

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 20th April 2018



Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

The lovely weather we have returned to is giving this term a positive start! Term 5 is a very important term, particularly for senior students and teachers, as we complete A Level and GCSE courses, marking and preparation for the summer examinations. As always we wish our students well in their examinations and in their future plans.

Term 5 is when our new [Head Girl Team](#) take on their term of office for the year. At the whole school assembly on Tuesday, the new team was introduced to the school and **Gurlina, Head Girl and Isra, Deputy Head Girl** spoke to the school. The main message they gave to the students was to suggest to them that they should try to get involved in the life of the school as this will help them enjoy their time more and make them feel that they have made a contribution to the community. I am looking forward to working with the new team and to all the events they plan to organise for the school, including the official duties that have to take on this year.

One of the duties of the Head Girl Team is to support and be part of the organisation of **Open Day** and hosting the hundreds of visitors we will have on that day. You have been sent information about Open Day and students will receive more specific details about the day and their role next week.

The **KPS raffle** was drawn last term and KPS has sent a letter to you (attached) to thank everyone who bought tickets. As you can see from the figures in the letter, a fair amount of money was raised with a number of year groups selling lots of tickets and others selling not so many, which was disappointing. If you missed the raffle but would still like to make a donation, please do so. It would be so good if we could buy **two plasma screens** from the money raised. At the moment we are about £2,000 short.

As many of you know, there is a new piece of legislation coming into force next month regarding data protection. Every public body, organisation, business and school will be affected by the **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**. We have been doing the background work and preparation for this over the last few months and will be sending letters and notices to you and the students at the beginning of May requesting permission for your consent in our communications.

Finally I would like to finish this week with the message I gave to the students in assembly on Tuesday. I reminded them that it was 50 years since the assassination of **Martin Luther King**, the American Civil Rights leader. It seemed appropriate that in these times we should be reminded of one of his key messages that he outlined in his famous 'I have a Dream' speech. Gurlina and Isra read an extract from the speech and I ended the assembly with the following reflection: *Like Martin Luther King, let us have **big dreams and ambitions. There are many problems to solve around us. Let us not be put off by the obstacles in our way, let's not allow ourselves to be defeated or to give up. Let's pursue our own ambitions and dreams in life, so that we can make a positive contribution to the world and the society we live in.***

Enjoy the warm weekend.

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

Open Evening - Thursday 26th April 2018, 5pm to 8pm (amended form to complete please)

Our Open Evening takes place on **Thursday 26th April 2018**, between 5pm and 8pm. This is the one opportunity this year for parents and prospective students to visit the school and we anticipate an extremely large number of visitors. In order to make the evening run as efficiently and successfully as possible we will need the help of our students to act as ambassadors and guides.

We would like students to be available as follows:

Years 7, 8, and 11	5.00pm to 6.45pm
Years 9, 10, 12 and 13	6.00pm to 7.45pm

If your daughter is unable to help at the time indicated for her year group, then please could she be available for the other session. If she is able to help at both sessions, this would be much appreciated. Students helping during the evening will be given detailed instructions nearer the time. Students in Years 7, 8 and 11 who are unable to go home and get back to school are welcome to stay in the Library until the event begins and help out with preparation.

Kendrick Trust Grants

Each year the Trustees are able to give grants to Kendrick students and ex-students within 5 years of leaving Kendrick. The Trustees encourage you, as a Kendrick student, to consider applying for these grants and look forward to receiving your application. There are two types of Grant available:-

Kendrick Trust Edmonstone Bequest Travel Scholarships

Travel scholarships of up to £500 each, to help students with travel costs for educational travel and voluntary / charity work at home and abroad (excluding commercially organized tours). The amount Trustees can offer will depend upon the number of students requesting a grant in any one year;

Maintenance allowances of up to £500 to former students of the school whilst training for a profession, or similar advanced qualification, provided their application is made within 5 years of having left Kendrick. In exceptional circumstances allowances may be extended to former students undertaking a course in higher education;

Kendrick Trust MM Towne Memorial Music & Arts Grants

Grants towards the cost of travel, course fees etc. to current students who may be studying Music, Drama, Dance etc. out of school hours and towards the costs of participating in musical tours, events and festivals;

How to Apply

Applications should state

- the purpose for which the grant is required
- provide details of the contribution the applicant has made to the school
- the total amount required for the project and the amount expected to be raised by the applicant

- the applicant's full name, school year and postal address,

Students and former students should address their applications to Mrs J Elliott (Trustee) and send them to Ms Kattirtzi at Kendrick School who will provide a recommendation for the trustees.

Applications for 2018 should be submitted by **Monday 30th April 2018**.

Afterwards

The Trustees meet in early May and all applicants will be informed of the Committee's decision shortly after the meeting. Where a grant is awarded, a cheque for the amount will be included with the letter.

The Trustees would like to receive a short report from successful applicants on completion of their activity.

(Mrs) J Elliott
The Kendrick Trust Grants & Expenditure Committee

KPS News

Please see the attached letter from the KPS Committee regarding the KPS Raffle.

KPS Tuck Shop

The KPS Tuck Shop has been restocked! From Monday 23rd April it will be open every day after school from 3.15pm – 3.40pm. If the weather is good the shop will move outside; otherwise it will be in the Canteen.

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

- Mathematics Teacher (to start September 2018)
- 2 Chemistry Technicians (to start July 2018)

Please see our website for more information and forward to friends and family who may be interested in applying.

