

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - MONDAY 30 MAY - 3RD JUNE



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am delighted that President Kennedy School have been asked to participate in such a prestigious project with the University of Warwick on climate change.

This is a wonderful global project and Year 9 students have been working incredibly hard to prepare their final workshops which will take place at the new Faculty of Arts Centre at the University of Warwick. This will link with students from across the world and discuss their ideas on how to make positive changes to our environment.

Well done to Year 9 and to the fantastic achievements of our young athletes.

Wishing you all a great half term break,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

Creative Climate Change Project

It is an immense pleasure to have been working with President Kennedy School pupils. The Year 9s have shown themselves to be thoughtful, creative and caring young people and we have thoroughly enjoyed each session. Time seems to evaporate in that studio! We have a lot left to do but we are excited about what we can achieve.

Our project has used drama, dance and digital arts to explore the often gloomy and overwhelming topic of climate change. The pupils have been working as co-researchers, alongside the Warwick academics *Dr Rachel Turner-King* and *Dr Bobby Smith* as well as artists *Charlotte Hale-Smith* (Flux), and *Luke Newbold* from *Lens Change Ltd*.

For the first few weeks, we explored our connections to local and global places, they used their bodies to interpret complex scientific vocabulary and we invited them to discuss key issues connected to climate change and environmental pollution.

They have been producing mini-verbatim scripts about why different particular 'lands' matters to them and are devising group movement and experimenting with creative writing techniques. Throughout this process, we are developing their sense of playfulness, risk-taking, peer-peer trust and self-confidence – key factors in adolescents' social and emotional development.

Alongside this, we visited President Kennedy School's unique and inspiring 'Curriculum Garden'. We were lucky enough to meet the gardener, Rob and the Year 9s interviewed him after their tour. Their questions were thoughtful and led to a rich conversation. We hope to meet with Rob again and continue to use the garden as a creative resource for our work.

Throughout this process, the researchers and artists are working with digital artist and web designer *Ashley James Brown* who, alongside videographer Luke, is documenting and translating the Year 9's creative work into an online educational resource that can inspire other teachers, young people and arts practitioners. We are excited to be doing one of our final workshops with the young people at Warwick University's new Faculty of Arts Building on Thursday 23rd June.

It is also our hope that the young people will join us to share the first phase of this at an international conference held at Warwick University in July. Not only this, but the project is connected to a wider international research study into 'eco-citizenship' with other young people based in Canada, Taiwan, Greece, Colombia and India. Some of the President Kennedy School students have been invited to join a virtual Global Drama Club which involves meeting young people in India to share their different experiences and ideas about climate change.

Rachel Turner-King, Assistant Professor, Creativity, Performance and Education, Education Studies, University of Warwick



Year 7 Win First Cricket Game!

Congratulations to the Year 7 cricket team who played their first game on Thursday night in the Coventry Cup and beat Finham Park 2.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Year 8 Qualify for the Coventry Schools Athletic Final!

Congratulations to the following Year 8s, who have all qualified for the Coventry Schools Athletics finals in June. The qualifying event was on Wednesday night.

Yathunshana Ravikanthan, Abshara Piratheeban, Apinaya Ramanan, Eliza Birch, Elizabeth Pollard, Cordellia Akata, Favour Mburichen, Eve Lovelock, Amy Haughney, Yanis Carainn, Oliver Doughty, Rehan Khan, Fynlay Lomas and Jamie Hicks.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Year 10 Student Represents Warwickshire

Congratulations to Hayden Nghiem in Year 10 who represented Warwickshire U15s at Rugby on Sunday in a game against Buckinghamshire.

Hayden is part of the Wasps U15 DPP and also plays for Old Coventrians.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Year 7 Science

Mrs Browne's Year 7 Science Club have been meeting weekly throughout the year.

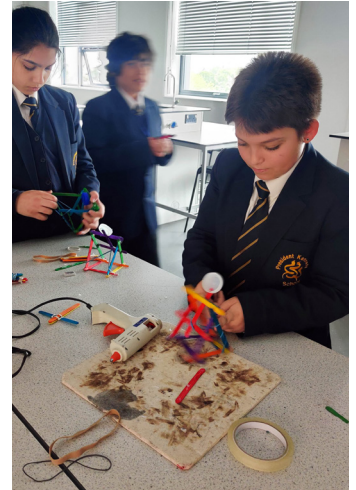
In the last few weeks, they have researched all about catapults which has resulted in them making some prototypes.

The next step in this project is to plan out and make full scale models of the best catapult.

The team includes students from Year 7; Keisha Nkundabagenzi, Darius Stefu, Agustin Villarroel-Filice, Ignacio Villarroel-Filice, Andreea Turcan, Tharagan Sureshkumar, Molly Frith and our Year 8 helper, Natalie Cole.

If you are in Year 7, come and join us, we meet Thursday, after school, in S09.

Mrs Browne, Teacher of Science



The Library

At President Kennedy School

Reaching for the Moon by Katherine Johnson

The inspiring autobiography of NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, who helped launch Apollo 11.

As a young girl, Katherine Johnson showed an exceptional aptitude for maths. In school she quickly skipped ahead several grades and was soon studying complex equations with the support of a professor who saw great promise in her.

But ability and opportunity did not always go hand in hand. As an African American and a girl growing up in an era of brutal racism and sexism, Katherine faced daily challenges.

In the early 1950s, Katherine was thrilled to join the organisation that would become NASA. She worked on many of NASA's biggest projects including the Apollo 11 mission that landed the first men on the moon. Throughout her extraordinary career, Katherine has broken boundaries and paved the way for women in science.

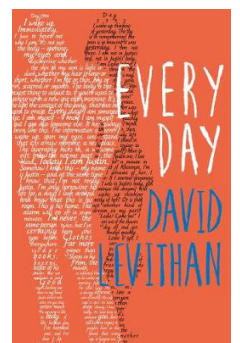


Every Day by David Levithan

A boy wakes up in the body of a different person every day but when he falls in love with a girl he realises he doesn't want to leave.

Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that. Never get too attached.

Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. And that's fine - until A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment, the rules by which A has been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone he wants to be with - every day.



Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff