

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 13th January 2023

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

It has been a difficult week for the education community of Reading following the very sad news that Ruth Perry, Headteacher at Caversham Primary School died at the weekend. Tributes and messages of condolence have been expressed by her colleagues, friends and students who knew Ruth over the many years that she was Head, and previously Deputy Head, of the school. Mrs Perry was also a student at Kendrick School and in her professional life a friend of our school through the work and connections we had with Caversham Primary and the many students that have joined us in Year 7. We would like to express our deep condolences to her family, her school and the community that she was so much part of; she will be greatly missed.

The new year has prompted a huge amount of activity within KPS. This week a drop-in was held with, Year 9 parents, which is an opportunity for parents and students to have an online meeting with me, hosted by KPS. Almost 40 parents/families joined the chat, and we talked about a number of topics relevant to the year group. Uppermost in parents' minds is the options process that Year 9 students will be going through in Term 4. Parents were keen to know that their child will be guided to make the appropriate choices in their future plans, which of course will happen under the expert guidance of Dr Perry who leads this process. Secondly, parents were keen to know about careers education that students receive, and I was able to announce that on 2nd March 2023, 4.00-6.30pm we shall be holding a careers event called Design Your Future. For the last two years we have done this event remotely but this year it will be live and open to students from Years 9-12. More information and details will be sent to you in due course. Other questions/issues around clubs, uniform and behaviour were discussed. Once again, a most valuable session. The next drop in is with Year 10 parents on Tuesday 7th February at 5.00pm.

KPS is also planning the launch of this year's raffle which will be in springtime. It is hoped that we can raise in the region of £8k which will be used to buy more chrome books for students' use in lessons and the library, and benches for recreation areas in the school. More information and details will be sent to you about the Spring Raffle in due course.

I think it is appropriate to end this week's update with thoughts and memories of Ruth Perry, Headteacher of Caversham Primary School who died last weekend. <https://www.cavershamprimary.org/>

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has a number of social media platforms and sites. Please follow us to get the latest news and information about the school. The links are in the logos below.



SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School, please email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859.

If you're worried about any child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 4pm and at weekends and holidays), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0800 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**. Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves. **In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.**

We have created a library of resources for parents, carers and students including support avenues which you can find on our website via this [link](#). We will be adding to these on a regular basis.

[CAMHS Resources](#) - This site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being.

For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING – PERSONALISED FAMILY ONLINE SAFETY TOOLKIT

[Internet Matters](#) offers a free 'My Family's Digital Toolkit' which, after you have answered some simple questions about your family, will provide you with a personalised online safety toolkit. You can use the toolkit to:

- Get age-specific advice to support your children online
- Learn about popular apps and platforms your children use
- Get information about how to deal with any online safety concerns
- Get recommendations for digital tools to support their interests and wellbeing

For more information have a look at this [video](#).

To sign up to the toolkit click [here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our **mental health and wellbeing topics** for Term 3 are **PERFECTIONISM** and **RESILIENCE**. Over the next few weeks, we will share with parents and students:

- What perfectionism is and what the signs of being a perfectionist are
- How to combat negative perfectionism
- How building mental and emotional resilience can help you adapt and recover from setbacks
- Tips on how to build your mental resilience to help you deal with and recover from challenging life events, and emotional resilience to help you cope with stress when things feel like they are getting too much

We will be holding an online session with a speaker from the [Charlie Waller Trust](#) for parents and students in Years 10-13 – the date and time for this will be communicated next week.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY – LAST DAY TO COMMENT ON THE POLICY

At Kendrick School we do so many excellent things in school to support and build good mental health and wellbeing in our students. We have coordinated all what we do into a Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy which you can access [here](#).

The policy aims to:

- Promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to our school community.
- Increase understanding and awareness of common mental health issues.
- Enable staff to identify and respond to early warning signs of mental ill health in students.
- Enable staff to understand how and when to access support when working with young people with mental health issues.
- Provide the right support to students with mental health issues and know where to signpost them and their parents/carers for specific support
- Develop resilience amongst students and raise awareness of resilience-building techniques.
- Raise awareness amongst staff and gain recognition from the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) that staff may have mental health issues, and that they are supported in relation to looking after their wellbeing; instilling a culture of staff and student welfare where everyone is aware of signs and symptoms with effective signposting, underpinned by behaviour and welfare around school.

The policy is in consultation stage until **Friday 13th January 2023**, and we welcome your comments on the policy during this period.

Comments can be emailed to admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 3, 2022-23

Tuesday 17th January	Dance Enterprise Day: all students need to attend school in their PE Kit
Thursday 19th January	L&T Governors Committee
Monday 23rd January	Year 11 Geography Trip
Wednesday 25th January	Evening of Dance, 6.30pm
Thursday 26th January	Year 12 Parents' Consultations
Thursday 2nd February	Resources Governors Committee
Monday 6th February	Start of Year 11 Sixth Form Consultation meetings
Tuesday 7th February	Year 8 Parents' Consultations
Thursday 9th February	P&R Governors Committee
	House Drama, 6.30pm
Friday 10th February	End of Term 3, 3.15pm

The school calendar for the academic year can be found [here](#). For the Term Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 please click [here](#)

NEWS, NOTICES AND EVENTS

DANCE ENTERPRISE DAY - TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2023

Tuesday 17th January is Dance Enterprise Day and all students should come to school in their PE kit.

