

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

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WEEKLY LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

I hope that everyone is having a good holiday. I know that many holiday plans have had to be rearranged and/or cancelled but I do hope people have been able to have some recreation time with family and friends that is different from the norm that we have had these last few months.

The students received their **A Level results on Thursday** and there were moments of jubilation for many but also some disappointment for others. As a school, we were not unusual in having some of our Centre Assessed Grades downgraded, and like other schools we are deeply upset and angry that the professional judgement of our teachers has been ignored in some cases. Nevertheless we must acknowledge the huge achievements of all our students over the last two years and the unprecedented circumstances they have been in at this most critical time in their education. If some of the results were not what we had expected and hoped for, we must still acknowledge the huge effort and the very hard work done throughout their A Level courses that all students demonstrated. At all times and most recently, Year 13 students were focused on their studies and showed great resilience and perseverance; key attributes and characteristics of this cohort of students. At the moment we are still analysing the results as more information is coming through to us from OFQAL and the individual examination boards. Regardless of some of the outcomes, I would like us all to **acknowledge, appreciate and congratulate the efforts of all our students** and try to understand the most difficult and stressful time they have been through; this cohort of students needs to be admired for their patience and endurance through these extraordinary and unprecedented times.

Ms Stacey and the sixth form team are now working very hard with the students and with the universities to confirm places and courses for the coming year. The vast majority of students have secured their first choice university, a few have been accepted for their insurance choice and a few are going through the clearing process. We wish them well as they prepare and plan their future courses and careers. We are so very proud of them and I hope that they too feel proud of themselves.

The new **Horizons Building** is almost complete with a completion and handover date sometime next week. The Netball/Tennis Courts have been resurfaced and look very smart. Other works have been going on at school with the caretaking and support staff working very hard on preparations for September. As I have said before we are still working on the arrangements for everyone's safe return in September and will communicate more information to you before the start of term.

As always, my very best wishes to you and I hope you continue to have a good summer break.

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Headteacher