



Welcome from Kendrick Parents' Society(KPS)

Kendrick School, London Road, Reading, RG1 5BN

Chair: Gayatri Hariharan

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome you to the Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS - a registered charity# 1104281) that forms a strong link with the School, developing relationships between staff, parents, carers and students. KPS provides many socialising opportunities for both students and parents.

KPS organises events and initiatives throughout the year to provide support, enjoyment and opportunities to meet each other and be a key part of the school community while continuing to raise much needed funds for items that the School's increasingly tight budgets cannot cover. Here is the link to the [online membership form](#) that will give you details on what the membership provides, the class rep system and many other useful details. We welcome you to join the KPS Committee too, more details below.

All the funds raised by KPS are invested in the School. We input into how the money is spent by discussing the prioritised wish lists generated by Ms Kattirtzi, staff and students, the committee members and the Senior Management team.

Some of the significant contributions in the last two years had been towards some specific projects like

- Providing outdoor benches for students
- Play equipment
- New student welfare office and adjoining safe space
- Curtains & lighting in the drama studio
- Enhancements for the new Horizons building
- Redecorations of toilets
- Providing musical instruments, including an orchestral harp and LED stage lighting in the Drama Studio
- Funding for library books.
- Upgrading School's Main Hall Stage lighting and much more....

All of these cannot be achieved without the active involvement of KPS members. We have many ambitious targets this coming academic year too, and we look forward to your help and engagement!

KPS Events and our first invitation to you 😊

KPS organises many events throughout the school year for students and families, such as disco night, film nights, Cultural evenings, Spring/Summer Raffles and many more. We also provide refreshments at many school events where there would be opportunities to meet many parents and families.

We moved all our engagements and events to a digital platform during the lockdown situation and now engage in a hybrid way and that is proving very helpful. A full schedule of KPS events for 2022-2023 will be published in September'22.

Parents and carers meeting - We invite you to our **new year 7 families' picnic** planned on the last weekend of August **at the Dinton pastures from 3 to 6 pm on Sunday, 28th August. If you fill in the membership form, we will have your details to communicate any changes.** We look forward to meeting you all soon and expect your involvement and contributions once the School reopens in September'22. Please remember to bring a mat, snacks and drinks of your choice for your refreshments. There is a small shop too if in case you want something more!

Parents and carers coffee morning: On the first day of the school, we would like to invite you to the coffee morning at these places:

7HES	Picnic Food, 5 Market Pl, Reading RG1 2DP
7MAH	Munchees Cafe & Restaurant, 2-3 Butter Market, Reading RG1 2DP
7WM	Starbucks , 6 King St, Reading RG1 2BH, Reading
7ABM	Caffe Nero, 66-68 St Mary's Butts, Reading RG1 2LG

These are near Reading Town Center and at walkable distance from the school. It is the perfect opportunity to meet other parents. If you want to more information, please email us to the addresses given in the final page.

Class Representative System

To encourage communication between families and help them and the students get to know each other, the Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS) runs a **Class Parent Rep System** for each form in the School.

The main role of the Class Parent Rep is to maintain a list of student/parent and carer contacts. Through this way of communication, parents and carers can get to know what is going on in School and in particular, their child's form and year and help in planning the KPS initiatives and fund-raising events. Once the system is in place, it will prove invaluable when homework is forgotten, when sharing lifts, etc. If you are interested in this scheme or possibly being the Class Parent Rep, please complete the [online form](#) along with the one-off membership fee. Once we receive this from you, we will send you an invitation to join the class distribution list.

Benefits of joining KPS

Our main objective is to be a strategic partner to the School. We leave the academics in the expert hands of the teachers and staff members. We focus on creating greater engagement between parents; parents and School; School, parents and the community we live in. We provide a supportive and friendly community for parents that promotes a feeling of belongingness. This has proved very useful, especially during lockdown situations in the past year when we had to quickly adapt to a digital platform.

We also offer a free workshop on self-improvement and self-promotion by Google's #IamRemarkable 'Gold Tier' facilitator. Finally, you will always feel connected to your child's School which will help strengthen your relationship with your children!

