

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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### Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

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It has been another busy week with a lot of activities taking place in support of **Fairtrade**, an initiative that a number of our students and staff value. The week's events culminate in a Food Tasting Fair in the Hall at lunchtime which I am sure many staff and students will support. Thank you to the small but dedicated team of Year 11 students that lead and manage Fair Trade in School.

I am delighted to announce that the **Mock Trial Team of Year 9 students**, supported by Sixth Formers and led by Madame Cervera, was successful last weekend in the first heat of the Mock Trial competition. They all impressed the judges by their strong and assertive performances and I am told that some students were individually praised by one of the Magistrates. Well done and congratulations to our students and we wish them well in the next round which will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The **KPS Quiz** was also a great success last Friday night. As well as raising funds for the school, everyone had a great evening of fun and entertainment. I would like to thank my team comprising of Ms Pether, Miss Long, Miss Parris and Miss Prouatt who were absolute stars and a joy to be with! I hope the **raffle tickets** are being sold and stubs and money being returned to school. There are many teachers eager to have one of the new screens in their classrooms so everyone's efforts to sell their raffle tickets and or make donations to KPS are needed so that we can reach our target of £16k. Thank you to everyone who has sold their tickets and or made donations so far.

Today is an important day for us in school as it is our annual **Governor Day** when the Governing Body of Kendrick School meet with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss strategic issues regarding the future of our school. We heard last weekend the Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds, address the Headteachers' Conference, ASCL, in Birmingham saying that the government wants to have a period of stability in education and support teachers by reducing workloads; we warmly welcome such comments but we would also like to see more funding in education as workloads can never be reduced without an injection of funds to keep staffing levels high enough to manage the workload. These issues, amongst others, will be discussed at our Governor Day today and as always I am completely confident that we will make good decisions that will be in the best interests of our school, the staff and students to ensure the long term sustainability and success of our school.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend.

*Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher*

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## NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

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News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Mock Trial Competition](#)

## Parent Governor Vacancies

Due to terms of office coming to an end, we have vacancies for **two Parent Governors** to start after Easter.

We are fortunate to have parents/carers with a wide range of skills and talents, who are able to contribute to the governing body. In these challenging financial times and in the current political climate, our governing body is having to make some significant strategic decisions, not just for the students that are with us at the moment, but for the cohorts of students that will come to Kendrick in the future. Recently appointed parent governors have said that they enjoy their role as a governor; it gives them an insight into the workings of the school and how the school is accountable to the governing body. In addition, it enables them to be involved in setting the strategic vision of the school by working closely with Ms Kattirtzi and the Senior Leadership Team. They are proud to be part of a school that is relentless in its pursuit of excellence.

If you have an interest in education and have skills that you feel could contribute to the work we do, please put your name forward to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Kendrick. We are particularly interested in financial and legal experience and also property/estate management skills.

Nomination forms have been sent out by ParentMail. If you have any queries please contact Amanda Emberson, Clerk to the Governing Body, on [clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@kendrick.reading.sch.uk).

For more information on the Governing Body please click on this [link](#).

## Winner of the Book Spine Poetry Competition

The winner of the **Book Spine Poetry** competition is *Evie Warren* in 9W.

Two second place prize winners are *Éabha Chadwick* and *Carissa Ooi*, both in 7B.

Special mentions go to Riya Appari, Alisha Aminuddin, Jyothi Pallavaram, Shreya Srivastava, and Heather Li. Well done!

Thanks are due to Mrs H Burrow for judging the competition for us.

**Miss Fieldsend, Head of English**

## Book Swap Shop news!

Due to popular demand the **Book Swap Shop** will run until **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** so there is still time to perk up your own book shelves. Simply bring the books you want to swap to the Library desk (please make sure they are fiction books, in good condition and age appropriate) and for every book accepted, you will be given a **Book Swap Voucher** that you can exchange for any book on display in the **Book Swap Shop**.

