

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 4th May 2018

Message from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

You will have received some information from me earlier today regarding the **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** including a letter and a link to a Privacy Notice. You are asked to respond to us to give your consent so that we can continue to communicate with you as we have always done. Please may I ask you to send back your consent form as soon as possible and **no later than 18th May**. This is so that we are compliant with the new legislation on data protection that comes into force on 25th May 2018. Similar letters and Privacy Notices are being sent to staff and students. I would appreciate your immediate attention and action on this matter.

Our Year 13 Amnesty Group held an **AmnesTea Party** earlier in the week to raise awareness of the important work this organisation does. It was a great success, educational and interesting with many students involved enjoying some fun activities.

At our **House Assemblies**, the new Vice Captains were formally introduced to their House and will now begin their term of office working alongside the House Captains in the Head Girl Team. These students are currently in Year 10 and are: Hannah Mulligan - Cedars Vice Captain, Angela Kanu – Palmer Vice Captain and Ndego Adoh - Sidmouth Vice Captain. We wish them well for the coming year.

The eagerly awaited **Air Ambulance Concert is tonight at 7.00pm in the Main Hall**. I know that the performers, both Kendrick and Reading School students, are very excited about putting on the concert. If you do not have a ticket but wish to come to the concert, please come along and buy your ticket on the door.

Although the public examinations do not begin until the 14th May, the German Linguists had their orals this week and the French Linguist have theirs next week. Other public examinations have also started in several of the practical subjects. Senior students are working very hard revising for their examinations and we appreciate the intensity of the work they are doing and the time and effort involved. We wish them well and hope that they can remain calm and confident over the next few weeks.

Finally, I hope that you have noticed our new website. We are still populating sections of it but I am sure you will agree that it looks and feels quite exciting and showcases our school very well.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and the sunshine we have been promised!

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[Admission Tests for Entry into Year 7 in September 2019](#)

[Success for Krishna](#)

GDPR and Kendrick School

Please read the following letter carefully as it contains important information and you must take appropriate action.

On 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force.

The GDPR requires public authorities and businesses to identify the lawful basis for storing personal data, audit information we already hold and take a 'data protection by design and default' approach to personal data. This means as data controllers and processors, Kendrick School must implement appropriate measures to manage data protection principles and comply with the new legislation. It also introduces new individual rights relating to personal data, such as the right to erasure and the right to rectification.

As a school, it is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on all our students and their parents/carers to fulfil our legal obligations. This is particularly essential in times of an emergency or where a school wide message requires your attention. We have published new Privacy Notices for students and parents that clarify the GDPR regulations, your rights as parents and those of our students. Children are recognised as having their own data protection rights from the age of 12 years old hence we have also published a child friendly version of the Privacy Notice explaining what the GDPR regulations mean for them. This will be communicated to the students in due course.

All our Privacy Notices, including how your personal details will be stored and used, can be found on our website www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk

I hope that you find the Weekly Update sent to you on Friday by ParentMail useful and an important source of information about life at Kendrick School. GDPR requires that we seek your permission to continue to send you this information as it includes marketing and fundraising information from the School and the Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS)

When your daughter joined us, we requested your consent to use her photograph in publications and on our website as well as the use of digitalised biometric information for our cashless payment system and printing facilities. However, for clarification and completeness, we are asking that you complete the online form by **Friday 18th May 2018** via the link below giving your consent to the options given. Each parent/carer should complete their own individual form.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F9Y8RCY>

It is important to note that we cannot continue to send you the Weekly Update in its current form without your consent. This means that you could miss out on important information relating to your daughter's education such as booking appointments for parent consultation afternoons, key dates, educational visits and all related school events.

You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting Kendrick School by telephone, email or in writing.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulation, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>.

Concert in Aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance – Friday 4th May at 7pm

Tonight, Friday 4th May, from 7-9pm, students of Kendrick and Reading Schools will be putting on the sixth annual charity concert in aid of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance service. The concert will feature the arranging, conducting, and performing talents of many students from both schools. It promises to be a varied and exciting event, raising money for a great cause. Tickets are available on the door or online in advance at

kendrickreadingairambulance2018.eventbrite.com

Absence from School

Via ParentMail App

You can report a student absence **due to illness** through the ParentMail App. Please see the guidance below:

- From the ParentMail App, open 'Absences' and select the name of child/children who will be absent.
- Select a reason for absence from a drop down menu.
- Select an amount of time that your daughter is likely to be off school for.
- Add any additional notes, and then send to school.

