Khan**

Fifteen-year-old Ilyas is under pressure from everyone: GCSE's are looming and his teachers just won't let up, his dad wants him to join the family business and his mates don't care about any of it.

There's no space in Ilyas' life to just be a teenager. Serving detention one day, Ilyas finds a kindred spirit in Kelly Matthews, who is fed up with being pigeonholed as the good girl, and their friendship blows the social strata of high



school wide open.

But when Kelly catches the eye of one of the local bad boys - Imran, Ilyas is faced with losing the only person who understands him. Standing up to Imran puts Ilyas' family at risk, but it's time for him to be the superhero he draws in his comic-books, and go kick the moon.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

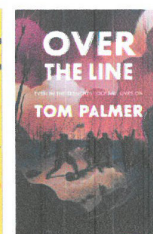
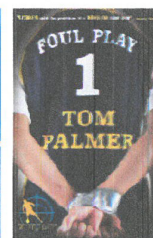
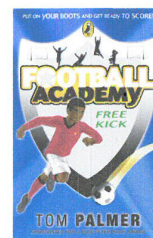
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Hello pupils and staff at President Kennedy School Academy



I discovered reading
through my hobby: sport.
I read about football and rugby
in newspapers, magazines,
websites and books. I hope you
find books about your interests.

Tom Palmer



"I love Foul Play. It's exciting and fun and it is a thrilling equal to Anthony Horowitz's Alex Rider books." Alex

"Tom Palmer is definitely in the premier league of children's authors with an impressive back catalogue of soccer stories." Mumsnet

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