

Kendrick School - Weekly Update

Friday 19th September 2025

LETTER FROM MS KATTIRTZI, HEADTEACHER

It was a pleasure to meet Year 7 parents and carers on Tuesday evening at the Information Evening, their first official event as Kendrick parents. There is always an element of excitement at the prospect of new beginnings, but also a slight level of anxiety of not knowing exactly what is to come which is all part of the transition to a new school. We started the evening by showing the parents an assembly that Mrs Munns, one of our Assistant Pastoral Leaders showed the students in the morning on the theme Year 7 focus on, Learning to Learn. We consider that the first few months and year at Kendrick is about learning to learn, which of course we do a lot of; smart, focused and appropriate learning of both skills and content. In the hands of experienced teachers and staff the learning journey for all students is a joy and privilege. In addition, we spoke to parents about how the school supports and cares for students' wellbeing and welfare and the systems in place to do so. Students at Kendrick are well looked after. I spoke in detail about the safeguarding arrangements there are in school and the key personnel, as well as my expectations of students. Miss Hyde, Head of Key Stage explained expectations regarding, attendance, punctuality, homework and workloads as well as healthy routines and use of phones and social media which is often a real concern for all parents. Mr Simmonds, Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead, spoke about our system of assessment and how we monitor and track students academically. Kendrick Parents' Society introduced themselves and what they do to raise funds for the school, as well as provide a social network for parents. All of us emphasised working in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our students. I hope parents felt welcomed and happy to be part of the Kendrick community.

A few items for you to read on our website. The articles feature events and occasions that take place in or outside of school which celebrate our students and our school. Please take time to read these. The first about our summer school shows the induction process we put in place to welcome Year 7. The second two items feature students who applied for an award from our Foundation Trust for travel and the educational trips they took. The Arkwright programme is about a group of Year 11 physicists who successfully applied to the programme and now in the sixth form they are continuing to make connections with scientists and employers in their field.

- [Summer School](#)
- [Scholarship Report](#)
- [Awards Trip](#)
- [Arkwright Scholars](#)

I am excited about the school birthday celebrations next week. Kendrick continues to thrive as it celebrates its 148th year as an outstanding girls' school. I don't think we should ever forget this and that will be the focus of my assembly on Monday to the whole school. There will also be some contributions from members of the Kendrick Student Leaders about what Kendrick means to them. The lighter side of the event is the cake baking which I am assuming will be happening this weekend amongst the designated cake bakers! I hope students have got their plans organised to bake a cake for the competition on Monday. Students need to bring their cakes to the Horizons canteen by 8.25am. The whole school assembly, picnic lunch, eating their cake and gathering as a whole community is a highlight of our calendar at this time of the year. The reunion of former students and staff this year will be on Friday 5th December 2025. We will send more information about this event nearer the time.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

KENDRICK SCHOOL'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Kendrick School has several 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 and ask to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mr Simmonds, or a Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

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 add 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.

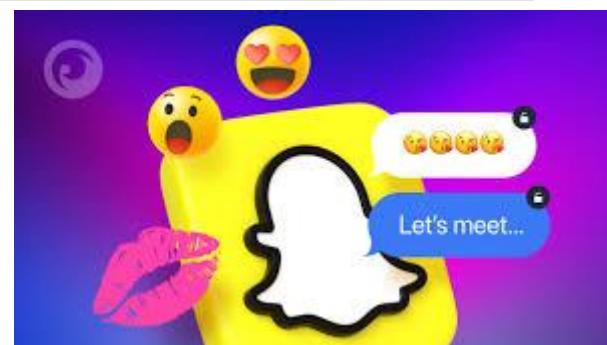
For well-being support in school please visit the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or Sixth Form Office or email studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING

WHAT PARENTS AND CARERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SNAPCHAT

Source: National College

With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access.



National College has also unpacked the risks of sextortion scams, overuse, and inappropriate content that may slip through the app's moderation systems. With expert advice from online safety consultant Dr Claire Sutherland, this guide is a must-read for anyone helping young people navigate Snapchat responsibly and confidently.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SPORT If you can, finding a sport that's right for you can be a great way to get fresh air, keep fit or meet new people.

Playing sport can also help you sleep better, take your mind off any stress or anxiety, and release endorphins to improve your mood. You might find the idea a bit scary, and that's perfectly okay – it's normal not to be very 'good' at first! The important thing is not to put too much pressure on yourself.

Some people prefer playing with others, like on a football or basketball team, whilst others might find that playing an individual sport helps them the most, like tennis or swimming. Remember that no matter what level of ability you're at, you always deserve to participate in something you enjoy; good sports teams or facilities make things fully accessible for everyone.



'I was really nervous to start playing softball, but everyone made me feel comfortable to join in. Sometimes you play well, sometimes you play badly – that's just life! It's the sense of achievement I get from it and the improved confidence that really matters.'

'Sport, I feel, is really really important for your physical well being. it has definitely helped me a lot.'

'Sport, rather than just exercise, often involve playing in a team and this allows you to make really strong friendships because you work together for the same goals. Also Endorphins are really really important to help make me feel energised and happy.'

KENDRICK SCHOOL WELLBEING

For all our wellbeing information please click [here](#).

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 1, 2025-26

Monday 22nd September	School Birthday
Thursday 25th September	Y13 English Trip to Stratford Year 10 Welcome, 5pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 1st October	L&T Trustees Meeting, 4,30pm
Thursday 2nd October	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 8th October	Year 13 Slapton Geography Residential (to Sunday 12 th October)
Thursday 9th October	Resources Trustee Meeting, 4.30pm
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 20th October	Biology Week
Thursday 23rd October	Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert
Friday 24th October	Last Day of Term 1, 3.25pm

Term dates for 2025/26 can be found [here](#). Please check these carefully before booking holidays and trips.

