

President Kennedy School

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

At the OFSTED OUTSTANDING President Kennedy School everything we do is focused on Building Brighter Futures for our students, staff and Community. We are proud of our “no barriers” approach to education, ensuring children of all abilities and all backgrounds are encouraged to set high goals and work hard to achieve them.

We work together in a productive and challenging manner to provide a vibrant and engaging learning environment that ensures every student achieves his or her potential. This school is about ensuring our students feel supported and happy. If students are happy they will flourish and achieve.

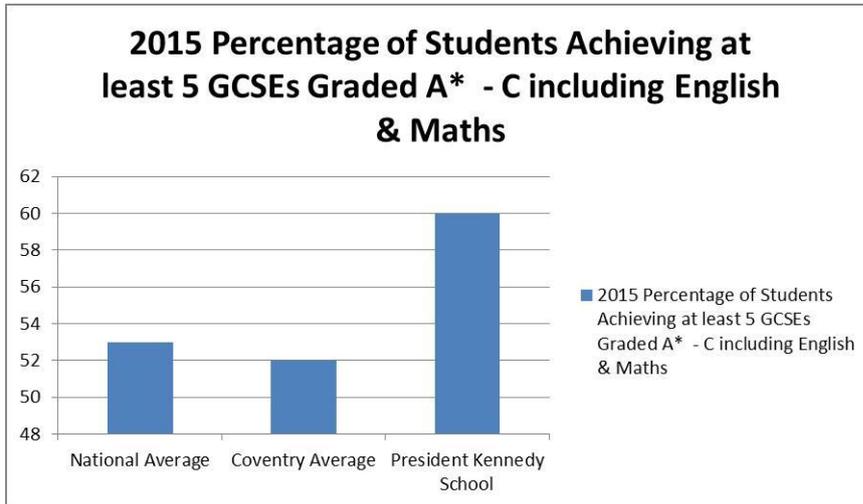
Our school endeavours to achieve its aims by encouraging:

- High academic attainment
- A caring environment where all individuals are equally valued
- A thirst for study and investigation
- Respect for the beliefs, opinions and needs of other people
- The ability to work independently and with others
- A sense of fairness and responsibility
- Pride in oneself and our school
- An appreciation of art and culture
- Pursuit of a healthy lifestyle
- An awareness of issues that affect the world including the environment
- The professional development of our staff

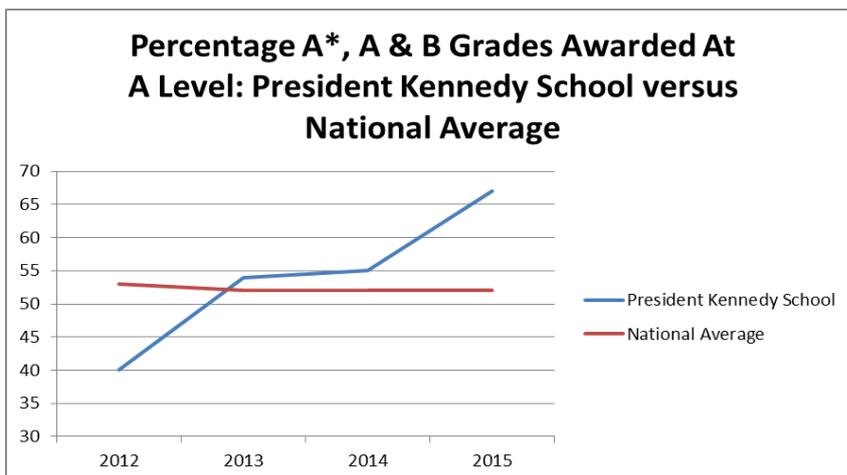
“Students achieve exceptionally well and above national averages by the end of Key Stage 4. The progress that students make in English and mathematics is much better than the progress of students in most schools.” Ofsted 2013

In 2015 the school sustained yet another excellent set of GCSE results **placing President Kennedy School top in the city for academic progress**. Nearly two thirds (64%) of students secured 5 GCSEs graded A*-C. 60% of students secured 5 good GCSEs graded A*-C including English and maths this year, well above both the city and national averages. Every single one of our students achieved at least 5 GCSEs graded A*-C.

This performance places the school in at least the top 5% of all schools for academic progress. This means that our students make more academic progress between age 11 and 16 than in 95% of other schools across the country.



