

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 18th October 2019

Weekly Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

School should be a partnership between students, staff and parents. When each of the three parties plays their part to the full the school can be said to be at its best. In a few recent events, I have been a little disappointed by a lack of engagement of some parents to key events at school. The information evenings we had recently for Years 7 and 8 were not as well attended as expected. As I said last week, it is always a pleasure to meet parents when they do come to school, but not coming to an information evening is not quite the message we want to receive from some parents. All our efforts are important and necessary in making Kendrick the great school it is.

I am told the **Diwali event** tonight is sold out! The incredible hard work of a focused group of individuals who have worked with staff and students will be displayed this evening in this super cultural occasion filled with colour and light. In preparation, yesterday Years 7, 8 and 9 were given an assembly organised by Mrs Bharate and Dr Joshi, Chemistry Teachers, who with some students gave a presentation on the story of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. The [slides used in the assembly](#) will be shared with students across the school so everyone is familiar with this very colourful and significant festival in the Hindu calendar. I look forward to meeting parents, students and friends of Kendrick to share this celebration with them this evening.

Last week I mentioned the superb work of the [Biology Department in running Biology Week](#). Mrs Kenward and her team have put a report together with some great photos of the activities that took place which is on our website. Also the talk by [Dr Shola last Friday night](#) was a huge success and enjoyed by many students and staff. This week as well as the Diwali event, there has been a focus on **Black History Month**, which I have mentioned before. Mr Curran and Miss Heath in the **History Department**, have put together two power point presentations for students to discuss with their Tutors during tutor time next week. The resources they have prepared are intended, as Mr Curran has said:

to give students a little stimulus information and set up a discussion about how black history is often portrayed and to reveal lesser-known stories that give a more complete understanding of black history than the usual topics of European empire and the slave trade does. There are three separate activities and it would be great if form tutors could aim to do at least one before half term.....the second powerpoint features notable but little known individuals from black and Asian history....

I am sure students and Tutors will enjoy going through these materials learning more about significant individuals in History and their contribution to change.

It is getting close to the end of this first term of the academic year. It has been a long term and students and staff are getting very tired. For Year 13, it has been a very busy time completing personal statements for their UCAS applications and for the staff mentors of these students, there has been the big task of writing references. Over 100 UCAS applications will be sent off in the next week or so, which altogether amounts to 100s of hours of work on the part of staff and students and, in particular, Ms Stacey our Head of 6th Form who personally and painstakingly will

check each and every one of the applications before they are sent off. Thank you to all staff and students involved in this vital process. Perhaps as a way of letting off steam, yesterday, I saw 6th Form students and staff having a stress busting session of Zumba in the Sports Hall! I hope it made them feel better and a bit more relaxed after all they have been involved in these last few weeks.

Best wishes and have a good weekend.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi, Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING

The NSPCC and O2 Net Aware website has a wealth of information for parents and students regarding social networks, apps and games. The link is below.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 21th October 2019 (B Week)

Monday 21st October

Thursday 24th October

Friday 25th October

KPS AGM, 6pm

Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

End of Term 1, 3.15pm

The full school calendar can be found via this [link](#)

Key Events in Term 2

Thursday 7th November

Tuesday 12th November

Wednesday 13th November

Thursday 14th November

Friday 15th November

Wednesday 20th November

Tuesday 26th November

Thursday 28th November

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th December

Friday 6th December

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

Design Your Future Careers Event, 6pm to 9pm - Years 9-13

Post 16 Conference - Year 11

House Music Performance, 6.30pm

Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.15pm to 8.15pm - current Year 11s

INSET Day

Autumn Profiling Day/Year 7 Study Skills

GCSE Presentation and Awards Evening

Dance Enterprise Day

Year 13 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm

Year 11 Parents' Consultation, 3.45pm

Evening of Dance

Christmas Jumper Day

KPS Disco, Years 7-9

A Level Presentation and Awards Evening

Last Day of Term 2, 1.10pm

KPS NEWS



To all those who have bought their tickets for the Diwali event, we look forward to seeing you all on 18th October 2019 at 5.30 PM. There will be Indian snacks and refreshments available to buy from 5.30pm onwards and many stalls exhibiting arts and crafts, jewellery, and clothing and not to forget the Photo Booth and Henna stall!