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

Safeguarding

NSPCC's Wild West campaign calls for mandatory rules to ensure social media networks keep children safe. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/Facebook-tops-list-online-grooming/>

ParentPay Reminders

- Year 12 Biology A Level trip – please continue to pay instalments. The final balance of £440 should now have been paid. Please contact Dr Crawford or finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you have any queries or concerns regarding this field trip.
- Year 9 – PGL Devon – please continue to pay instalments. Full balance of £390 should be paid by 25th May 2018
- Year 7 – Bushcraft residential – full balance of £285 should now have been paid.
- MFL plays (years 9 & 10) – there are still a number of outstanding payments

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 23rd April 2018 (B Week)

Monday 23 rd April	KPS meeting at 7.15pm
Tuesday 24 th April	STEM Trip to Leighton Park School
Thursday 26 th April	Junior Maths Challenge (all of Year 7 and 8) Open Day, school finishes at 1.05pm.

News and Events – By Year Group

Year 9, 10 and 11

Medical Careers Day

This event is being hosted by Leighton Park School on Monday 18th June, 1.30pm – 6.15pm. The cost is £29 + V.A.T per student.

For more information on the day and details of how to reserve a space please click [here](#). Please note that places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in attending please gain the necessary permission to attend from Ms Kattirtzi BEFORE reserving a space.

Years 11 and 13

Valerie Hume Bursary Award 2018

This bursary award has been set up in memory of Valerie Hume, Head of History at Kendrick School, 2009-2012. The bursary was set up by the family of Mrs Hume from donations received and will thereafter be supported by James Hume and Denis and Mary Cooper.

The bursary consists of an annual award of two x £250 for a student or students in Years 11 and 13 to pursue an activity that is constructive, useful, supporting an academic interest or vocational development in the area of Arts, Science, Humanities, Languages, Mathematics or a practical discipline. The award is to encourage an activity that would otherwise not take place. It needs to be equivalent to that which at a later stage in life might be defined as:

‘Enhancing to professional development, being relevant to the acquisition of particular skill or knowledge, helpful to the individual either to make better academic choices (* Y11) or to reinforce those made (*Y13).’

For Year 11 this may be an extracurricular activity which may be undertaken to assist an individual in a decision about what they may wish to do when they leave school. **For Year 13**, students may have already chosen a university course or professional direction and the activity they choose may help to strengthen their foundational knowledge.

Examples of activities may include a visit to a museum or an ancient site, attending a lecture or series of lectures, a masterclass, buying key books or equipment to assist in a practical activity/area of interest, experiencing an activity that will enhance personal and intellectual development.

At both levels the award is about studying positively, joyfully and constructively because you want to rather than because you have to, as well as well, as practising good decision making skills and making appropriate responsible choices, demonstrating courage and conviction and taking risks but measured ones.

How to apply:

- Write a statement in no more than 500 words explaining the purpose of the activity you wish to pursue and how it will help you pursue the objective as set out above. State who you are and confirm your eligibility and financial need as well as the costs involved
- Make your application by Friday 25th May 2018
- Address it to Ms Kattirtzi, Mr Hume and Drs Cooper

AFTERWARDS

Award winners will be notified by the end of June 2018. When an award has been received and used for the purpose intended, bursary recipients will be asked to submit a brief statement, no more than 300 words, explaining what they did and the outcome of their activity.

Mr Hume, Drs Cooper and Ms Kattirtzi

March 2018

Sixth Form

Photo Orders Deadline

The deadline for ordering photographs (Individual and Year Group) is **Monday 30th April 2018**.

Deadline for Applying for Student Finance

The deadline for applying for Student Finance is **25th May**. You do not need to know firm/insurance decisions at this stage as information can be changed at any time. Please apply at www.gov.uk/studentfinance.

Women in STEM Medical Careers Talk

Tuesday 24th April 4.30pm – 5.30pm at Leighton Park School (change of venue)

With Doctors Alice Fairbairn and Katherine Dewis of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, hear about their careers, their work and their tips on how to succeed. No need to book.

Meningitis 'Be on the TEAM' Study- volunteers required from Year 12

The Oxford Vaccine Group are inviting students in Year 12 to take part in a research project to understand whether immunising teenagers with vaccines against 'Meningitis B' could protect them and the rest of the community against these potentially deadly bacteria. This is a national study involving 24 000 Year 12 students across the United Kingdom. Teenagers at participating schools are being asked to take part by local research teams.

OVG are looking to raise awareness as much as possible, and in particular to engage with schools to encourage them to be involved in the study.

They have about 10 schools interested so far, but are looking for as many as possible. This recruitment period will extend to the beginning of May, and we will start again in Sept.

Information about the study is available at:

<http://trials.ovg.ox.ac.uk/trials/be-on-the-team> and <http://beontheteam.uk/>

Anyone interested in the study can email Dr Matthew Snape matthew.snape@paediatrics.ox.ac.uk or the study team at mencarriage@ovg.ox.ac.uk

STEM Scholarship available for Young Women

The Coachmakers Jaguar Land Rover 'Women in Engineering Scholarship' is a scholarship for young women who intend to study a STEM subject at university next year.

Details of the scholarship and the online application form can be found on the Coachmakers website here:
<https://coachmakers.co.uk/scholarship/>

The closing date for applications is 21st May 2018.