Our A level results this year were truly outstanding, **our best ever results**. This year the pass rate reached 99% and **a staggering 67% of all grades awarded to our year 13 students were A*-B** (compared to 45% for the city and 52% nationally).



STAFF TRAINING

President Kennedy is proud of its staff training programme. All staff are involved in mixed subject working groups on whole school matters and also coaching sessions. As a trainee teacher you will be supported by a weekly meeting with your subject mentor. A whole school professional mentor will also ensure you have the maximum support possible. A support network including all NQT's, Schools Direct staff, Teach First and PGCE trainees meet regularly to discuss areas such as planning lessons, behaviour for learning and assessment for learning. As an OFSTED Outstanding school we know that only by investing time in our staff will we continue to drive our pupil's progression.

SCIENCE AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

The Science Faculty at President Kennedy is a highly successful department with good results at KS4 and KS5.

Single Sciences are taught at both GCSE and A Level.

The faculty is looking to expand on this success and rise to the challenge of an ever changing curriculum particularly with the recent introduction of linear A Levels and GCSEs.

The Science faculty is staffed by thirteen full-time and one part-time teacher along with 2 full-time Lab technicians. The faculty is also supported by a dedicated science TA.

All teachers are expected to teach the full age and ability range, and we are keen to maintain the balance of specialisms within the team.

The faculty team consists of a subject leader with a team of post holders responsible for teaching and learning, curriculum and assessment..

We are looking to support a suitably qualified Schools Direct candidate with a passion for driving pupil's progress.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

The IT department at President Kennedy is very successful, with outstanding results across the department. In IT we have strong elements of computing integrated in the curriculum, to meet the new standards within this subject. In KS3 students covers topics such as how computers operate, e-safety and elements of programming. In KS4 we teach BTEC Level 2 in IT and at KS5 the BTEC Level 3 in IT. These BTEC courses not only give students the opportunity to develop subject knowledge, but to give students access to skills like developing presentations and effective teamwork.

We have expanded and now offer GCSE Computer Science as an option subject, to ensure that the new curriculum standards are implemented within the department.

The IT department consists of 2 full time members of staff, one being the subject leader. There are a team of technicians who work closely with this department. They ensure all IT equipment is running to its full potential across all rooms.

ENGLISH AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

The English department at President Kennedy is a successful and outstanding in every aspect. Our examination results both at A- Level and GCSE are outstanding both in attainment and progress. For English Language GCSE we are ranked in the top 1% of schools for progress in the UK.

We teach an exciting curriculum which is focused around exciting themes and texts. We are a department which truly values literature in all its forms and we are passionate about promoting reading for pleasure and for expanding cognitive thinking.

At Key Stage 3 we teach a variety of texts including *The Memory Cage*, *The Hunger Games*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest*, *To Kill a Mocking Bird* and *The Book Thief*. Students also study a variety of non-fiction writing to widen their skills in creative and narrative writing.

At Key Stage 4 we teach the WJEC specification and most students complete two GCSEs in English Language and English Literature.

The English department consists of twelve full time members of staff which includes the Subject Leader, a KS4/5 coordinator, a Teaching and Learning coordinator and an Inclusion coordinator. We also work closely with the Literacy coordinator in delivering the Fresh Start phonics programme.

MFL AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

The MFL department at President Kennedy is very successful, with outstanding results in key stage 4. We currently teach French and Spanish in key stage 3 and 4 and also offer Spanish A-level. We are hoping our success with A-level Spanish will extend to French in the coming years.

Students are taught the four main skills through a variety of different topics that allows us to inspire and motivate language learning. We are a team of seven in the department and we are all dedicated and determined to make all our students be passionate about languages.

MATHEMATICS AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SCHOOL

The Mathematics department is Outstanding. The results we achieved in 2013 put the department in the top 6% in the schools for progress. This has been achieved by having a very strong department, who always put students at the heart of learning.

The faculty team consists of an Assistant head teacher with a team of post holders responsible for key stages, teaching and learning and enrichment. The Department also has an Associate Teacher with a Lead Teaching Assistant, who runs interventions and enrichment activities.

The Department looks forward to building on the success already achieved through a variety of foci, including independent learning.

At Key Stage 4 the department enters students for EDEXCEL GCSE and AQA for A level; also top sets are entered for Further Math Level 2.

Should you require any further information or come in for a visit, please contact

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