

Dates for your Diary

October Half Term - Monday 24th October to 28th October
Thursday 3rd November - KS4/5 Careers Fayre, Main Hall & Drama Studio, 1.00-4.00pm



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a fabulous edition this week as we celebrate yet again the wonderful successes and achievements on our sports field. Congratulations to Eve and Charlie in particular - we are very proud of you.

We are also very proud of the diverse community we serve and this weeks newsletter celebrates Black History Month with asking our school community to identify an inspirational figure who has had an impact on them, whether it be personally, someone from history or a current public figure. Who will you choose?

Thank you all for your fantastic support this first half term - have a great and well deserved half term break!

Wishing you all a great weekend and half term holiday

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

Transformations Anthology - Students Get Published!

Students in Year 9 and 10 were thrilled to receive copies of their work published in the book '**Transformations Anthology**' this week. The book features a collection of stories, essays and poetry from schools across the city. The students spent several weeks last year composing, crafting and refining their stories with representatives from the University of Warwick through the after school club '**Transformations**'.

Congratulations to Srinithi Thavarasa (Year 9) who won 2nd prize across the city in the competition!

The students involved were:

Year 9

Nabika Subaskaran
Mithula Pushpamohan
Cordelia Akata
Srinithi Thavarasa
Abshara Piratheeban
Yathurshanaa Ravikanthan
Manal Bawazir

Year 10

Hubert Leszkiewicz
Lara Krefta
Eleanor Whitelock
Abbie Clarke
Kasjan Balunda
Zak Khan

A copy of the book will be available for students to read in the school library.

If you are in Year 8 or 9, and would like to participate in the Transformations programme this year, speak to Ms Stentoft on Wednesday 19th October in F04 at lunchtime.

Ms Stentoft, Teacher of English



Congratulations to Eve and Charlie!

Congratulations to Eve Lovelock in Year 9 who has been selected to represent West Midlands Girls U14 for this season, Eve also attended an England training camp on Sunday at Lilleshall centre of excellence.

She has been selected for the ESFA Midlands Squad and will play against the North Squad on 13th November in Newcastle.

If successful, she will be through to the final trial for England Schools FA selection in December.

The squad list is available here:

<https://schoolsfootball.org/2022/10/10/england-u15-schoolgirls-prodirect-trials-regional-squads-announced/?amp>

Congratulations to Charlie Bayton-Timms in Year 8 who has been signed by Birmingham City FC to be part of their centre of excellence for this season.

Good luck to both of them for the coming season.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Year 7 Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 7 rugby team who beat Stoke Park on Tuesday night 40-15. President Kennedy School were comfortably beaten by Stoke Park 2 weeks ago in a tournament, but our hard work at training has paid off and we were able to turn the result in our favour.

The boys showed greater courage in defence and also looked to attack the spaces when we had the ball.

Well done to all the team.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Year 8 Rugby

Well done to the Year 8 rugby team who defeated KES Stratford at rugby last week. President Kennedy School were always in front, however some tired legs and minds allowed the hosts to close the score line in the closing 10 minutes, for the game to finish Stratford 20 - President Kennedy School 25.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

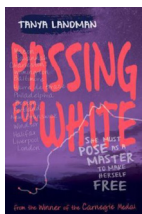


The Library

At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



Passing for White by Tanya Landman

Inspired by the amazing true story of Ellen Craft who escaped a life of slavery through a daring disguise and won freedom for herself and her husband.

It's 1848 in the Deep South of America. Rosa is a slave but her owner is also her father and her fair skin means she can 'pass for white'. With the help of her husband Benjamin, she disguises herself as a young southern gentleman - and Benjamin's master. In this guise, the couple flee the South, explaining away their lack of literacy, avoiding those they have encountered before and holding their nerve over a thousand miles to freedom.



With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Emoni wants to be a chef more than anything, but having a two-year-old daughter, and being seventeen and still at school, isn't exactly making life easy. The one place she can let everything go is in the kitchen, where she has magical hands - whipping up extraordinary food beloved by everyone from her grandmother to her best friend Angelica. Emoni knows, though, that there are rules she has to play by. And yet, once she gets cooking, her passion to feed will nourish her soul and dreams too. With the fire on high, anything is possible.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Libray Staff



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition

On Saturday 8th October, 21 Year 10 students embarked on their Bronze DofE expedition. This was the first time the group had been out since beginning to train for their expedition back in Year 9.

This expedition took 4 groups around the local area of Kenilworth and Warwick over 2 days with an overnight camp in between.

Day one saw the groups test out their map reading skills across the countryside, checking for way-markers and thinking about the distance between certain points. Groups learned to retrace their steps if they found themselves unsure of their location, took in some stunning scenery, and by 5.30pm all groups had found their way to the campsite in Hatton.

Having never done so before, the students put up their tents under the watchful eye of our experienced staff helpers, before getting to grips with cooking dinner on the Trangia camping stoves.

After a cold, and in some cases, slightly damp night, the groups packed away all of their kit to carry with them again for day two. This route took them along the canal towpath for some distance where students learned a little history of the canal and saw how locks worked to transport boats up and down hills. Though slightly more tired than the day before, students did well to navigate themselves independently to the finish point and after a positive debrief and some excitement about getting out again soon, they headed back to school, and home for a rest!

Huge thank you to Miss Kirkham for organising the expedition and the supporting staff, including a VIP appearance from Mr Clayton, for all of their expertise and commitment to the students as they undertook this challenge.

Mrs Sly, DofE Leader



Congestion Concerns

As you will be aware, the school has only a single entrance / exit on Rookery Lane. This does mean that Rookery Lane and Gospel Oak Road regularly become very congested between 3pm and 3.15pm as many parents arrive in cars to collect students from school.

Local residents have raised with me that on many occasions recently this has resulted in driveways being blocked and/or damage occurring to their vehicles as parent cars temporarily park on roads/pavements waiting to collect students. With only one entrance we are unable to operate a system where parents come into the car park to collect students. Traffic congestion also leads to a very crowded and potentially dangerous end to the school day which requires considerable supervision from school staff. We will, of course, continue to do this so that we can ensure students remain safe while leaving school. That said, this would be a lot easier to do if the parked traffic was significantly reduced.

Could I respectfully request that you only park close to the school to pick up your child if it is absolutely necessary or if you are collecting students with a disability so that we can continue to enjoy a respectful and productive relationship with our neighbours.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

S Rooke

Acting Headteacher

2024 Admissions Policy Consultation

The Governing Body of President Kennedy School are consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for 2024. The consultation will run from Monday 17th October to Friday 2nd December 2022.

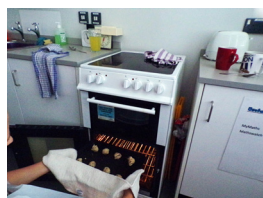
Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation, please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/page/?title=2024+Admissions+Policy+Consultation&pid=175>

Tips on Social Media...

Talk to your child about your own experience of the online world. Show them sites and apps that you like, and explain why you like them. Show them how to use the internet in a positive way – to research things, to do homework, to talk to family, and to find out about the world. This helps them to have a critical eye.

Macmillan Cancer Cake Sale



On Friday 23rd September we held a cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support - we raised £150.00!
A huge thanks to everyone who supported!

Miss Sandar, Year 8 Pastoral Leader

