

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 24TH JUNE & FRIDAY 8TH JULY (Students not in school)



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It's great to see many of our school enrichment activities back up and running. The Duke of Edinburgh Award involves large numbers of our students in Years 9 to 13. My congratulations to the Year 12 students who are clearly well on their way to achieving the prestigious Gold Award. I'm also delighted to share the picture of five former students pictured at Buckingham Palace where they received their Gold Awards from 2018; also that Kim Pfahler (pictured 2nd from the right), will be joining us as a Geography teacher in September. Kim joins eighteen other former PKS pupils on the staff.

Congratulations to our athletes in Year 7 and 8.

Finally, very best of luck to our boys Year 7 and 10 football teams who both take on Bluecoat School on Friday 24th June at 4pm kick off at Christ the King on Winding House Lane in the Coventry Schools Cup Final; good luck lads!

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition

The week before half term, six Year 12 students made a trip to Snowdonia National Park to complete their practice expedition as part of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

With mixed weather on the first day and some tricky navigational elements in the forest, the group arrived at camp just before dark to fight off the midges and quickly get their tents up, make dinner and get some much-needed sleep.

After heavy rain during the night, the group were greeted with blue skies on the morning of the second day's walk. With support from myself and DofE Leader Mrs Sly, the group worked on their skills for navigating in wild country, using a compass to take a bearing in order to get to a significant point on the map. By lunchtime, the group were confident to use the morning's teaching to navigate themselves across the hills and rest of their route that day. The group made excellent progress with precise

timings across the distance, reaching the check-point within minutes of their estimation, giving themselves a more relaxed evening cooking and relaxing with some card games (and a little exam revision) at the campsite.

Another night of rain before the final day did not deter the group to get up early and prepare for the final day's walk. A windy but spectacularly picturesque walk across Conwy mountain to finish the expedition left the group with a feeling of pride and relief before a sleepy minibus journey home.

Over the course of the three day expedition, all students were a credit to the school, conducting themselves with real pride and maturity which was commented on by a number of members of the local community. Well done Year 12!

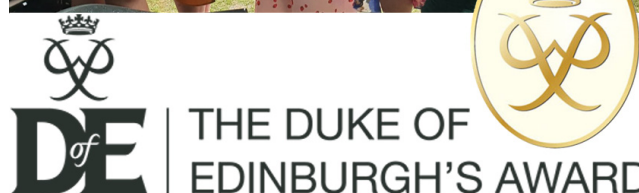
The group will now begin to plan their final Gold Award expedition which we hope will take place in October 2022.

In other DofE news...

Five alumni students were invited to a day at Buckingham Palace to collect their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The students completed the Award back in July 2018 but due to Covid-19 their presentation ceremony had been delayed.

Due to the back-log of Awards, places were limited and so no school representative was able to attend but the group soaked in the atmosphere and enjoyed their special day.

**Miss Kirkham,
Centre Manager for Duke of Edinburgh's Award**



Congratulations Rusciano!

Congratulations to Rusciano in Year 11 who became the West Midlands Inter Boys 100m and 200m champion at the weekend, he will now represent West Midlands in the Mason Trophy this Saturday.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

City of Culture - a Link with Kingston

As part of City of Culture, a group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to work on different workshops ran by the 'Twin Studios' Project.

The Twin Studios Project is an organisation working to connect Coventry and its 26 twin cities through music, media, and the arts.

The first workshop was a music producing and lyric writing session ran by *Feisty* and *Urban Monk* and the second workshop was working with Social Media Influencer Funny Francis.

Students really enjoyed the opportunity so thank you to everyone involved in the sessions.

Mrs Twyman, Head of Languages



Super 6, Super Year 7s!

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls Athletics team who competed in the Super 6s event on Wednesday night. Both teams competed against Bablake, King Henrys, Bishop Ullathorne, Finham Park, Coundon Court, West Coventry Academy, Westwood and Barrs Hill.

The event involves pupils doing a track and field event and accumulating points for their school. Both the boys and the girls put in some outstanding performances and both teams finished second overall.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Year 7 Raffle

Year 7 have been hard at work raising money through organising a raffle.

All money raised will be going to a charity related to help people in the Ukraine. It's great to see how invested the pupils got in making sure that everyone knew about this raffle so that as much money as possible was raised.

Overall, we raised about £60 which will be added to the other year group raffles and will be donated altogether.

There were eight lucky winners that won the prizes below, plus two mystery prizes.

A big thank you to Izzy Wheeler who provided the mystery prizes.

Miss Forbes-Jones



Some of the prizes

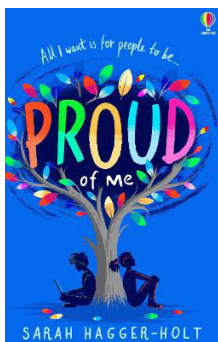


The Library

At President Kennedy School

Proud of Me by Sarah Hagger-Holt

Becky and Josh are almost-twins, with two mums and the same anonymous donor dad. Josh can't wait until he's eighteen, the legal age when he can finally contact his father, and he'll do anything to find out more - even if it involves lying. Becky can't stop thinking about her new friend, Carli. Could her feelings for Carli be a sign of something more? Becky and Josh both want their parents to be proud of them... but right now, they're struggling to even accept themselves.



Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

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

Flying Tips for Flightless Birds by Kelly McCaughrain

Twins Finch and Birdie Franconi are stars of the flying trapeze. But when Birdie suffers a terrifying accident, Finch must team up with the new kid, Hector Hazzard, to form an all-boys double act and save the family circus school.

Serious performer Finch and clumsy wannabe Hector must work together and put on the biggest show ever. Together they learn to walk the high-wire of teen life and juggle the demands of friends, family, first love and facing up to who they are - all served up with a dash of circus-showbiz magic.



Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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