*NB Anyone who has not yet used their **Book Swap Vouchers** should come and 'spend' them before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March because they will no longer be valid after this date.*

**Mrs Pearce, Librarian**

## Fairtrade Week

Next week students will be fundraising for Fairtrade, to support the farmers that grow the ingredients vital to everyday foods.

**Monday:** the Bake Off - if you can bake, enter! All you have to do is bring in something you have baked using Fairtrade ingredients or linked to Fairtrade in some way (please do make the link clear). Bring this in Monday morning, before period 1 to the Gym (adjacent to the hall) with £1 for the entry fee. Winners will receive a Fairtrade Hamper, worth £20 and there are prizes for 2nd and 3rd place too!

Cake viewings will be in the Gym at 2nd Break, where the winners will also be announced.

**Tuesday:** Bake Sale! First and Second break at the servery.

**Wednesday:** Hungry Farmers teacher game in the Sports Hall 2nd Break (prompt start). Commentary by Mr Wilson. Come and see your teachers fight it out as farmers in a human version of Hungry Hippos!  
Entry fee: 50p

**Friday:** Food Tasting Fair: Come and try some exotic Fairtrade foods! And while you're there, buy yourself a hot drink to keep you going!

### **Fairtrade Team**

## **Vacancies**

We currently have the following vacancies for September 2018:

[English Teacher](#) (closing date Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March)

[Biology Teacher](#) (closing date Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March)

Please click on the link for more information on the role and how to apply. Please pass this information to friends and family that may be interested.

## **Safeguarding**

Do you know what is going on in your child's online world? As a parent, you have a vital role to play in supporting and managing your child's online relationships. Children and young people want our support and help navigating and exploring a life online. This doesn't have to mean knowing every detail of how they use the internet and the World Wide Web to communicate and make friends, but rather just being there as a source of support if they encounter any concerns, knowing what to do if they have and being proactive in helping them.

- Focus on the positive aspects that a life online can bring to your child's social life.
- Help them to create a positive online identity and digital footprint.
- Support them with challenges that they may face with their online life

## **KPS Update**

**KPS raffle tickets** have been sent home. Please do support KPS in our attempt to raise much needed funds for the school. Ticket stubs and payments can be handed in to Form Tutors daily.

**Quiz Night** is tonight, Friday 9th March. There are a few spare seats, if anyone wishes to pay on the night please get there by 6.45pm. It promises to be a great night with teachers, parents and students all joining in.

**The KPS Tuck Shop** continues to run after school most days if any students require a snack before after school clubs or working in the library.

## **[ParentPay Reminders](#)**

Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Conference at Guildford on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - £8.50 – Please pay if you have not already done so.

NB Payments are made through your ParentPay account ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)). Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office if you have any queries regarding your account or payments.

## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (B Week)

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Higher Education Conference, P1-4
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Resources Committee, 6pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Geography Urban Field Trip
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' Consultation, 3.30pm to 6.15pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Day Year 10 Maths Competition Trip

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## News and Events – By Year Group

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### Year 7

**Parents' Consultation Afternoon – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 3.45pm – 6.15pm in the School Hall.**

I would like to invite you to the Year 7 Parents' Consultation afternoon on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018** when you will have the opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress with some of her subject teachers.

Appointments can only be made through your ParentMail account. The booking window will open on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm** and close on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**.

You should 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'.

Please note that some staff teach the whole year group and therefore are unable to meet with every parent. Please use the report that you have received for your daughter to decide who you need to meet with. If a teacher has requested to meet with you, this appointment will be made in advance. You can amend (if there is availability) or cancel the appointment if the timing is not convenient.

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

Your daughter is expected to accompany you to the consultation afternoon; Ms Kattirtzi and Mme Hulley will be available without appointment to see parents and carers.

When you arrive you will be asked to sign in, and, for safety, 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, so please try and make alternative arrangements for younger siblings wherever possible.