Performances start at 6.15pm and dinner to follow at 7.15pm.

Regards

KPS Team

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

- Year 7 & 8 Design and Textiles contributions (to cost of materials)
 - English Texts – Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 – texts provided to students so that they can annotate their own copies
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VACANCIES

Kendrick School has the following vacancies. Please click on the links for each role for more information.

[English Teacher to cover a maternity leave \(November 2019-July 2020\)](#)

[Casual Leisure Attendant \(to start as soon as possible\)](#)

[Examination Invigilators](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

News on our Website, Local Press and Social Media

[World Mental Health Day](#)

[A Girl with a Dream, is Fire](#)

[Biology Week](#)

Upper School and Sixth Form Chamber Concert – Thursday 24th October, 6.30pm, Hall

This year sees our GCSE Music students organising their very own chamber concert for the second time. They will be leading all aspects of the organisation, programming, sound and lighting, as well as hosting this FREE event and would like as many people to get involved in Years 10 and above. This can be done by signing up outside the Music and Drama Office by Friday 4th October. They would also like as many friends, family and staff to attend to make this an exciting and successful evening for everyone. Please come along and support them. Donations will be greatly received and will go towards instruments, music, textbooks and accessories that the students and Music Department feel are most needed for all.

NEWS AND EVENTS – STUDENTS

Overdue Library books

Please can you return all your overdue library books, this will be followed up with individual reminders in your register next week. Please note that you will be unable to take out any more library or textbooks until your overdues have been returned. Thank you.

Black History Month

Many different events and activities are happening this week to celebrate Black History Month, so have fun and get involved!

Tuesday - Poetry slam in the school hall, 2nd break (sign up to perform via the google form)

Wednesday - Quiz during morning tutor time, in forms

Friday - Film Hidden Figures and traditional African dishes in the school hall, 2nd break (free!)

The History department have also put together discussion activities for morning tutor times, to re-evaluate the typical portrayal of Black History. Jazz, blues, and other music by black artists will be playing in the canteen. And the librarians and their helpers have put up displays outside the hall and in the library, so be sure to check them out! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Zaynab Rashid (13zrashid@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)

Chicken Club Bake Sale

On Thursday 24th October at second break. If the weather is good, it will be on the front lawn and if it is windy and/or raining it will be in Room M.

NEWS AND EVENTS - BY YEAR GROUP

Years 9 -13

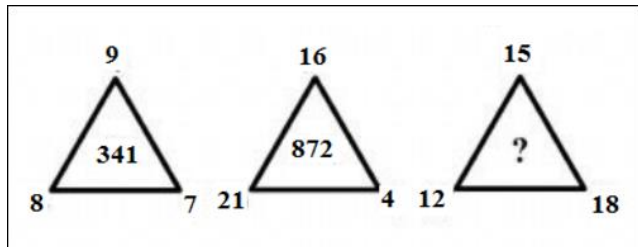
Design Your Future Careers Event – Thursday 7th November 2019, 6pm to 9pm

You are invited to "Design your Future" careers fayre, Thursday 7th November 6.00pm-9.00pm. Come along and meet professionals representing careers such as legal, engineering, medical, finance and science. We are also

looking for exhibitors to volunteer for this evening, so if there is anyone in your family or friends who would like to come along and represent their company and talk to students about their career, then we would love to hear from them! Please contact Mrs Rock at erock@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

AND FINALLY.... THINKING CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

Can you solve the puzzle by replacing the question mark with the correct number?



The answer will be published next week

Answer to last week's challenge:

17 mins

The initial solution most people will think of is to use the fastest person as an usher to guide everyone across. How long would that take? $10 + 1 + 7 + 1 + 2 = 21$ mins. Is that it? No. That would make this question too simple even as a warm up question.

Let's brainstorm a little further. To reduce the amount of time, we should find a way for 10 and 7 to go together. If they cross together, then we need one of them to come back to get the others. That would not be ideal. How do we get around that? Maybe we can have 1 waiting on the other side to bring the torch back. Ahaa, we are getting closer. The fastest way to get 1 across and be back is to use 2 to usher 1 across. So let's put all this together.

1 and 2 go cross

2 comes back

7 and 10 go across

1 comes back

1 and 2 go across (done)