

# Kendrick School

## Weekly Update

### 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



## Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Welcome back to Term 2 of the school year. I hope everyone had a good break last week.

I am pleased that a few students are taking advantage of the extended Library hours and staying in the Library to do homework or read until 5.30pm.

Partly because of the Birthday celebrations but also because Kendrick's students and staff enjoy cakes, we felt that last term there seemed to be rather a lot of cake in school. Any small or big event was an opportunity to make and consume cakes! Whilst we know nice things like homemade cakes can give us a real boost and make us feel better, it also has a down side on our health and for some students who suffer from allergies and have restricted diets, they can feel they need to escape to cake free zones. We also have some students who have severe allergies to certain foods, in particular nuts, for whom many foods can be a real threat to their health. To this end we shall be restricting the consumption of cake and reducing the number of cake sales in school. In addition, we are saying that all nuts or similar foods must not be brought into school at any time. We appreciate that this may be difficult as so many foods contain 'traces of nuts' however, we wish to make Kendrick a nut free area for everyone. I hope that you will all support us in this approach so that ALL our students can be kept safe in school.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that School Council was leading an initiative to organise birthday presents for all departments. Since then they have received a birthday list of requested items from departments and have chosen what they would like to buy them. The cost of each department's birthday present will not exceed more than £200 making a total bill of around £3000. School Council is determined to try to raise as much of this money as they can through the student body and have requested a themed own clothes day in December. We will also ask parents if they may wish to make a contribution to the presents via ParentPay. I hope that we will be able to purchase these gifts by the end of term or early in the New Year. I will provide you with the birthday wish list in due course.

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher**

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## News and Events - Whole School

This section is for news and events applicable to the whole school.

### News on our Website and Social Media

[Year 10 Textiles](#)

### Whole School Photograph

Order forms for the recent whole school photograph will be distributed early next week. The photo can be viewed in detail online using the link below.

[www.tempest-groups.co.uk](http://www.tempest-groups.co.uk)

Orders should be brought to school and placed in the box in the General Office by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**.

## **Autumn Profiling – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

As part of our programme of assessment and reporting the students receive an interim profiling interview with their Form Tutor or Teaching and Learning Coordinator, which is then followed up by an interim report to parents. This year's session of profiling will take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. You will receive a letter next week confirming the time your daughter will need to be school.

**Year 10** students will be at school for the whole day, participating in an Enterprise project, and attending their profiling interview at an appointed time.

**Year 12** subject mentoring will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**, periods 4 and 5.

This day should be regarded as a normal school day and students should wear uniform during their session at school. Students will be set work which they are expected to complete at home.

The canteen will be open during the morning for snacks and chilled foods and pasta.

## **Reading Youth Cabinet**

Reading Youth Cabinet is an elected group of young people from all across Reading, aged from 11-18. They run their own campaigns, and engage and consult on a wide range of issues with people from different organisations in order to bring about change for the better for young people. At present there are four students from Kendrick School on the Reading Youth Cabinet.

If students would like to put themselves forward as a candidate for the RYC, they should contact Mrs Lee-Johnson and fill in the nomination form which is on the P drive/Reading Youth Cabinet.

For more information click on this [link](#).

The deadline for applications is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Library Opening Hours**

From Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 the Library will be trialling extended opening hours and will be available to students until 5.30pm.

## **140th Birthday Memorabilia**

There is still time to buy our 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday memorabilia. Please see the attached for more information. Students can collect items already purchased from the main Reception from lunchtime on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Parents who have purchased A4 prints will be contacted separately regarding collection.

## **Canteen**

Please click [here](#) to view the canteen menu for Autumn 2017.

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

- Drama GCSE theatre to 'Mathilda the Empress' on 15<sup>th</sup> November
- English Years 9 & 10 – 'A Christmas Carol' (in school) on 16<sup>th</sup> November - £3
- Ski trip participants – please check that you have completed any outstanding payments as soon as possible
- Years 10 – 13 – English Texts (£various)
- Year 7 Study Skills and Fun Maths Roadshow – 8<sup>th</sup> November £6

Please remember to keep Dinner Money accounts topped up.

## Safeguarding

You may be interested in an upcoming MOOC (Massive Open Online Course), **Understanding Low Mood and Depression in Young People**. It starts on **6<sup>th</sup> November** for 5 weeks and **it is free**.

The course is aimed at parents, teachers, school staff and professionals working with young people with depression.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/depression-young-people?lr=38>

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET Day, school closed to all students</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Sixth Form Open Evening</b> (for Kendrick School Year 11 students and external Year 11 students)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Autumn Profiling Day (Years 7-11)</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Speech Day</b> (for Year 12 and former Year 13 students) at 2.15pm School finished at 1.10pm for all other students.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Concert</b> at 7pm (tickets on sale on ParentPay soon)

## Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	House Quiz Week (all week  )
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Senior Maths Challenge (Years 12 and 13) Year 13 – Safe Drive, Stay Alive Trip
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 7 Study Skills Day Year 7 Study Skills Parent Session, 3.30pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Oxbridge 'Interview' Day Year 12 Green Sparks Event L&T Governor Meeting, 4.30pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET Day, school closed to all students

## News and Events – By Year Group

We have added this section to include news that is specific to a particular Year Group.

### Year 7

## Year 7 Study Skills – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Please see the attached flyer. We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to come and listen to the speaker who will have spent two hours with your daughter during the day talking about Study Skills. The speaker will share the tips she will have talked about with the students to help you support your daughter. Year 7 students can wait for parents until 4.30 in Room S where they will be supervised by a member of staff. **However, we cannot accommodate younger siblings.** Students waiting for their parents should bring a book or homework and be prepared to work in silence.

## Sixth Form

### Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 16th November 2017

This year our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 16th November 2017.

This is one of the most important events in our Sixth Form calendar and, as such, we ask all Year 12 students to provide departmental support and Year 13 students to assist with tours for prospective students and their parents on the evening.

The Head Girl Team will be heavily involved with the organisation, and their Support Committee will be expected to offer assistance. All other Sixth Form students should offer their services from 6:00 – 7:45pm when prospective students and their parents will be visiting departments and finding out about life in the Sixth Form at Kendrick School.

We have asked your daughter to sign up via a google form to confirm attendance by Thursday 9th November 2017.

Thank you for your support.