Please note this reporting can only be done via the ParentMail App.

Via the Unwell Student Line

If you cannot use the App, please call the school on 0118 901 5859 and leave a message on the dedicated unwell student line. In either case, please do this before 9am.

Planned Medical Appointments

If your daughter is missing school for a medical appointment please send an email to admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk giving as much notice as you can. These absences will always be authorised.

Participating in Drama, Music, Sport, etc Events

We are happy to support students participating in drama, music, sport etc. out of school and if your daughter needs time off for any of these reasons please ask her to collect a form from the General Office for you to fill in.

Holiday in Term Time

We actively discourage term time holidays, but if you feel you must take your daughter out of school, please ask her to collect a form as above. Again, this form is passed to Ms Kattirtzi who will look at each individual request and will send a letter home. In most cases some or all of this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please do not contact Form Tutors, Heads of Year or individual staff members about absences of any description.

If the absence is **authorised**, we will send an email via ParentMail, if the absence is **unauthorised** Ms Kattirtzi will send a letter home.

Lower School Chamber Concert – Tuesday 8th May 2018, 7ppm, School Hall

Kendrick School's Music Department welcomes everyone to this special evening that showcases the extraordinary talent that the students from Years 7-9 have. Performances will include original music written by students, Classical music, Jazz music and much more! We are always astounded by what our students are able to achieve and we (and they) would very much appreciate your presence and support at this evening to make it a huge success. Entry is free, although donations will be gratefully received to enable The Music Department to continue putting on these events. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Message from Reading Transport – Route 7 Fleet and Reading

We are aware that the current 0713 Fleet to Reading journey is operating late due to traffic and roadworks.

From Monday 30 April 2018 an additional Route 7 journey will depart Fleet Station for Reading via Kendrick Road at 0650 on schooldays. This should allow students to arrive at school on time.

Below is a copy of the timetable. No fares will be charged on this particular journey for the rest of this Academic year.

Monday to Friday, School Days Only

Fleet, Rail Station	06:50
Fleet, Hart Shopping Centre	06:54
Hartley Wintney, Swan Court	07:04
Swallowfield, The Crown	07:19
Spencers Wood, Post Office	07:24
Three Mile Cross, Post Office	07:38
Whitley Park School	07:53
Crown Place Passage	08:01
St Mary's Butts	08:04
Station Road	08:07

Volunteers needed

- Are you aged 14-18?
- Enthusiastic about books and reading?
- Have time to spare in the summer holiday?
- Like the idea of working with children?
- Reading Borough Libraries are looking for students who would like to encourage young children to take part and complete this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Mischief Makers.
- It will be an enjoyable volunteering opportunity that will look good on your CV!

Students who are interested should come and pick up further details from Mrs Pearce in the Library.

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

- Biology Teacher (to start September 2018)
- 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.

<https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=29>

Safeguarding

Please read the following information on Drowning Prevention provided by the UK National Drowning Prevention Strategy.

<http://mineralproducts.org./watersafetyengland.pdf>

ParentPay Reminders

- Dale Fort A Level Biology Field trip – the full balance of £440 is due. Please contact finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you have any queries regarding this payment.
- GCSE Music Anthologies - £20 to be paid as soon as possible.
- Year 9 Geography River Field Trip (16th or 17th May) - please pay £41 if you have not already done so.
- Year 9 PGL Residential – please keep paying instalments (total balance £390) - please contact finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you have any queries regarding this payment.
- Ski Trip – Dec 18/Jan 19 – please pay £200 deposit as soon as possible to confirm place on the trip.
- MFL trip to France or Germany (current year 9s) – please pay £100 deposit by 9th May 2018

Calendar for Week Commencing Monday 7th May 2018 (B Week)

Monday 7 th April	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed to all students and staff)
Tuesday 8 th April	Year 7 Charity Event Lower School Chamber Concert, 7pm
Wednesday 9 th April	Salters Chemistry Trip
Thursday 10 th April	Year 11 Celebration Day Governor Learning & Teaching Committee meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 11 th April	Year 13 Celebration Day Nepal Trip – Parents Evening, 7.30pm

News and Events – By Year Group

Years 11 and 13

Library books reminder before study leave begins

Years 11 and 13 – do you have any library books from the school library?

Please try to return any library items you have borrowed **before** you go on study leave – then there will be one less thing for you to have to think about as your exams begin.

(Any items not returned or lost will have to be replaced and letters will be sent home to parents)

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