

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 23rd February 2018

Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

We have had a good first week back after our break and many students are getting involved in House Drama rehearsals in preparation for our **House Drama** event next week.

KPS is making plans for their **Quiz night on Friday 9th March**. Information about this event went home to parents yesterday and I do hope families will consider coming to the quiz to support KPS, have lots of fun and raise money for the school. I believe we will be able to enjoy some delicious samosas made by a parent and we are now considering plans to have a full blown Indian Evening with delicious food, music and dancing later in the year!

Next week KPS will be launching their **annual raffle** and I cannot emphasise enough how important this event is for raising funds for the school. Please can you support KPS and the school by buying your tickets or making a donation? Every ticket sold will benefit our school and our students' learning.

Over the holiday, some of you may have heard Desert Island Discs, a Radio 4 programme which featured a former student, Chi-chi Nwanoku, international classical double bass player. You may recall that Chi-chi did a masterclass at Kendrick last autumn as part of our 140th Birthday celebrations and it was a pleasure to have her in school working with our students and playing for us. Her choice of music on the programme reflected the extraordinary life she has had and how she has become the inspirational musician she is today and an advocate of racial equality in the world of classical music. Here is the link to the radio programme <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09r3qty>

Earlier in the week I informed you of the death of a former student, Alisha Watts, who died aged 18. I have now spoken with all year groups about Alisha and her time at Kendrick and the kind of person she was. To celebrate Alisha's life we plan to have an **Own Clothes Day next Wednesday 28th February**, where I have asked all students to wear bright clothes and remember Alisha as the bright, full of life person she was. We ask everyone to make a donation of £2 or more for this occasion and all monies collected will be sent to the charity, MIND, the organisation the family has chosen for donations to be made in Alisha's memory. I hope everyone is able to support us on this day.

Wishing everyone a peaceful weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, the Press and Social Media

[Year 7 and 8 Textiles](#)

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for two **Chemistry Teachers** for September 2018 – one part time and one full time. For more information on the roles and how to apply please visit the link below. The closing date is Monday 26th February 2018.

<http://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/chemistry-teachers-x2/>

Safeguarding

If your child is having a problem with others online, as a parent or carer, you can be part of the solution. Keep calm and offer support. Speak to your child about what is happening. Discourage them from replying to unkind messages. Monitor their device to see what types of messages they are being sent and approach the school for advice if it involves other children who are known to your child.

KPS Update

The KPS is excited to announce we are holding a Family Quiz and Games Night on Friday 9th March. Please see the attached flyer and come and join us for a great evening out for all the family.

If you would like to get involved by helping at the event, or have any questions, please contact the KPS on secretary.kps.uk@gmail.com or chair.kps.uk@gmail.com.

ParentPay Reminders

- GCSE History – Hitler on Trial 2nd March - £22.50

Please continue to pay instalments for the Residential below:

- Year 7 Bushcraft
- Year 9 PGL Devon
- Year 12 Biology Field trip to Dale Fort

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 19th February 2018 (A Week)

Monday 26 th February	Entry into Sixth Form in September 2018 Consultations (external candidates)
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening, 7pm (parents/carers only) Year 12 and 13 English Trip
Wednesday 28 th February	Own Clothes Day in memory of Alicia Watts to raise money for MIND
Thursday 1 st March	KPS Raffle Launch Year 9 GCSE Options talk (students) House Drama Performance, 7pm
Friday 2 nd March	Year 10 History Trip – Hitler on Trial Year 9 and 10 German Play

News and Events – By Year Group

Year 9

Parents' Information Evening - Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7pm

During the evening information will be given regarding GCSE options and also life and expectations in Years 10 and 11.

Your daughter will be given a Year 10 options booklet and an explanation of the process on Thursday 1st March, and it is therefore not necessary for her to attend the information evening with you.

Parents' Consultation Afternoon – Thursday 15th March 2018 at 3.45pm – 6.15pm in the School Hall.

This meeting will provide you with an opportunity to discuss option choices with subject staff and tutors, as well as reviewing your daughter's progress.

Appointments can only be made through your ParentMail account. The booking window will open on **Thursday 1st March at 6pm and close on Thursday 8th March.**

You will receive a notification through ParentMail that the booking window has opened. To be able to book appointments you must have registered your email on your ParentMail account. You can book appointments through the Kendrick School ParentMail App or by logging onto your ParentMail account. You will not be able to book appointments until the status shows as 'Accepting Bookings'.

We are unable to accept telephone bookings. However, please contact us if you are experiencing problems with booking appointments.

Please bear in mind that some staff teach a large number of students in the year group and may not be able to see all parents. If a teacher has requested to meet with you, this appointment will be made for you. However, you can amend the booking (if there is availability) or cancel it if the time is not convenient.

Ms Kattirtzi will be available, along with Ms Swaine, Head of Year 9, throughout the session to see parents and carers without appointment.

When you arrive for both meetings, please would you sign the form list in the entrance and, for safety reasons, please sign out before you leave. Also, please may we remind you that no parking is available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, then please contact Reception. We regret that we cannot be responsible for younger children as there will be no supervised facilities available.