EVENING OF DANCE

The Evening of Dance is on Wednesday 25th January 6pm to 7.30pm. Tickets go on sale on Friday 20th January.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Royal Berkshire Fire Authority is consulting on their Corporate Plan and Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2023 - 2027. If you live, work or travel in Berkshire, please have your say on their plans for the next four years. The closing date for the consultation is 27 March 2023. If you require assistance with accessing the information in an alternative format, please contact us using any of the methods below.

<http://rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay>
consultations@rbfrs.co.uk

0118 945 2888

GLL SPORT FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications are now open for the GLL Sport Foundation for young athletes in Reading who could benefit from financial support. The foundation provides athletes under 18 with support in the form of gym membership, monetary funding and other athlete services. Eight Reading-based young athletes benefited from a cumulative £4,300 worth of support in 2022. Applications are open until 20 February 2023 and more information can be found on the [GLL Sport Foundation](#) website.

THE CHRISTOPHER TOWER POETRY COMPETITION, 2023 (AGED 16-18)

Write a poem on the theme of The Planets. Any style or form, maximum 48 lines.

Top prize - £5000. Closing date - 24 February 2023.

For more details see the poster on the English noticeboard, or Ms Fieldsend, or the website

www.chch.ox.ac.uk/towerpoetry

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AN EXCITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG SINGERS

Reading Male Voice Choir is running a competition to promote **TALENTED YOUNG SINGERS**. This is the first year of this competition to promote young talented singers in the Thames Valley area. The competition will take place on **11 March 2023** in Reading.

Three categories and the winner of each category will receive a financial award: **10-13 £100 | 14-16 £200 | 17-21 £300** and will be invited to perform at an **'All Winners' Concert'** with Reading Male Voice Choir to be held on 10 June 2023.

Upload a short video of your performance and it will be judged by a small panel including a qualified adjudicator. Those invited to audition will receive feedback on their performance and a certificate.

The competition is open to male and female soloists and duets. Find out more via this [link](#).

FREE OPPORTUNITY - ORA SINGERS YOUNG COMPOSERS' SCHEME

The award-winning vocal group, ORA Singers, has launched its fourth national **Young Composers' programme** – a **free** scheme aimed at developing the skills of young composers from UK state-schools. The programme sees 10 Young Composers each receive **10 hours of one-to-one mentoring** with **professional composers**, who will help them write a new choral piece which will be **performed and recorded in concert by ORA Singers**. During the scheme, Young Composers have their ideas and sketches workshopped by ORA Singers, who offer specialised tips and advice along with a guest composer.

The 2023 Young Composers scheme will also see up to **40 Apprentices** fast-track their skills in composition through a series of online, in-depth workshops, and will gain invaluable insight into the world of professional composition by hearing from industry experts. Applications are now open: <https://www.orasingers.co.uk/young-composers>

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies at Kendrick School. Please click on the links for more information on the roles and how to apply and please share with friends and family.

Kendrick School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service. Kendrick School is an Equal Opportunity employer. Please read the information on our Safer Recruitment procedures [here](#).

[Head of English](#) to join us in September 2023. Closing date for applications 9am Monday 23rd January 2023

[Head of Music and Drama](#) to cover a maternity leave – at least 0.8FTE. Job share will be considered. For end of February 2023 to at least December 2023. Closing date for applications Monday 23rd January 2023.

[Exams Officer](#) – for January 2023. 25 hours per week, term time only plus 2 weeks in the summer holiday. Closing date for applications 9am Wednesday 11th January 2023 (interviewing on Wednesday 18th January)

[Exam Invigilators](#) – for December 2022 and onwards

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

*We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items which are due for payment, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Please could you check your child's account and ensure that any overdrafts are paid. Thank you.*Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE English set texts

Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level English set texts

Year 7, 8 and 9 Food and technology contributions

Year 10 and 11 Art and Textiles contributions

Year 7 Study Skills Workshop – 17th November 2022

2022 Biology Week: Design a Biology Tote Bag

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music Anthologies book purchase

Daisy's Dream: Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9th December 2022

Disney Dress up Day – Friday 4th November 2022

KPS department birthday gift - celebrating Kendrick's 145th year

Trips

Year 12 Wokingham Waterside Centre trip 4th October 2022.

Year 12 Biology Brain Afternoon 20th October 2022

Year 11 Rural Villages Geography Field Trip Monday 23rd January 2023

Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Support Shaping Places Diverse Places Unit- January 2023

Year 11 GCSE English poetry live event at the Reading Hexagon -January 2023

Year 12 French and History trip- June 2023

Year 12 A level Biology Dale Fort residential trip -June 2023

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

The latest KPS newsletter can be found [here](#).