SCHOOL LIFE

SCHOOL PHOTOS Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 25th September 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies. Click on the links for more information and an application form.

[School Business Manager](#), 52 weeks, full time, permanent position. Closing date for applications 5pm Thursday 2nd October 2025

[School Administrator and Student Welfare Assistant](#). 28 hours a week, Monday to Thursday, 8am to 3.30pm, job share considered. *Interviewing Monday 15th September 2025*

PARENTPAY AND EVOLVE REMINDERS

We would like to bring to your attention the following ParentPay items, please login to your ParentPay accounts for details. Thank you for your continued support.

PARENTPAY

School fund Donation
Whitley Community Food Cupboard – cash donations
Year 10 and 11 GCSE English set text contributions
Year 12 and 13 A level English set text contributions
Sponsored run and sponsored swim fundraiser

EVOLVEPAY

Payment can be made via trip payment emails or a myEVOLVE account if you have set this up.

Year 7 instruments lesson – June/July 2025
Year 12 UCAS Discovery Day – April 2025
The Crucible – The Globe Theatre – April 2025
GCSE Drama trip to The Globe – May 2025
Year 7 Wheelie Fun Challenge – May 2025
Year 10 World of Insights programme – June 2025
Year 12 Work Experience - June 2025
Year 11 A GCSE English Literature set texts (purchase ready for September 25)
Year 13 A level English Literature set texts (purchase ready for September 25)
Year 13 Geography residential, Slapton – October 2025

EVOLVESHOP

Purchase can be made via payment links or a myEVOLVE account if you have set this up
GCSE Drama set text (The Crucible, Arthur Miller)
Year 8 Careers Event – January 2025
Year 9 and Year 10 French and German plays
German set text
Poets Society 2025 Anthology: Movement

KENDRICK PARENTS' SOCIETY (KPS)

KPS NEWSLETTER

Please read the latest KPS Newsletter [here](#).

WELCOME EVENING FOR YEAR 12 AND YEAR 7 PARENTS

As part of welcome evenings arranged by the school, during the last few days, our KPS team interacted with parents to encourage their membership and involvement. We were able to provide refreshment support as well. Looking forward for your great support.

UPCOMING KPS COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first KPS Committee meeting for this year is taking place on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025, 6pm – 7.15pm.
Google meeting link: To join the video meeting, click this link: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cke-woic-thj>
Or dial: (US) +1 414-439-0817 PIN: 399 777 853#

(In case of issues, copy-paste the above link in Internet browser and join WITHOUT signing in to Google meet)
We look forward to seeing you all.

WHATSAPP GROUPS

Early this week, we circulated details of Whatsapp group for each year group parents and hope you have already become members. If not yet, kindly join using the below links:

- Year 7 (2025). This group will be open to join until the end of the month, before permission will have to be requested to join. This is for security reasons.
https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jltvm5oou9tBF8xoTGBRxc?mode=ems_copy_c
 - Year 8 (2025). This is the same as last year's link for Year 7 (2024). No need to rejoin.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EnM7swB8lQQDzkBpo0Lhyw>
 - Year 9 (2025). This is the same as last year's link for Year 8 (2024). No need to rejoin.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FDitvq6bkRAADjtDtIY69I>
 - Year 10 (2025). This is the same as last year's link for Year 9 (2024). No need to rejoin.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CgZPcu3ULTIKxyNHk6HOj5>
 - Year 11 (2025). This is the same as last years' link for Year 10 (2024). No need to rejoin.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FPAjKP4cxr84iJVAqJWxSv>
 - 6th form (2025). This merges Year 11 (2024) and Year 12 (2024). This is the same link for Year 11 (2024). Year 12 (2024) parents will need to join. The existing 6th form (2023) group will be archived soon. This group will be open to join until the end of the month, before permission will have to be requested to join. This is for security reasons. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E1wRjx8GFjCLVjpoM2AAVv>
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MOVIE NIGHT FOR YEAR 7 AND 8

This is an important event we organise during start of the year for year 7 and year 8 students at the school. We will be announcing details of Movie Night shortly and hope to make it a memorable event for students providing an informal but safe environment with an entertainment.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT KPS

KPS Events and Refreshments Volunteers

As you are aware, we run many events and support school activities like music or drama performances during the year. We need volunteers to help these events even if for few hours. To join our team of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, please join the WhatsApp group using this link: [KPS Events and Refreshment Volunteers](#)

Pre-loved Uniform Shop Volunteers

Are you available on Saturday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to help run our pre-loved uniform shop. This initiative not only helps raise funds for the school but also supports environmental sustainability by reusing uniforms. It's a fantastic way to provide great value to parents while ensuring students have access to quality uniforms at reduced prices. Join our team by clicking on this WhatsApp group link: [Kendrick Uniform Shop Volunteers Group](#)

JOIN KPS Since KPS operates as a registered charity, we invite you to become a part of our community by joining us. Connecting with your daughter's school through KPS is a simple process. Please take a moment to complete our [online membership form](#) making your involvement seamless and effortless. Your participation is highly valued, and we look forward to welcoming you to the KPS family.

KPS FACEBOOK CLOSED GROUP KPS runs a closed Facebook group where we provide details of upcoming events and other important information. To join this group, search for the “**Kendrick Parents’ Society**” group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1514675551882470/>) and ask to join – **once we have confirmed that you are a member of the KPS, we will approve your request.**