

Kendrick School has a lot to celebrate at the moment...

Kendrick School owes its foundation to charitable bequests given by John Kendrick, a wealthy clothier and native of Reading, who died in 1624, and his family descendent Mary Kendrick.

Our school opened its doors in 1877 to forty pupils between seven and sixteen years of age under the headship of Mrs Smith. Originally the school was located in a seventeenth century house in Watlington Street.



Watlington House, although charming with its wainscoted and panelled walls, only had space for six classrooms; so, as the school grew in size and reputation, the decision was taken to move to modern purpose-built premises on London Road in 1927 after 50 years in Watlington Street.

This academic year we are celebrating the school's 145th year!

Birthday Celebrations

Celebrating the School's Birthday was introduced by Ms. Kattirtzi ten years ago, in order to celebrate and value, who we are and what our purpose is. This day is about celebrating our school, our history, the history of women's education and the history of women's emancipation.

This year to mark the occasion, we had a School Birthday Assembly on Monday 25th September, a whole school photograph, and our annual cake competition.





KENDRICK SCHOOL

145th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022
CAKE COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Winners 2022

Year 7: 7ABM Year 8: 8EG

Year 9: 9SHA 6th Form: 6JAC

KS3: 9EGC KS4: 1ORR KS5: 6SJ

Joint Overall Winners: 6ER & 11FL & 10BH

Kendrick School's 145th Birthday

To celebrate this special occasion, we are looking for inspiring quotations from 145 significant women from around the world who were alive between 1877 and 2022

For example:

"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

Queen Elizabeth II



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." **Mother Teresa**

Please complete the Google form with your suggestions by 17 October.



Students and staff were asked to suggest quotes which will be used to decorate our library. There will be lots of inspirational women looking down on us as we study.

Kendrick Celebrates with KPS

The Kendrick Parents Society (KPS) organised a fantastic event 'Kendrick Celebrates' which was a huge success. The event was sold out and those attending were treated to fantastic performances of music and dance by our students. There were also plenty of culinary delights to enjoy, as well as face painting and henna.

The birthday celebration wouldn't be complete without a birthday cake. Akshaya created an amazing cake that included the Kendrick motto and age – perfect for the celebration!



The funds raised from this event will go towards the wish list given by each department - the wish list comprises of subject text books, additional resources for the library, whiteboards, visualisers, gelli printing plates for textile department, MDF for architect drawers for Art department, a school trip for music department, a big TESLA bulb for Chemistry department, and much more.

The KPS were delighted to announce that the event raised close to £2000.



Kendrick Former Students and Staff Reunion



On Friday 2nd December, we were delighted to welcome former students and staff to our 145th birthday reunion celebration. It's been 145 years since the school started at Watlington House, and 95 years since we came to this site on London Road. The School Birthday was introduced in September 2012 to celebrate our school and girls' education. It is an opportunity for us to reconnect with former students and gives them an opportunity to visit their old school, seeing familiar and perhaps unfamiliar rooms and buildings.

The School Birthday also gives us an opportunity to come together as a community. It is an event at the start of the year that welcomes our new students and staff which helps people feel part of our very special community.

After a tour of the school by our Year 8 students, former students and staff visited the school library where they had a browse through memorabilia on display. Ms Kattirtzi welcomed everyone with a speech and Jasmine, one of the

Kendrick Student Leaders also spoke at the event. This was followed by a wonderful musical interlude from our Sixth Form Music students and light refreshments.



Daisy, a Year 13 student made a beautifully detailed cake featuring the image of the front of our school, including the stained-glass window in Palmer Library.



The event was well-attended and greatly appreciated by those who attended. It was also a fabulous opportunity for the present staff and Year 8 students to hear some fantastic stories of students who walked the corridors before them.

Floreat Kendricka!

GCSE Presentation Afternoon





On Tuesday 29th November, parents and students attended a presentation of GCSE certificates event along with teachers, staff and our guest speaker and presenter of certificates, Sanjana Iyer, one of last year's members of Kendrick Student Leaders.

Ms. Kattirtzi began by

congratulating the students for all the amazing work they did throughout their GCSE course. Faced with the challenges and uncertainty of COVID, Kendrick School, staff and students with **sheer determination and hard**



work produced outstanding results, which resulted in our **progress 8 measure at +0.94**, placing the progress of our students in the top 2% of the country.

Sanjana addressed the students, and presented them with their certificates, which included a book token from the school. Here's an extract from Sanjana's speech,

“All we are aiming for is doing our best. Some days that is just going to your lessons, other days it’s taking on new challenges and experiences, and that journey to figuring out who you want to be is one you will be on for your whole life, but that is what’s so beautiful about it. You don't need it all sorted now; you have your whole life ahead of you. You are only ever confined by the boxes you put yourself in and can only fly as far as you allow yourself to spread your wings.”



Thank you and well done to our students; you have made us proud and should also feel very proud yourselves of all that you have done!

Praise from the Minister of State for Schools



News travels fast in the World of Education – the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP took time out of his busy schedule to write a letter to Ms. Kattirtzi to congratulate our school on our commitment to languages.



Kendrick is among the top schools in England for the proportion of students studying a foreign language at GCSE level, with 98% of our students taking at least one foreign language as a part of their GCSE selection.

Ofsted rating - OUTSTANDING!

On 08/09 November, Kendrick School was visited by four Ofsted inspectors - our first inspection since 2008, since becoming an Academy and since the pandemic. Inspectors met with school leaders, staff, those responsible for governance, subject leaders, the SENDCo, and they spoke to a selection of students and saw examples of their work. Documents were scrutinised relating to behaviour, attendance and governance as well as reviewing the school's policies and practices.



**The conclusion of the inspection was that our school was rated overall
as: **OUTSTANDING****

The ratings for individual sections were as follows:

The quality of education: **OUTSTANDING**

Behaviour and attitudes: **OUTSTANDING**

Personal development: **OUTSTANDING**

Leadership and management: **OUTSTANDING**

Sixth-form provision: **OUTSTANDING**

'Attendance is high, pupils are punctual and lessons are free from any low-level disruption.'

'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary both in lessons and around the school.'

'Pupils love being here.'

Congratulations to everyone at Kendrick School!

Ms Kattirtzi states on the school website, “Under the new Ofsted framework this assessment of our school is exceptional and truly puts us in the very top percentage of schools nationwide.

I would like to thank students, staff, governors and parents for their consistent support and encouragement in everything we do at Kendrick which has contributed to this very emphatic appraisal of our school.”

The inspection reports begins as follows:

Pupils and sixth formers are justly proud of their school community. They delight in their learning and truly excel here. One parent spoke for many when reflecting, ‘The school does a great job of creating well-rounded, kind, human beings who will hopefully go on to make the world a better place. The academic results are important of course, but far from the only focus.’ Inspectors totally agree.