Google's #IamRemarkable Workshop

One of our committee member is a Google certified Gold 🏆 (the top tier!) workshop facilitator, who donates her time and expertise to help people increase confidence by providing them with the right tools to self promote and motivate them to challenge the social perception around it.

This 2-hour workshop is open to all Kendrick parents, at no additional cost. It is proved as useful to everyone, even if you don't struggle with self-promotion, as it can be very insightful to learn how others feel, especially if you work with people.

This is an interactive workshop, and you will be participating in live (video) conversations. Due to the interactive nature, the number of participants is capped to ensure everyone is able to have a voice. Here is [the link to register](#).

KPS Second Hand Uniform Shop

The KPS runs a second hand uniform shop on first Saturday of every term from 9 to 11am in the Conservatory (next to the school library). You will be able to buy good quality second hand uniform, sports kit and lab coats. Please note that we accept payment by cash, card or cheque.

This shop will be open to you at the Welcome Evening on the 30th of June.

KPS Facebook

The KPS runs a closed Facebook group where we provide details of upcoming events and other important information. To join this group, search for the "Kendrick Parents' Society" group and ask to join – once we have received your membership form and fee and have confirmed that you are a member of the KPS, we will approve your request.

A summary of the actions for you

- KPS membership & Class Representative System form – Please complete the [online form](#) with payment
- Join these links, it is free to register and your purchases will help us raise funds for the school with no extra effort from you –
 - ✓ **Amazon** : If you have downloaded the amazon app on your phone handset, go to **Menu (bottom right 3 bars) >Gifting and Charity > AmazonSmile> choose Kendrick Parents' Society as your charity to support**. You can raise funds for KPS whenever you shop via Amazon. It's really easy!! Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases
 - ✓ **Easy Fundraising Charity**: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendrickschoolreading/>.
 - ✓ **TheGivingMachine**: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

✓ **Give As You Live (GAYL)** : <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>

- Sign up for the Kendrick Parents Society Facebook Group
- Name all uniform and sports kit using labels from easy2name. When you put an order through at www.easy2name.com, please state our school when it gives you an option, and **we'll earn 20% cashback** of your entire order than we can use to directly improve our school. Just select our unique code at the checkout **FR-KENDRKPAS-76**

KPS Policies and Roles

Please visit the [KPS pages](#) on the school website to see the policies that we adhere to, including our Privacy Notice. You can also read and understand the various roles that exist within KPS. We are looking for a number of roles to be filled as some of the existing members are retiring or moving out. Please apply if you think you have the passion to stay connected to your child's secondary school life. The current Roles and the team members are detailed on the KPS website [here](#). Please contact KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you wish to discuss this.

Positions	Name
Chair	Gayatri Hariharan
Joint Secretary	Nell Payne Sushmitha Ghosh Monika Maheshwari
Treasurer	Raghavendra Vaishampayan Pratijna Panda
Membership Secretary	Urvashi Thacker
Parent Class Rep Coordinator	Monika Sarin
Website Coordinator	Ravi Vadugu Ayetri Bhadra
Second Hand Uniform Coordinator	Teresa Haynes
Spring Raffle Coordinators	Revati Bothe Sifat Sikandar Amruta Sohoni
Promotion & Donation Office	Mohima Bose Amit Talwar
KPS Support Officer	Vasudha Chaudhary

Current KPS Team

If you have any questions, ideas on various fund-raising initiatives or would like to contribute towards funding the wish list, or your employer operates a 'match fund-raising/giving scheme' please do get in touch at any of the email addresses listed below:

Email Addresses to contact	
Chair	KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Secretary	KPSSecretary@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Treasurer	KPSTreasurer@kendrick.reading.sch.uk
Membership Secretary	KPSMembership Secretary@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

Once again, our heartiest congratulations on becoming a member of the Kendrick Community, and we look forward to seeing you and welcoming you into the KPS Committee very soon!

Yours sincerely

Gayatri

Chair of Kendrick's Parents' Society

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